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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Strategic and administrative matters

MASTER'S COURSE ON MANAGEMENT, ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OF SPECIES IN TRADE

1. This document has been submitted by Spain.
2. At its 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 13.104 and 13.105 on the Master's course on Management, Access and Conservation of Species in Trade.
3. Parties are called upon in Decision 13.104 to provide financial assistance to the University of Córdoba (Spain) and to the International University of Andalusia (Spain) in order to support the continuation of the Master's course.
4. In Decision 13.105 the Standing Committee and the Secretariat are requested to seek external funding to support the participation in the Master's course of students from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
5. At the 53rd meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, June – July 2005), the Chairman of the Plants Committee advised the Committee of the forthcoming fifth Master's course on Management, Access and Conservation of Species in Trade.
6. The Committee noted the report, commended Spain for organizing this course and expressed its gratitude to the Chairman of the Plants Committee for her involvement in its development. It also invited donor Parties and organizations to donate funds in support of the Master's course.
7. South Africa offered USD 5,000 to sponsor a student and invited Parties with extra funds to support students of the Master's course. It pointed out that sponsoring a person already engaged in CITES matters not only capacitated that person but also the agency in which he/she worked, which would in turn lead to a better implementation of the Convention.
8. The fifth Master was held at the International University of Andalusia, on the Antonio Machado site in Baeza, from 3 October to 16 December 2005. Twenty-four people from 19 countries participated in it, namely from Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, the Bahamas, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Hungary, Indonesia, Kuwait, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, the United States of America, Viet Nam and Zambia.
9. Contributions received from Parties are listed below.
10. Spain: the General Department of Foreign Trade (*Secretaría General de Comercio Exterior*, which is the CITES Management Authority) of the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade provided 12 scholarships that covered the full tuition fees and covered the participation costs of its civil servants as lecturers; the *Fundación Carolina* of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain provided five scholarships which covered travel and 50 % of the tuition fees; the Directorate-General for Biodiversity (*Dirección General para la Biodiversidad*, which is the CITES Scientific Authority) of the Ministry of the Environment allowed the participation of its civil servants as

lecturers, and the International University of Andalusia provided five full scholarships and 17 scholarships to cover accommodation fees.

11. Through its Scientific Authority for flora, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland funded a full scholarship covering tuition and accommodation fees. Furthermore civil servants of the Scientific Authority for flora (four) and fauna (one) participated as lecturers and covered their own travel expenses to Baeza.
12. South Africa contributed USD 5,000 which were transferred through the CITES Secretariat to fund a full scholarship covering tuition and accommodation fees.
13. The CITES Secretariat participated in the training programme through lectures given by three of its members, whose travel, accommodation and daily subsistence expenses were covered by the programme.
14. The Directorate-General ENV.E2 of the European Commission participated in the training programme through lectures given by one of its civil servants, whose travel, accommodation and daily subsistence expenses were covered by the programme.
15. The CITES Management and Scientific Authorities of Argentina, Chile, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Slovenia, South Africa and the United States participated in the programme through civil servants who gave lectures, as did the following institutions: the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation; the Universities of Córdoba, Rey Juan Carlos, Carlos III and Politécnica of Madrid; the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory of the United States; the National Institute of Wild Fauna (*Instituto Nazionale per la Fauna Selvatica*) of Italy; the Customs services of Spain and the United Kingdom; the National Germplasm Bank (*Banco Nacional de Germoplasma*) of Spain; the Oceanographic Institute (*Instituto de Oceanografía*), the Centre of Environmental Sciences (*Centro de Ciencias Medioambientales*), the Institute of Economy and Geography (*Instituto de Economía y Geografía*) and the National Museum of Natural Sciences (*Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales*) of Spain; the CITES Scientific Authority of Mexico (CONABIO); the Nature Protection Service (*Servicio de Protección de la Naturaleza*) of Spain; UNEP-WCMC; WWF; IUCN; ATECMA; Fundación Biodiversidad; Pharmamar; the Varda Group of France; Botanic Gardens Conservation International of the United Kingdom; Sustentia and the World Foundation for Environment and Development of the United States. The Master programme covered the costs of all these lecturers.
16. In brief, this Master has been given in five previous editions by the International University of Andalusia with the collaboration of the University of Córdoba. In these five editions, quality specialized training was given to 137 people from 51 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, the Bahamas, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe).
17. The sixth master's degree in "Management, Access and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework" will take place from 8 January to 23 March 2007 at the International University of Andalusia, on the Antonio Machado site in Baeza. The deadline for applications is 29 September 2006 and that for registration 31 October 2006. Requests for further information should be sent to cr1clmum@uco.es.
18. The Standing Committee, Parties and the Secretariat are requested to continue their efforts to implement Decisions 13.104 and 13.105 in relation to the sixth master's degree.