

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



Joint sessions of the 26th meeting of the Animals Committee and
20th meeting of the Plants Committee
Dublin (Ireland), 22-24 March 2012

EVALUATION OF THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE
(agenda item 7)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairs: Carolina Caceres, North American Representative on the Animals Committee,
Noel McGough, Nomenclature specialist on the Plants Committee

Members and

alternate members: AC representative of Asia (Mr Pourkazemi Fauna), PC representative of Africa
(Mr Hafashimana Flora), Alternate AC representative of Europe (Mr Loertscher
Alt. Fauna)

Parties: Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Mexico,
Netherlands, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom and United
States of America

IGOs and NGOs: EU, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, TRAFFIC, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council,
Humane Society International, WWF, Natural Resources Defence Council and
Species Survival Network

Mandate

On the basis discussions in plenary and document AC26/PC20 Doc. 7, the working group shall:

1. examine the case studies presented in Annex 3 to document AC26/PC20 Doc. 7 and provide comments orally for the plenary;
2. determine the agenda and any instructions for the meeting of the advisory working group for the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade to be held in June 2012;
3. prepare a roadmap for the preparation of the final report on the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade for presentation at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and
4. confirm the final membership of the advisory working group.

Recommendations

1. The Animals and Plants Committee are invited to provide the advisory working group for the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade with the observations made by the Dublin working group (**Annex**) for their discussion at the meeting to be held in June 2012.
2. The Animals and Plants Committee are invited to adopt the following as a proposed agenda for the meeting of the advisory group and roadmap for the preparation of the final report:

Draft Agenda

- a) Introductions
- b) Overview of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP 13), *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, including its objections and process followed
- c) Presentation on the Results of the Case Studies
- d) **Assessment of the Significant Trade Process Review progress against the Terms of Reference and *modus operandi* for the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade and make recommendations for the consideration of the Animals and Plants Committees, focussing in particular on:**
 - i) Selection
 - ii) Correspondence and Communications
 - iii) Categorization
 - iv) Recommendations
 - v) Implementation of Recommendations
 - vi) Non-article IV issues
 - vii) Other
- e) Impact of the Review of Significant Trade
- f) Conclusions and Next Steps **(including management plans and action plans)**
- g) **Approval of a report for the Animals and Plants Committees**

Roadmap

Today – June 2012	<i>Opportunity for Parties and interested organizations to provide their feedback to the advisory working group co-chairs</i>
June 2012	Meeting of the Advisory Working Group, Vilm, Germany
July 2012	Oral report on progress to the Standing Committee
June – October 2012	Develop report for CoP 16, reporting on current progress, initial conclusions and next steps
April 2013 – July 2014	Advisory Working Group works intersessionally to follow-up on direction confirmed by the CoP Animals and Plants Committees .
April 2013 – July 2014	<i>Opportunity for Parties and interested organizations to provide their feedback to the advisory working group co-chairs</i>
April 2014	Report of the Advisory Working Group to be considered by AC27/PC21.
July 2014	Submit draft recommendations to Animals Committee and Plants Committee (may include changes to resolution as identified)
2014 Standing Committee Meeting	Report on progress to Standing Committee
2014 – 2015	Intersessional work to further elaborate draft recommendations following direction provided by AC/PC/SC
2014 – 2015	<i>Opportunity for Parties and interested organizations to provide their feedback to the advisory working group co-chairs</i>
2015 Meetings of the Animals & Plants Committees	Final draft report and recommendations presented to be agreed by the Animals and Plants Committee
2015 Standing Committee Meeting	Final draft report and recommendations presented to the Standing Committee
2015 – 2016	Final report and recommendations completed based on AC/PC/SC direction and recommendations submitted to CoP 17
2016	CoP 17

3. **The Animals and Plants Committees agreed that the Advisory Working Group should take account of the following observations:**

It was noted that the final membership of the advisory working group may change in that the currently identified representatives may no longer be available. The Co-Chairs of the advisory working group will work with the Secretariat and the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committee to confirm the final participants in the advisory working group as soon as possible.

Text of the Annex unchanged from the Annex to the document AC26/PC20 WG2 Doc.1