



Technical workshop on *Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction*

25 – 26 April 2024 (CICG, Geneva, Switzerland)

Provisional working programme

DAY 1 – Thursday 25 April 2024

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 12:00 Plenary (Facilitated by the Secretariat)

- Welcoming remarks - [Ivonne Higuero, CITES Secretary-General](#)
- Conduct of the workshop - [CITES Secretariat](#)
- Objectives of the workshop - [CITES Secretariat](#)
- Presentations on background information with a Q & A session
 - CITES requirements for non-detriment findings (NDFs) for specimens taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ), including the role of “international scientific authorities” - [CITES Secretariat](#)
 - draft guidances on the making of NDFs for aquatic species (outcomes of the international expert workshop on NDFs) - [Julian McAlpine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Chair of the working group on aquatic species at NDF workshop](#)
 - level (current and anticipated) of trade in CITES-listed species taken from ABNJ - [Glenn Sant, TRAFFIC & Samantha Sherman, Deakin University](#)
 - overview of the workshop background document - [CITES Secretariat](#)
 - i. summary of NDFs that have been made for specimens taken from ABNJ (including data used, process followed, etc.)
 - ii. difficulties encountered by Parties when making NDFs for specimens taken from ABNJ;
 - iii. current role, if any, of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMO) and other Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs) in making data and information available to CITES Scientific Authorities making non-detriment findings
- Presentations from Parties on experience making NDFs for specimens of Appendix-II listed species from ABNJ with a Q & A session
 - New Zealand
 - United States of America

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary (Facilitated by the Secretariat)

- Presentations from RFMOs with a Q & A session
 - ICCAT - [Nathan Taylor, Bycatch coordinator, ICCAT Secretariat](#)
 - IATTC - [Salvador Siu, Coastal and Sub-Regional Fisheries Scientist, IATTC Secretariat](#)
- Video presentation by DOALOS
 - Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (UNFSA) and Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement)

15:30 – 17:00 Plenary (Facilitated by the AC representative of Oceania and the Secretariat)

- Moderated discussion to agree on topics to be covered in breakout groups
Provisional topics identified by the Secretariat:
 - Scientific data and information needed to make NDFs for specimen taken from ABNJ, including those that may be held by international scientific authorities
 - Mechanism of cooperation between national Scientific Authorities and international scientific authorities, including sharing of data, determining the total numbers of specimens to be introduced per year, monitoring off-take, etc.
- Establishment of breakout groups and group discussions

DAY 2 – Friday 26 April 2024

9:00 – 12:00 Breakout groups (Facilitated by Party to be nominated by each group)

- Discussions in breakout groups
- Presentation from each breakout groups

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Plenary (Facilitated by the Secretariat)

- Observations and recommendations
- Next steps
- Closing