

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



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This document has been prepared by the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees.

PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE APPENDICES

The Standing Committee adopted guidance for the conduct of the periodic review at its 51st meeting (Bangkok, October 2004). The full text of this recommendation of the Standing Committee can be found in documents AC21 Doc. 11.1 (Rev. 1) and PC15 Doc. 11.

In the light of experience of applying the guidance, the Animals and Plants Committees, at their 22nd and 16th meetings (AC22, PC16) respectively, agreed to propose some changes to it to speed up and simplify the procedures.

The text of the proposed new guidance is found in the Annex to this document. Changes to the original text (but not differences in the paragraph numbering), are shown in ~~strike through~~ or underline. However, it should be noted that as the Summary Records of AC22 and PC16 have not yet been formally approved, this text must be considered as a draft.

The committees believed that it might be more appropriate for such procedures to be set out in a Resolution agreed by the Conference of the Parties, rather than as guidance from the Standing Committee. Consequently they will be making such a proposal in their reports for CoP14 and presenting it at the 55th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Proposed new guidance for conducting the periodic review of the Appendices

- a) The Animals and Plants Committees should share their experience during joined meetings regarding the undertaking of periodic reviews of species included in the Appendices (including the financing of reviews, the process, the format and output)
- b) The Animals and Plants Committees should establish a schedule for the periodic review of the Appendices, and identify a list of species they propose to review during the next two intersessional periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The list should be established at their first meeting after the meeting of the Conference of the Parties that initiates the review period.
- c) The Animals and Plants Committees are encouraged to follow the guidelines and rapid assessment technique in Annexes 1 and 2 of document SC51 Doc. 16 and their updates when selecting species and conducting the periodic review.
- d) The Secretariat should send a copy of the list of taxa to all Parties and request range States of the species to comment on the need to review the species and express their interest in undertaking the reviews. The responses should be relayed by the Secretariat to the Animals or Plants Committee.
- e) Taking these comments into account, the Animals and Plants Committees will inform the Standing Committee about the finalized selection of the species to be reviewed.
- f) The Chairmen of the Plants and Animals Committees should keep the Standing Committee informed about the conduct of periodic reviews of species included in the Appendices.
- g) The Animals and Plants Committees should conduct or organize the reviews, seeking information, participation and support from the range States. The regional representatives of the Animals, Plants and Standing Committees should seek assistance from range States within their region to support the species reviews.
- h) A draft of each review (in an agreed format) should be submitted as a working document to the Plants or Animals Committee for review. The Secretariat should draw attention of the relevant range States to these working documents.
 - i) In cases where a review indicates, and the technical committee concerned agrees, that it would be appropriate to transfer a species from one Appendix to another, or to delete a species from Appendix II, the Animals or Plants Committee should, in consultation with the range States, prepare (or arrange the preparation of) a proposal to amend the Appendices..
- j) The Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee and the Animals or Plants Committee, should provide copies of the proposal to the range States and request that one or more should submit the proposal for consideration at the following meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- k) If no range State is willing to submit the proposal, the Secretariat should request the Depository Government to submit it [as specified in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP13)] and to include the comments of the range States in the supporting statement.
- l) Proposals resulting from the periodic review of the Appendices must be submitted for decision by the Conference of the Parties.