



Decision 19.136: 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)

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT WORKSHOP

1. NDFs should ideally be made at a stock level – e.g. a single NDF covering the stock as a discrete unit irrespective of whether catch / harvest is taking place in EEZ / ABNJ.
2. Distinct stocks / distinct populations, if defined, should require separate NDFs or a single NDF clearly describing findings for each distinct stock / population.
3. Encourage engagement and collaboration between Fisheries management authorities and CITES Authorities.
4. Encourage engagement with RFBs including RFMOs, where possible, to access and use data / information to inform NDFs.
5. Encourage regional collaboration, including Parties not Party to RFMOs, to share information, including information to understand stock status and trends, stock assessments, NDFs, quotas, and capacity building initiatives.
6. Consider what biological and capture location information could be included as a traceability element to help inform the making of an NDF for specimens taken from ABNJ.
7. Parties to consider, where possible, establishing regional network of CITES Scientific Authorities and international scientific authorities such as RFBs to share information, experiences, best practice and build capacity for the making of NDFs for specimens taken from ABNJ.
8. Clarify that ‘international scientific authorities’ are not designated bodies and are separate from CITES Scientific Authorities. The interpretation of ‘international scientific authorities’ should remain inclusive and flexible to facilitate the use of information from various sources and engagements with a range of relevant bodies, organizations and experts (allow flexibility for CITES Scientific Authorities to identify the information sources they require to develop NDFs, as appropriate).
9. Consider using stock assessment data from RFBs including RFMOs in addition to national information and other relevant sources of information, as appropriate, in informing the making of NDFs for specimens taken from ABNJ.
10. Consider appending the outcomes of the workshop on *Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction* and the Animals Committee’s deliberations, to the CITES NDF guidance for aquatic species, and integrate it into any updated versions of the guidance, as appropriate.
11. Consider submitting relevant implementation matters raised at this workshop to the Standing Committee for their consideration, as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS EDITED BY THE SECRETARIAT FOR SUBMISSION TO AC33

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The technical workshop on *Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction* recommends that the Animals Committee:

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4. Consider what biological and capture location information could be included as a traceability element to help inform the making of an NDF for specimens taken from ABNJ.
5. Consider submitting relevant implementation matters raised at this workshop to the Standing Committee for their consideration, as appropriate.
6. Encourage Parties to ensure engagement and collaboration between Fisheries management authorities and CITES Authorities on matters relating to NDF for specimens taken from ABNJ.
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8. Encourage Parties to collaborate regionally ~~collaboration~~, including Parties not Party to RFMOs, to share information, including information to understand stock status and trends, stock assessments, NDFs, quotas, and capacity building initiatives.
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11. Invite the Secretariat to ~~Consider~~ append the outcomes of the workshop on *Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction* and the Animals Committee’s deliberations, to the CITES NDF guidance for aquatic species, and integrate it into any updated versions of the guidance, as appropriate.