

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement issues

NATIONAL REPORTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat. Additional information related to national reports is contained in document CoP15 Doc. 21.
2. At the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC58, Geneva, July 2009), the Secretariat reported that a number of Parties had failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification (see document SC58 Doc. 19). By the time of writing (February 2010), all of the concerned Parties had provided the requisite number of reports.
3. 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 2008) remain subject to a recommendation to suspend trade for the non-submission of annual reports.
4. The 2008 CITES annual report was due on 31 October 2009. As a result, the Secretariat's records now show that Cape Verde, the Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Nicaragua, Palau, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa and Swaziland have failed to submit annual reports for three consecutive years (i.e. 2006, 2007 and 2008) without having provided adequate justification.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on *National reports*, determine whether the Parties mentioned in paragraph 4 above 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 specimens of CITES-listed species with these Parties until they have provided the requisite number of reports.