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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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REVISION OF RESOLUTION CONF. 14.8 ON *PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE APPENDICES*
(Agenda item 10)

1. The present document was prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees.
2. The following ways to improve the performance of the Periodic Review of the Appendices were could be considered when amending Resolution Conf. 14.8 on *Periodic Review of the Appendices*:

AC25 Recommendations

- a) Collaborating with graduate students and incorporating Periodic Reviews in the CITES Masters Programme.
- b) Collaborating with other non-Party reviewers including taxon experts such as IUCN Specialist Groups.
- c) Utilizing information on species' conservation status that is readily available from the IUCN.
- d) Seeking financial support for reviews, including from importing / consumer countries, and paying for reviews as appropriate.
- e) Completing all Periodic Reviews agreed by Animals Committee, recognizing that reviews for some species may be easier or less costly to complete than others.
- f) Encouraging regional representatives to contact range States to encourage volunteers for reviews.
- g) Identifying countries where species are endemic and asking those Range States to conduct reviews.
- h) Contacting the Plants Committee Periodic Review Working Group Chair to inform them of AC work and suggest coordination with Range States where Parties are reviewing plant and animal species from the same country.

AC26 Recommendations

- i) The Secretariat should be directed to maintain a database of the species selected for periodic review, including species previously and currently reviewed; dates of relevant Committee documents; recommendations from the reviews; and any reports and associated document.
- j) The Secretariat should be directed to provide financial assistance, within available resources, as requested by the Animals and Plants Committees in the undertaking of periodic reviews.
- k) Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other interested entities should be invited to support the work of the Animals and Plants Committees in the undertaking

of the periodic review of the Appendices [Example, AC26 review of 16 species of Galliformes by the IUCN Pheasants Specialists Group].

AC26/PC20 Plenary Discussion

- l) Resolution Conf. 14.8 needs to include a preamble to clarify that the objective of the periodic review of the Appendices is to ensure that taxa are appropriately placed in the Appendices.
 - m) Clarification is needed that species selection for periodic review do not require Standing Committee approval.
 - n) AC26/PC20 did not agree to an automatic or semi-automatic process for periodic review of the Appendices was an appropriate approach. Many indicated that a strategic or focused approach is needed.
 - o) If the results of the periodic review indicate that the species should remain in the Appendices, the criteria that are met should be indicated in the review.
 - p) For species selected for periodic review where no Party has volunteered to undertake the review there needs to a timeframe established so that the review may be terminated.
3. If these recommendations are accepted, Resolution. Conf. 14.8 will need to be amended.
 4. If individual emailed comments from AC26/PC20 are appended to this report, it is requested that they are provided in their original form and the commenter identified.