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

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Sea cucumbers

1. At its 26th meeting (AC26, Geneva, 15-20 March 2012), the Animals Committee requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification drawing the attention of the Parties to publications of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on sea cucumbers.

2. The following provides a list of recent publications by FAO on sea cucumbers, with links to online versions:

– Lovatelli, A. (comp./ed.); Conand, C.; Purcell, S.; Uthicke, S.; Hamel, J.-F.; Mercier, A. (eds.). *Advances in sea cucumber aquaculture and management.* FAO Fisheries Technical Paper. No. 463. Rome, FAO. 2004. 425 pp.
http://www.fao.org/docrep/007/y5501e/y5501e00.htm

– Toral-Granda, V.; Lovatelli, A.; Vasconcellos, M. (eds). *Sea cucumbers. A global review of fisheries and trade.* FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper. No. 516. Rome, FAO. 2008. 317 pp.
http://www.fao.org/docrep/011/i0375e/i0375e00.htm

– FAO. *Putting into practice an ecosystem approach to managing sea cucumber fisheries.* Rome, FAO. 2010. 81 pp.
http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i1780e/i1780e00.htm

– Purcell, S.W; Samyn, Y.; Connand, C. *Commercially important sea cucumbers of the world.* FAO Species Catalogue for Fishery Purposes No. 6. FAO. 2012. 150 pp + colour plates
http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/i1918e/i1918e.pdf

– FAO. *Report on the FAO Workshop on Sea Cucumber Fisheries: An Ecosystem Approach to Management in the Pacific (SCEAM Pacific),* Nadi, Fiji, 15–18 November 2011. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Report No. 1003. Rome, FAO. 2012. 44 pp.
http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/i2658e/i2658e00.htm

– Purcell, S.W. *Managing sea cucumber fisheries with an ecosystem approach.* Edited/compiled by Lovatelli, A.; M. Vasconcellos and Y. Yimin. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper. No. 520. Rome, FAO. 2010. 157 pp.
English: http://www.fao.org/docrep/012/i1384e/i1384e00.htm
Spanish: http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i1384s/i1384s00.htm

3. The Animals Committee encourages sea cucumber range States to:

a) promote the conservation and management of sea cucumbers that occur on their territories, taking advantage of the information in the publications above and other documents available from FAO, as well as in the reports of the CITES-related workshops on Sea Cucumbers in 2003 and 2004 (see documents AC22 Inf. 1 and CoP14 Doc. 62), and other publications;

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b) manage their sea cucumber fisheries in a sustainable way, taking into account the status of stocks, the nature and scale of the fishery, and the use of sea cucumbers, as well as social, economic and historical factors specific to their region; and

c) where appropriate, seek the help of FAO or regional fishery-related bodies in managing their cucumber fisheries.