

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



Sixty-third meeting of the Standing Committee  
Bangkok (Thailand), 2 March 2013

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

NATIONAL LAWS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 62nd meeting (Geneva, July 2012), the Standing Committee agreed that “the Secretariat should issue a Notification to the Parties recommending a suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Comoros, Guinea Bissau, Paraguay and Rwanda, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) (*National laws for implementation of the Convention*), unless those countries submitted updated information to the Secretariat on the progress made for the submission of legislation for parliamentary, cabinet or ministerial approval by 1 October 2012”. As indicated in paragraph 16 of document CoP16 Doc. 28, all four of the above-mentioned countries (which had been identified by the Standing Committee as Parties requiring attention as a priority under the National Legislation Project) submitted updated information by the deadline, and it was therefore not necessary for the Secretariat to issue the envisaged Notification.
3. In early January 2013, the Secretariat sent reminders on behalf of the Standing Committee to Parties that had not submitted updated information to the Secretariat on the progress made for the submission of legislation for parliamentary, cabinet or ministerial approval. At the time of writing (late January 2013), five Parties (Georgia, Jordan, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sierra Leone and Togo) had responded to the reminder. The following Parties had not yet responded to the reminder: Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Belarus, Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Montenegro, Niger, Palau, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Trinidad and Tobago, Uzbekistan and Zambia.
4. The Secretariat will provide an updated legislative status chart before the present meeting and, as indicated in paragraph 17 of document CoP16 Doc. 28, will report on the Parties that responded or did not respond to the reminder mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee consider appropriate compliance measures, including recommendations to suspend trade, for Parties that have not responded to the reminder mentioned in paragraph 3 above. The Committee may wish to consider such measures at the present meeting or, taking into account the draft decisions on national laws for implementation of the Convention which will be considered at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, postpone consideration of appropriate compliance measures until its 65th meeting in 2014.