

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

12. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species [Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)]

12.1 Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade [Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP14)].....(AC27/PC21 Doc.12.1)

The Committees noted document AC27/PC21 Doc. 12.1.

The Committees decided that the CITES Advisory Working Group on Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade should continue to work intersessionally with the same Co-chairs and members as indicated in paragraph 4 of document AC27/PC21 Doc. 12.1.

The Committees requested the Working Group to take account of the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of document AC27/PC21 Doc. 12.1, and to submit a draft revision of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* at the next meeting of the Animal and Plants Committees for their consideration.

The Committees agreed to report on progress with the implementation of Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP14) at the 65th meeting of Standing Committee.

13. Transport of live specimens [Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP16)] .....(AC27/PC21 Doc.13)

The Committees noted document AC27/PC21 Doc. 13.

14. Review of identification and guidance material (Decision 16.59) .....(AC27/PC21 Doc.14)

In compliance with Decisions 16.59, the Committees established an intersessional working group, comprising at least one representative from each region of both Committees, with the following mandate:

- a) assist in identifying CITES-listed taxa, taking account of existing CITES identification and guidance material, as well as other material produced by Parties, non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations;
- b) determine, in collaboration with Parties, the current availability of identification and guidance material (printed and electronic) to enhance accessibility to such material;
- c) consult with Parties to assess the need for additional identification material, including material under production by Parties and requested in Decisions;

- d) review, in collaboration with the Secretariat, and, taking into account new Web-based technologies; make recommendations, including amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) on Identification Manual; to promote accuracy and availability of identification and guidance material; and
- e) report progress at the 28th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 22nd meeting of the Plants Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: PC Chair (Ms Clemente) and AC representative of Oceania (Mr Robertson);

Members: AC representatives of Asia (Mr Soemorumekso), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr Ouboter) and Europe (Mr Lörtscher); PC representatives of Africa (Ms Khayota), Asia (Mr Fernando), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rauber Coradin), North America (Mr Benítez) and Oceania (Mr Leach); and AC acting representative of North America (Ms Gnam);

Parties: China, Mexico, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre and Humane Society International.

The Committees agreed that the activity directed to them in paragraph d) of Decision 16.59 had been completed by the Secretariat, as presented in Annexes 1 and 2 of document AC27/PC21 Doc.14.

The Committees requested the Secretariat to assist the intersessional working group as appropriate, *inter alia*, by circulating Notifications to the Parties, if necessary.

3. Rules of Procedure.....(AC27 Doc. 3 and PC21 Doc. 3)

With regard to the Secretariat’s suggestions in paragraph 11 of documents AC27 Doc. 3 and PC21 Doc. 3, the Committees agreed that Rule 13 of their Rules of Procedure should contain provisions for selecting a Chair and a Vice-chair for each Committee shortly after each regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and that this should follow a simpler process than the one proposed by the Secretariat. The Committees further requested the Secretariat to prepare a proposal for amending Rule 13 to that effect for their consideration at their next meetings.

11. Review of reporting requirements (Decision 16.45)..... (AC26/PC20 WG1 Doc. 1)

The Committees adopted the recommendations in document AC26/PC20 WG1 Doc. 1 on special reporting requirements identified as still current and valid to one or both Committees. In compliance with Decision 16.45, they agreed to advise the Standing Committee Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements accordingly.

Adoption of executive summary AC27/PC21 Sum. 1.....(AC27/PC21 Sum.1)

The Committees adopted executive summary AC26/PC20 Sum. 1 with the following amendments:

- Under item 8.1, in the third bullet, replace the words “IPBES should” with the words in proposing candidates, CITES should.
- Under item 9.1, in the section on Members: delete “AC nomenclature specialist (Ms Grimm)” and add AC acting representative of Asia (Mr Ishii).
- Under items 9.1 and 10, in the sections on Members, change text to read AC acting representative of North America (Ms Gnam).

Closing remarks ..... *No document*

The Chair of the Plants Committee, the Chair of the Animals Committee and the CITES Secretary-General, thanked Mexico for hosting the joint meeting. They also thanked the participants, the interpreters and all

meeting organizers. The Chairs of the Committees then closed the joint session of the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee and 21st meeting of the Plants Committee.