

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



Twenty-fourth meeting of the Animals Committee  
Geneva, (Switzerland), 20-24 April 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

8. Ranching

8.1 Review of the use of source code 'R' ..... AC24 Doc. 8.1

The Committee reopened discussion of document AC24 WG2 Doc. 1 and adopted the recommendations therein with the following amendments.

Recommendation 1: amended to "Maintain source code R only for species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II, in conformity with Resolutions Conf. 9.20 (Rev.) and Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14)."

Recommendation 4:

- paragraph c): amended to "such elements, which should be in line with other provisions in Annex 4, paragraph A.2, of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14), should be incorporated in a separate new draft resolution that refers to Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14)";
- Addition of a new paragraph "d)" stating that "this draft resolution should be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Animals Committee for presentation at CoP15;"; and
- Relettering of paragraph "d)" to paragraph "e)".

Paragraph 6 was deleted.

15. Transport of live animals

15.1 Activities of the Transport Working Group and information on cases of high mortality of specimens ..... AC24 Doc. 15.1

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC24 WG8 Doc. 1.

10. Periodic review of animal species included in the CITES Appendices ..... AC24 Docs. 10.1-10.3

The Committee adopted the 10 recommendations in document AC24 WG3 Doc. 1 with the following amendments.

Recommendations 1 and 3: addition of the words "of the text of the Convention" at the end.

Recommendation 2: "*Crocodilus*" amended to "*Crocodilurus*".

Recommendation 5: addition of the following before "BIRDS":

"MAMMALS

Felidae

*Lynx* spp.: United States of America

*Panthera onca*: Mexico"

Recommendation 6: addition of "(Rev. 1)" after "AC24 Doc. 10.2" and of "the list of Felidae spp. in AC23 Doc. 11.2.1" at the end.

Recommendation 8: first sentence amended to read: "The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee agree that Resolution Conf. 14.8 should not be amended, as proposed by the Plants Committee at its 18th meeting."

19. Preparation of the Chairman's report for CoP15..... *no document*

The Committee noted the oral report given by the Chair.

14. Conservation and management of sharks and stingrays..... AC24 Docs. 14.1-14.4

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC24 WG5 Doc. 1 with the following amendments.

In the second sentence of paragraph 3, under Mandate 1: addition of the words "in Table 1" after "For these species".

In paragraph 2. iii), under Mandate 2: addition of the words "as needing the cooperation of other Parties in the control of trade. This would additionally serve" after "in CITES Appendix III".

At the end of paragraph 3, under Mandate 3: addition of the words "and other specialists and stakeholders" at the end.

In paragraph 2, under *Other matters*: deletion of the words "and FAO".

16. Sustainable use and management of sea cucumber fisheries ..... AC24 Doc. 16

The Committee adopted the two recommendations in document AC24 WG6 Doc. 1

Adoption of executive summary AC24 Sum. 1 (Rev. 1)

The Committee adopted the executive summary with the amendment under item 8 of "AC member" to "AC alternate member".

7. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

The Chair introduced document AC24 WG1 Doc. 1.

7.1 Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade ..... AC24 Doc. 7.1

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

7.2 Overview of the species-based Review of Significant Trade ..... AC24 Doc. 7.2

The Committee adopted the recommendations with the following amendments.

### Malagasy Chameleons and day geckos

- Second and third paragraphs: amendment of "UNEP-WCMC" to "the consultant" and swapping of the two paragraphs; and
- Fourth paragraph: deletion of the word "following" and insertion of "a)-c)" after "recommendations".

### Tridacnidae from the Solomon Islands

The Committee adopted the recommendation that *Tridacna* spp. be included in the Review of Significant Trade for the Solomon Islands, as an urgent case. It instructed the Secretariat to write to the Solomon Islands and include in its letter *inter alia*, the requests in paragraphs a)-c) of document AC24 WG1 Doc. 1. It also invited the Secretariat to reassure the Solomon Islands authorities that a decision to include a species in the review was not, at the outset, intended as a punitive measure and that, if the Animals Committee was satisfied with the response, the process would conclude.

### 7.3 Species selected following CoP13 ..... AC24 Doc. 7.3

The Committee adopted the recommendations with the following amendments.

*Mantella milotympanum*: addition of "or resume trade in a species" after "establish a quota" in the penultimate line of footnote 2 in the document, which relates to this species.

*Mantella crocea*, *M. expectata* and *M. viridis*: addition of "immediately" to the end of recommendation a), and recommendations b)-d) to be left without a time-frame.

*Mantella aurantiaca*: addition of "through an expedited procedure" to the end of the recommendation.

### 7.4 Selection of species following CoP14..... AC24 Doc. 7.4 (Rev. 1)

The Committee adopted the recommendations with the following amendments and additions.

*Hippocampus kelloggi*, *H. spinosissimus* and *H. kuda*: the Committee agreed to include these three species in the Review of Significant Trade.

*Saiga tatarica*: the Committee agreed that this matter should be pursued intersessionally when the letter from the Chinese Management Authority referred to in paragraph 10 of document AC24 Doc. 7.4 (Rev. 1) became available.

#### Species selected at AC23:

The Committee adopted the recommendations relating to species/country combinations listed in the table in the document with the following amendments:

*Hippopotamus amphibius*: removal of Zimbabwe from the review.

*Chamaeleo africanus*: retention in the review of Niger only.

Deletion of all reference to footnote 2 for the species in the table.

*Testudo horsfieldii* from Ukraine: the Committee agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the Standing Committee.

### 7.5 Scientific information from the range States of *Huso huso*..... AC24 Doc. 7.5

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

7.6 Activities with regard to the population of *Tursiops aduncus* of the Solomon Islands..... AC24 Doc. 7.6

The Committee adopted the recommendations with the following amendments.

- Adoption of paragraph a).
- Adoption of paragraph b) with an amendment to read "To instruct the Secretariat to inform the Solomon Islands that the AC recommends the Solomon Islands to set a more cautious quota."
- Rejection of paragraphs c) and d).
- The Committee further invited the Secretariat to reassure the Solomon Islands authorities that a decision to include a species in the review was not, at the outset, intended as a punitive measure and that, if the Animals Committee was satisfied with the response, the process would conclude.

9. International expert workshop on non-detriment findings ..... AC24 Doc. 9-9.1

The Committee adopted the recommendations and draft decisions in document AC24 WG7 Doc. 1, with minor corrections to the included questionnaire: in paragraph 5, "above" should read "below", and the subsequent eight rows should be lettered a) to h).

Adoption of executive summary AC24 Sum. 3

The Committee adopted the executive summary with the following amendments.

At the end of the paragraph referring to agenda item 6, the following sentence was added: "The Committee agreed that members should submit comments on the consultation letter from UNEP to the Chair by 5 May."

At the end of the sentence referring to agenda item 11, the following words were added: "and agreed that further comments be sent to Mr Jelden."

The beginning of the sentence referring to corrections to executive summary AC24 Sum. 2 should read "Paragraph b) under agenda item 7.1 should be deleted..."

20. Time and venue of the next meeting ..... *no document*

The Committee noted that AC25 would probably be held in Geneva in early 2011, unless a Party came forward with a proposal that included a provision to cover the difference in costs from holding the meeting in Geneva.

21. Any other business ..... *no document*

The representative of Africa (Mr Bagine) made a statement referring to document AC24 Inf. 3, which he requested to be recorded in the Summary Record. The Committee noted this intervention.

22. Closing remarks..... *no document*

The Chair thanked all the participants, the Secretariat and the interpreters for making the meeting successful and closed the meeting.