

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Joint sessions of the 26th meeting of the Animals Committee and
20th meeting of the Plants Committee
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REVISION OF RESOLUTION CONF. 14.8 ON *PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE APPENDICES*

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 25th meeting (Geneva, July 2011), the Animals Committee explored ways to improve performance of the Periodic Review of the Appendices and agreed to consider the following:
 - a) Collaborating with graduate students and incorporating Periodic Reviews in the CITES Masters Programme;
 - b) Collaborating with other non-Party reviewers including taxon experts such as IUCN Specialist Groups;
 - c) Utilizing information on species' conservation status that is readily available from the IUCN;
 - d) Seeking financial support for reviews, including from importing / consumer countries, and paying for reviews as appropriate;
 - e) Completing all Periodic Reviews agreed by Animals Committee, recognizing that reviews for some species may be easier or less costly to complete than others;
 - f) Encouraging regional representatives to contact range States to encourage volunteers for reviews;
 - g) Identifying countries where species are endemic and asking those Range States to conduct reviews;
 - h) Contacting the Plants Committee Periodic Review Working Group Chair to inform them of AC work and suggest coordination with Range States where Parties are reviewing plant and animal species from the same country.
3. The Committee agreed to consider in conjunction with the Plants Committee necessary amendments to improve Resolution Conf. 14.8 and decide on such proposed amendment recommendations by the close of AC26.
4. At the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, August 2011), the Chair of the Animals Committee highlighted the backlog of periodic review cases due to a lack of volunteers to undertake the reviews and remarked that financial support for this exercise may help. The Standing Committee agreed that there was a need to accelerate the Periodic Review of the Appendices and that the matter should be reconsidered at SC62 in July 2012.
5. In light of the above, the Animals and Plants Committees are invited to identify necessary amendments to improve Resolution Conf. 14.8, so that these can be submitted for the 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee. The Secretariat has already expressed its concerns about the efficacy of the Periodic Review of the Appendices at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Doha, 2010) in document CoP15 Doc. 62 and would be pleased to assist the Committees in this exercise.