

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

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Strategic and administrative matters

CITES AND LIVELIHOODS

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the Standing Committee's Working Group on CITES and livelihoods.
2. At its 58th meeting (SC58, Geneva, July 2009), the Standing Committee decided that the Chair of the Working Group should submit a draft toolkit for the rapid assessment of the impact on livelihoods that have the implementation of CITES listing decisions as well as guidelines on how to address those impacts for consideration at the present meeting. The Committee would then decide whether to submit these documents for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15).
3. As reported in document CoP15 Doc. 14, a preliminary draft of the two background papers (prepared by UNEP-WCMC under contract with the Secretariat) was circulated by the Chair to the Working Group members on 13 August 2009, with a deadline of 15 September 2009 to provide comments. The deadline for completion of the final draft version of the two papers was thereafter extended to 30 November 2009.
4. On 8 December 2009, UNEP-WCMC provided the Secretariat with two final draft papers which incorporated the comments received from members of the Working Group. These documents were sent to the Chair of the Working Group in January 2010. The two documents are contained in Annexes 1 and 2 to the present document:
  - a) Annex 1): Rapid Assessment Tools - Tools to assess the impact of the implementation of CITES listings on livelihoods of the poor; and
  - b) Annex 2): Addressing livelihood Impacts - Guidelines to address the impact of the implementation of CITES listings on livelihoods of the poor.
5. On 27 January 2010, the Chair of the Working Group, representatives of the Peruvian CITES authorities and the Secretariat organized a working session in Lima (Peru) to discuss the two papers. The documents were further discussed by interested governments in the margins of a meeting organized by the Amazonian Cooperation Treaty Organization for its member States in Lima during the last week of February 2010.
6. It was concluded during the February discussions that both papers are a good starting point but needed additional refinement and should therefore not be submitted for consideration at CoP15. The two draft papers are therefore provided for information only.
7. A draft resolution and a draft decision have been put forward to CoP15 (see document CoP15 Doc. 14, Annexes 1 and 2). In the opinion of the chair, the draft resolution needs further consideration and is therefore not presented for adoption. If the decision to reconvene this working group is adopted it will finalize the resolution and the two draft papers and prepare a final version for review and endorsement by the Standing Committee at its 62nd meeting.