

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



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Animals Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-20 March 2012 and Dublin (Ireland), 22-24 March 2012

PREPARATION OF THE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR COP16

1. This document has been submitted by the Secretariat on behalf of the Chair of the Animals Committee in relation to agenda item 24 .
2. The Annex contains an initial draft of the Chair's report to be submitted at CoP16 on behalf of the Committee.
3. This report will be prepared in collaboration with the Committee and the CITES Secretariat.
4. The Committee is invited to review the initial draft, confirm the people who are in charge of the various topics and prepare the texts that will make up the report (ideally) during the meeting.
5. In the event that a text requires more preparation time, the Committee is asked to set a date for submission to the Chair.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR  
(DRAFT)

Introduction

1. This report was prepared by Mr Carlos Ibero Solana, Chair of the Animals Committee, with the kind assistance of the members of the Committee and the CITES Secretariat. It covers the period from 15 October 2009 to XX XXXX 2012. During this period, the Committee held two meetings: the 25th (AC25), in Geneva, Switzerland, from 18 to 22 July 2011, and the 26th (AC26), in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 to 20 March 2012 and in Dublin, Ireland, from 22 to 24 March. The sessions in Dublin were a Joint Meeting with the Plants Committee to deal with issues assigned by the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties commonly to both committees. The 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was attended by observers from XXX countries, X United Nations bodies, XX intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and XX non-governmental organizations (NGOs), for a total of XXX participants; the 26th meeting was attended by observers of XX countries, XX United Nations bodies, XX IGOs and XX NGOs, for a total of XXX participants.
2. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to the authorities of Ireland, which hosted the Joint Animals Committee - Plants Committee meeting mentioned above, for organizing and supporting it so effectively.
3. The Committee also wishes to express its appreciation to the Secretariat for the organization and preparation of the documentation for both meetings, and for all its constant intersessional support.
4. Listed below is the membership of the Animals Committee. On 25 March 2010, immediately after the closure of CoP15, the members and alternate members of the Animals Committee and the CITES Secretariat met unofficially in Doha (Qatar). Mr Carlos Ibero Solana (Spain) was designated interim Chair. No interim Vice-Chair was designated at that moment, but Ms Carolina Caceres (Canada) was designated by e.mail before AC25. Both were formally elected at the beginning of AC25 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Region	Representative	Alternate
Africa	Mr Khaled Zahzah (Tunisia) Mr Samuel Kasiki (Kenya)	Mr Mostafa Ahmed Mahmoud (Egypt) Mr Moses Maurihungirire (Namibia)
Asia	Mr Mohammad Pourkazemi (Islamic Republic of Iran) Mr Suharsono Soemorumekso (Indonesia)	Mr Nobuo Ishii (Japan) Mr Choo-Hoo Giam (Singapore)
Central and South America and the Caribbean	Mr Marcel Enzo Calvar Agrelo (Uruguay) Mr José Alberto Álvarez Lemus (Cuba)	Ms Nereyda Margarita Estrada Andino (Honduras) Mr Paul Edward Ouboter (Suriname)
Europe	Mr Vincent Fleming (United Kingdom) Mr. Carlos Ibero Solana	Mr Mathias Loertscher (Switzerland) Mr Radu Suciu (Romania)
North America	Ms Carolina Caceres (Canada)	Ms Rosemarie Gnam (United States of America)
Oceania	Mr Hugh Robertson (New Zealand)	Mr Rod Hay (New Zealand)
<b>Nomenclature specialist</b>		
Ms Ute Grimm (Germany)		

5. All representatives attended both meetings. The required regional reports were presented at the two meetings, explaining the activities undertaken by the regional representatives and in general in the regions.

6. The Chair of the Animals Committee took part in the following meetings:
- a) 3<sup>rd</sup> ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPEBS), 7-11 June, 2010, Republic of Korea.
  - b) 4th Meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB), Gland, Switzerland, 13 February 2011.
  - c) Asian snake trade workshop, Guangzhou, China, 11 - 14 April 2011.
  - d) 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee (SC)
  - e) 5th Meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB), Dublin, Ireland, 25 March 2012.

#### Main Topics covered

7. The Secretariat prepared document AC25 Doc. 8.1 *Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Animals Committee*, which was submitted for consideration by the Committee at its first meeting after CoP 15. Annexes 1 and 2 to this document present all the instructions directed to the Animals Committee or that may require consulting or informing the Committee. These instructions are contained in the Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties currently in effect.
8. Some of the topics that were covered at the Committee's joint meeting with the Plants Committee are simply listed in this report, and the recommendations that emerged from the discussions are recorded in various documents prepared jointly by the Chairs of the two Committees (see documents CoP16 Doc. XX, CoP16 Doc. XX, CoP16 Doc. XX, and CoP16 Doc. XX. Add any documents produced here).
9. Listed below are the Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Animals Committee and the results achieved. The documents cited are available on the CITES website. The specific measures that are recommended are contained in separate documents (see document CoP16 Doc. XX, etc. Add any documents produced here).

#### Resolutions containing instructions directed to the Animals Committee or that may involve it and persons in charge at the Committee

##### **Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade. Resolution Conf. 8.13 (rev.)**

Person in charge: representative of Europe (Mr Vincent Flerming)

##### **Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II. Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP 15)**

Person in charge: representative of North America (Ms Carolina Caceres)

##### **Inclusion of species in Appendix III. Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP 15)**

Person in charge: chair of the Committee (Mr Carlos Ibero Solana)

##### **Transport of live specimens. Resolution Conf.10.21 (Rev. CoP 14)**

Persons in charge: alternate representative of Europe (Mr Mathias Loertscher) and Austria (Mr Andreas Kaufmann).

##### **Universal tagging system for the identification of crocodylian skins. Resolution Conf. 11.12 (Rev. CoP 15)**

Persons in charge: representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr José Alberto Álvarez Lemus) and alternate representative of Asia (Mr Choo-Hoo Giam)

## **Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II**

Persons in charge: representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr José Alberto Álvarez Lemus and Mr Marcel Calvar Agrelo)

### **Identification Manual. Resolution Conf. 11.19**

Person in charge: alternate representative of North America (Ms Rosemarie Gnam)

### **Conservation and Management of Sharks (Class Chondrichthyes). Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP 15)**

Person in charge: representative of Oceania (Mr Hugh Robertson)

### **Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish. Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP 14)**

Person in charge: representative of Asia (Mr Mohammed Pourkazemi)

### **Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP 13)**

Persons in charge: representative of Europe (Mr Vincent Fleming) and representative of North America (Ms Carolina Caceres)

### **Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes. Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP 15)**

Person in charge; chair of the Committee (Mr Carlos Ibero Solana)

### **Standard nomenclature. Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP 13)**

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Ms Ute Grimm)

### **Conservation of and trade in great apes. Resolution Conf. 13.4**

Person in charge: representative of Africa (Mr Samuel Kasiki)

### **CITES compliance procedures. Resolution Conf. 14.3**

Person in charge: alternate representative of Europe (Mr Mathias Loertscher)

### **Periodic review of the Appendices. Resolution Conf. 14.8**

Person in charge: alternate representative of North America (Ms Rosemarie Gnam)

### **Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the biennium 2012-2013. Resolution Conf. 15.1**

Person in charge: representative of North America (Ms Carolina Caceres)

### **Establishment of Committees. Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP 15)**

Person in charge: chair of the Committee (Mr Carlos Ibero Solana)

Decisions directed to the Animals Committee or instructions that may involve it and persons in charge at the Committee

### **Biodiversity indicators Partnership. Decision 15.11**

Person in charge: representative of Asia (Mr Suharsono Soemorumekso)

**Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).  
Decision 15.12**

Person in charge: Chair of the Committee (Mr Carlos Ibero Solana)

**Climate change. Decision 15.15**

Person in charge: alternate representative of Oceania (Mr Rod Hay) and representative of North America (Ms Carolina Caceres)

**Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species. Decision 12.91**

Person in charge: representative of Asia (Mr Mohammed Pourkazemi) representative of North America (Ms Carolina Caceres)

**Non-detriment findings**

Person in charge: chair of the Committee (Mr Carlos Ibero Solana)

**Periodic Review of the Appendices. Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP 15)**

Person in charge: alternate representative of North America (Ms Rosemarie Gnam)

**Criteria for the inclusion of species in Appendices I and II. Decisions 15.28, 15.29 and 15.30**

Person in charge: representative of North America (Ms Carolina Caceres)

**Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II. Decision 15.15**

Persons in charge: representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr José Alberto Álvarez Lemus and Mr Marcel Calvar Agrelo)

**Review of Significant Trade (Evaluation of the). Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP 14)**

Persons in charge: representative of Europe (Mr Vincent Fleming) and representative of North America (Ms Carolina Caceres)

**Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species. Decisions 15.52 and 15.53**

Person in charge: representative of Europe (Mr Vincent Fleming)

**Transport of live specimens. Decision 15.59**

Person in charge: alternate representative of Europe (Mr Mathias Loertscher) and Austria (Mr Andreas Kaufmann)

**Standard nomenclature. Decisions 15.62 and 15.63**

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Ms Ute Grimm)

**Identification of CITES-listed corals in trade. Decisions 15.64 and 15.65**

Person in charge: representative of Asia (Mr Suharsono Soemorumekso) and representative of Europe (Mr Vincent Fleming)

**Great whales. Decision 14.81**

Person in charge: alternate representative of North America (Ms Rosemarie Gnam)

**Snake trade and conservation management. Decisions 15.75, 15.76 and 15.77**

Persons in charge: alternate representatives of Europe (Mr Mathias Loertscher), representative of Asia (Mr Suharsono Soemorumekso) and alternate representative of Asia (Mr Choo-Hoo Giam)

**Tortoises and freshwater turtles. Decision 15.79**

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Ms Ute Grimm)

**Sea cucumbers. Decision 14.100 (rev. CoP 15)**

Person in charge: representative of Oceania (Mr Hugh Robertson)