

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



Sixty-second meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 23-27 July 2012

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

TIBETAN ANTELOPE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In Resolution Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP13) (*Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope*), the Conference of the Parties directs the Standing Committee to:

undertake a regular review of the enforcement measures taken by the Parties in eliminating the illicit trade in Tibetan antelope products on the basis of the Secretariat's report, and to report the results at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. At the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, August 2011), the Secretariat expressed the view that the conservation of the Tibetan antelope could be regarded as a CITES success. International efforts appeared to have significantly reduced illegal trade in products made from its wool, whilst anti-poaching efforts in China have enabled population numbers to increase notably.
4. The Standing Committee accepted that the Secretariat's reports at each of its meetings should seek simply to highlight current or urgent issues, whilst a comprehensive report should be prepared for the Conference of the Parties.
5. The Secretariat does not have any urgent issue to report for the present meeting. The only matters that have come to the attention of the Secretariat are two news reports stating that there have been discussions in India regarding the farming of Tibetan antelopes as well as their cloning, following the successful cloning of pashmina goats under a project funded by the World Bank.

Recommendations

6. The Standing Committee is asked to note this report.
7. The Secretariat suggests that the Committee consider whether it is still necessary to report on this issue at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties. If not, the Secretariat would propose at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties that this requirement be deleted from the text of the Resolution.