

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFTERNOON

52. Bigleaf mahogany and other neotropical timber species

52.1 Progress report of Peru SC62 Doc. 52.1

The Committee noted the update provided by Peru on its efforts to develop a modern and effective information system, including a timber tracking component. It agreed that Peru would not need to report on its additional efforts at its 63rd meeting (SC63) and encouraged Peru to include any new information in its national reports.

52.2 Recommendations arising from the report of the Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species SC62 Doc. 52.2

The Committee agreed to submit at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16), through its Chair, a draft decision directing the Secretariat to continue liaising with the World Customs Organization on harmonized tariff codes, in particular those related to tree species.

The Committee also agreed that, pending the availability of external funds, the Secretariat should undertake a mission to the Dominican Republic. Finally, it agreed that the Secretariat should undertake a subsequent mission to Fiji if the mission to the Dominican Republic indicated that it was necessary, and if related external funds were available.

53. Periodic Review of the Appendices

53.1 Species selected for review between CoP15 and CoP17 *No document*

The Committee noted the species selected for review between CoP15 and CoP17 as contained in Annexes 2 and 3 to Notification to the Parties No. 2011/038 of 21 September 2011. The Committee encouraged Parties to volunteer to undertake these reviews and welcomed the offer of Kenya and Namibia to update the Committee on progress with the review of *Panthera leo* (the African lion) at SC63.

53.2 Revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 SC62 Doc. 53.2

The Committee endorsed the submission at CoP16 of the revised version of Resolution Conf. 14.8 contained in the Annex to document SC62 Doc. 53.2, and agreed that amendments suggested during the discussion would be added in square brackets. The Committee agreed to refer the suggestion in paragraph 14. c) of document SC62 Doc. 53.2 to its Finance and Budget Subcommittee.

54. Development and application of annotations SC62 Doc. 54.1 and Doc. 54.2

The Committee agreed to extend the Working Group on Annotations so that it may work intersessionally to produce a discussion document for the endorsement of the Chair of the Standing Committee and subsequent submission at CoP16. The Committee endorsed the suggestion of the Working Group chair to

include the Chair and the members of Plants Committee in the Working Group to give them the opportunity to provide relevant input, particularly in relation to document SC62 Doc. 54.2.

6. Credentials..... *No document*

The Standing Committee noted that 58 Parties were represented at the meeting, that all delegations of Parties that were members of the Committee had presented credentials and all but two of the delegations of observer Parties. In addition, all of the observers representing organizations had presented credentials.

46. Elephants

46.4 Decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade..... SC62 Doc. 46.4

The Committee endorsed the following next steps in the development of an ivory trade decision-making mechanism:

- a) In order to assist the Standing Committee with its implementation of Decision 14.77, the Secretariat should invite further comments from the stakeholders identified at its 61st meeting on the study contained in the Annex to document SC62 Doc. 46.4. Replies should be submitted by 31 August 2012;
- b) On the basis of the study and the responses received, the Secretariat should review the information and prepare a document for review by the same stakeholders and the Chair of the Standing Committee. Comments should be submitted well in time for the Secretariat to prepare a document for submission at CoP16;
- c) The Secretariat should take all contributions into account and prepare a document on behalf of the Standing Committee for consideration at CoP16. This document should be approved by the Chair of the Standing Committee prior to its submission, and state that it has not been endorsed by the full Standing Committee;
- d) The report should include, in an annex, details of the responses which it seeks to address and from which it is derived, where the respondents have given their approval for these to be presented in this way; and
- e) The Secretariat should inform the Standing Committee of progress in the conduct of the work by electronic means.

46.3 MIKE-ETIS Subgroup *No document*

The Committee took note of the oral report on the progress made by the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup.

46.5 Review of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15)..... SC62 Doc. 46.5.1 and Doc. 46.5.2

The Committee agreed that the Working Group should continue its work to prepare a proposed revision of resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15). The document should be submitted to the Chair of the Standing Committee for approval and subsequent submission at CoP16.

46.1 Elephant conservation, illegal killing and ivory trade SC62 Doc. 46.1 (Rev. 1)

In addition to the amendments to document SC62 Doc. 46.1 (Rev. 1) adopted in executive summary SC62 Sum. 3, the Committee adopted the following amendments to paragraph 6 of the same document:

- g) ~~Parties in East Africa~~ African elephant range States, especially Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, are encouraged to increase their national and regional enforcement activities to detect and prevent illegal ivory trade. Increased intelligence-led enforcement actions should be undertaken, supported by the use of risk profiling, detection dogs, DNA analysis, isotopic analysis, other forensic analyses and controlled deliveries. ~~The Parties in East Africa are encouraged to collaborate closely with the Parties and territories identified in recommendations d) and h). Parties may request assistance from the Secretariat in improving and coordinating their regulatory and enforcement measures, enhancing their collaboration and facilitating targeted~~

international support, bearing in mind that the provision of such assistance is subject to resource constraints of the Secretariat.

- h) ~~While it is recognized that Parties and territories identified as key transit points for illegal trade in ivory have made efforts to improve their enforcement activities, these Parties and territories are encouraged to collaborate with the countries of origin and destination in order to enhance law enforcement effectiveness at ports of entry and exit. This applies in particular to Hong Kong SAR, Malaysia, the Philippines and Viet Nam, where multiple large-scale ivory seizures have been recorded recently.~~ Parties and territories identified in recommendation d) are encouraged to collaborate closely with the Parties from where confiscated ivory from large-scale ivory seizures was exported or re-exported by providing samples of the seized ivory to assist with DNA profiling and other techniques for determining its origin and facilitating effective investigations and prosecutions. The results of the investigations and the forensic work should be shared amongst relevant Parties.
- i) Parties may request assistance from the Secretariat in improving and coordinating their regulatory and enforcement measures, enhancing their collaboration and facilitating targeted international support, bearing in mind that the provision of such assistance is subject to resource constraints of the Secretariat.

The text should then resume with former subparagraph i), which becomes j), and the following ones that should be renumbered sequentially.

25. Ranching operations in Madagascar SC62 Doc. 25

The Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group on Ranching Operations in Madagascar that were contained in document SC62 Com. 5, and it requested Madagascar to look into the issue of re-exports.

36. Physical inspection of timber shipments SC62 Doc. 36

The Committee agreed that the United States of America, on behalf of the Working Group on Physical Inspection of Timber Shipments, would prepare a discussion document for the approval of the Chair of the Standing Committee and subsequent submission at CoP16. The Committee further agreed that the discussion document would include a draft decision as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

By the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat shall:

- i) Obtain information and materials from those Parties that have reported that they have developed tools and procedures for the identification and measurement of CITES-listed tree species, and the physical inspection of timber shipments;
- ii) Compile the information on the CITES website so that it can be accessed by CITES plant inspection and enforcement authorities; and
- iii) Incorporate this information into its capacity-building activities related to timber trade.

16. CITES and livelihoods SC62 Doc. 16

The Committee endorsed the draft resolution submitted by the working group in document SC62 Com. 3. The Committee agreed to extend the mandate of the Working Group to allow it to complete the pending tasks mandated in paragraphs b) and c) of Decision 15.5. It has also adopted a new calendar of activities for the Working Group, as follows:

- a) Send to the members of the Working Group revised versions of the toolkit for the rapid assessment at the national level of the positive and negative impacts of implementing CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of the poor and the voluntary guidelines for Parties to address the negative impacts, for their comments to be provided by 31 August 2012;

- b) Organize a meeting of the Working Group in Peru from 19 to 21 September 2012 to validate the final versions and submit them at CoP16; and
- c) Organize a side-event at CoP16 to showcase some of the best experiences involving CITES-listed species and poor rural communities.

14. Cooperation with other organizations

14.5 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services SC62 Doc. 14.5

The Committee endorsed the working group recommendations contained in document SC62 Com. 6. To facilitate implementation of the recommendations, the Committee established an intersessional working group on IPBES, chaired by Mexico and composed of Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Egypt, Ireland, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, IUCN and WWF.

14.4 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations SC62 Doc. 14.4

The Committee agreed that the task of the working group on this subject was to prepare a revised draft memorandum of cooperation, on the basis of document SC62 Doc. 14.4 Annex 1, for consideration at SC63. It also agreed that the members of the working group were: Canada (Chair), China, Japan, Peru, the United States, a Party representing the European Union, Lewis and Clark College and WWF.

55. Reports of regional representatives SC62 Doc. 55.1-Doc. 55.6

The Committee noted the reports of the regional representatives.

56. Any other business *No document*

The Committee noted the comments of a number of participants regarding earlier agenda items. The Chair noted that he had no objection to the addition of members to working groups after they had been established by the Committee, subject to the discretion of the chair of the working group in each case.

57. Determination of the time and venue of the 63rd and 64th meetings *No document*

The Committee noted that its 63rd meeting would take place in Bangkok, Thailand, on 2 March 2013, and that its 64th meeting would be held immediately after the close of the CoP16, on 14 March 2013.

58. Closing remarks *No document*

Following remarks by members of the Committee, observers representing Parties and non-governmental organizations, and the Secretary-General, the Chair thanked all participants, the Secretariat and the interpreters, and closed the meeting at 17h57.