

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



Fifty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
The Hague (Netherlands), 2 June 2007

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

General compliance issues

NATIONAL REPORTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat. Additional information related to national reports is contained in document CoP14 Doc. 29.

Submission of national reports

2. Since the 54th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, October 2006), Comoros, Mongolia, Sao Tome and Principe and Uganda have submitted the missing annual reports mentioned in document SC54 Doc. 39, and therefore, there has been no need to issue a recommendation to suspend trade with those Parties.
3. At the time of writing (March 2007), Mauritania (see Notification to the Parties No. 2003/027 of 6 May 2003) and Somalia (see Notification to the Parties No. 2006/074 of 14 December 2006) remained subject to a recommendation to suspend trade for the failure to submit annual reports.
4. The Secretariat's records show that Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Grenada, Rwanda and the Seychelles have failed, without having provided adequate justification, to provide annual reports for the period 2003-2005. The table of annual report submissions is kept up-to-date and is accessible on the CITES website.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP13), determine whether Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Grenada, Rwanda and the Seychelles have failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification. If so determined, the Secretariat will issue a Notification recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in CITES-listed species with these Parties until further notice.