

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



Joint sessions of the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee and
21st meeting of the Plants Committee
Veracruz (Mexico), 2-3 May 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Opening of the meeting (No document)

The Chair of the Plants Committee (PC) and the Chair of the Animals Committee (AC) welcomed the participants to the joint sessions of the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee.

7. Support to Standing Committee work on bushmeat and annotations [Decisions 14.148 (Rev. Cop16), 16.149 and 16.162]

- 7.1 Report of the Secretariat (AC27/PC21 Doc.7.1)

The Committees designated the following members to consult with the Standing Committee on the revision of Resolution Conf. 13.11 on *Bushmeat* in compliance with Decision 16.149: the AC Chair (Ms Caceres), and the AC representatives of Africa (Mr Kasiki), Asia (Mr Soemorumekso) and Europe (Mr Lörtscher).

The Committees designated the following members and alternate members to join the working group of the Standing Committee on annotations: the AC Chair (Ms Caceres), the PC representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera), Europe (Mr Sajeve) and Oceania (Mr Leach), and the PC acting representatives of Africa (Mr Luke) and Asia (Ms Al-Salem).

- 7.2 Annotations for species listed in the CITES Appendices: report of the interim Standing Committee working group (AC27/PC21 Doc.7.2)

The Committees noted document AC27/PC21 Doc. 7.2.

8. Cooperation with other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)

- 8.1 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (Decision 16.15) (AC27/PC21 Doc.8.1)

The Committees agreed that the AC and PC Chairs should incorporate information conveyed by the AC representative of Europe (Mr Fleming) into document AC27/PC21 Doc. 8.1 for reporting to the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting, and to furthermore emphasize in their reporting that:

- it would be important to make sure that experts with good knowledge of CITES take part in the forthcoming assessment by the IPBES sustainable use Task Force;
- in view of the importance given to government candidates in IPBES assessment processes, Parties should nominate CITES experts for participation in the assessment;
- in proposing candidates, CITES should seek fair regional representation, broad skills and a better gender balance;
- for a comprehensive assessment of sustainable use, expertise in areas in addition to biology and biodiversity management will be required, such as social and economic sciences, and rural development policies;
- the Standing Committee and Parties could consider experts who took part in the *International Expert Workshop on CITES Non-Detriment Findings* (Cancún, Mexico, 2008) for nominations; and
- opportunities exist for better and more regular liaison between IPBES and CITES, and for facilitating the nomination of experts with CITES knowledge, through the AC acting representative of Africa (Mr Fouda), who is also a member of the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel for Africa.

The Committees noted document AC27/PC21 Doc. 8.1, and the progress achieved.

9. Capacity building

9.1 Report of the Secretariat..... (AC27/PC21 Doc.9.1)

The Committees established an intersessional working group with the following mandate:

The intersessional working group shall: provide guidance to the Secretariat on its relevant capacity building activities; review the Secretariat's training materials used in capacity building, such as those on the making of non-detriment findings; and advise on updating, expanding or improving these materials as necessary. It shall report on progress with these activities at the next meetings of the Committees.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: PC Chair (Ms Clemente) and AC representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr Ouboter);

Members: AC representative of Oceania (Mr Robertson), PC representatives of Africa (Ms Khayota), Asia (Mr Fernando) and North America (Mr Benítez), AC acting representatives of Africa (Mr Fouda), North America (Ms Gnam) and Asia (Mr Ishii);

Parties: Chile, China, Germany, Mexico, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), Conservation International, Humane Society International, TRAFFIC and WWF.

10. Extinct or possibly extinct species (Decision 16.164) (AC27/PC21 Doc.10)

The Committees established an intersessional working group with the following mandate:

The intersessional working group shall

1. review the provisions of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) on *Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II* as they apply to species that are either extinct or possibly extinct and report to the Standing Committee on their findings;

2. develop broad principles that could be applied for treating 'Extinct' and 'Possibly extinct' species included in Appendices I and II, and address the practical implementation challenges; and
3. report at the next meetings of the Committees.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: AC representative of Europe (Mr Fleming) and PC acting representative of Africa (Mr Luke);

Members: AC representatives of Europe (Mr Lörtscher) and Oceania (Mr Robertson), PC representatives of Asia (Mr Fernando) and Europe (Mr Sajeva), AC alternate representatives of Europe (Ms Gaynor) and AC acting representative of North America (Ms Gnam), and AC nomenclature specialist (Ms Grimm);

Parties: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Mexico, South Africa and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, Conservation International, Humane Society International, TRAFFIC and WWF.

11. Review of reporting requirements (Decision 16.45)..... (AC27/PC21 Doc.11)

The Committees established a working group (AC27/PC21 WG1) with the following mandate:

Review each of the reporting requirements identified in the Annex as being relevant to them (and others if they consider they are also relevant to the Animals and Plants Committees' remits) and advise in the last column of the Annex whether the requirement is:

- a) still current and valid, or;
- b) outdated or otherwise unnecessary, and therefore no longer required.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: AC representative of Europe (Mr Lörtscher) and PC representative of Oceania (Mr Leach)

Members: PC acting representative of Africa (Mr Luke);

Parties: Australia, Austria, Germany, Mexico, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, Defenders of Wildlife and Humane Society International.