

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

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Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species

REVIEW OF PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairman: Roddy Gabel (PC Regional representative for North America)

Members: AC Regional representatives for Central and South America and the Caribbean (A. Velasco), Oceania (R. Hay), AC alternate representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (M. Calvar Agrelo), the observers from Canada, China, Czech Republic, Belgium, France, Germany, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Zambia, UNEP-WCMC, European Community, IUCN – The World Conservation Union, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Humane Society International, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Ornamental Fish international, Safari Club International Foundation, Species Management Specialists, Species Survival Network, Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Southeast Fish and Wildlife Agencies Born Free USA and Pro Wildlife.

Mandate

1. Finalize the report in the Annex to document AC22 Doc. 12.1/PC16 Doc. 12.1.
2. In particular try to reach consensus on the use of source code 'R' and on source codes applicable to artificially propagated plants and animals that are bred in captivity.
3. Consider a revision of Resolution Conf. 11.16 on Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II in the light of the discussion on the use of source code 'R' and ranching production systems.
4. Prepare a report for the Animals and Plants Committee to submit to CoP14.

Recommendations

1. Use of Source Code R: No consensus was reached. The working group recommends continuing work intersessionally, particularly with the view towards a clearer definition of the R code. The working group agreed that this definition should include elements of Resolution Conf. 11.16.
2. Use of Source Code A, C and D: No consensus was reached. The working group agreed to advise the Members of the Animals and Plants Committees of the positions expressed in the working group for a decision by the Committees. These elements included:
 - a) Combination of all three codes contributes to a simplified system.
 - b) Combination of A and C to a single code for plants and animals may be confusing to enforcement officers who have thirty years of experience applying separate codes to animals and plants; however, the working group agreed that these two codes refer to the same concept.

- c) Retention of D is unnecessary because it is redundant to A and C as a descriptor of a production system.
 - d) Retention of D provides additional data on commercial trade in Appendix-I species, including whether Appendix-I animals are from registered breeding operations.
3. Use of Source Code F: No consensus was reached. A majority of Parties supported retention of F in some way. But, a minority were opposed to expanding the code to plants. It was suggested that plants could be considered for inclusion in ranching provisions however, proponents (United States and Canada) advised that ranching provisions were inappropriate in the cases where F would be useful for plants.
4. Regarding possible revisions to Resolution Conf. 11.16, based on an agreed definition of source code R, no agreement was reached. Therefore, the working group recommends that, as part of its intercessional work, it should consider revisions to the resolution once it has completed work on a revised definition of the source code R.