

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



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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION RELATING TO
CAPTIVE-BRED AND RANCHED SPECIMENS

This document has been submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* in relation to agenda item 27 on *Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens*.

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Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens

In SC61 Doc. 27, the EU and its Member States are proposing the following:

"the EU and its Member States propose that, at its 61st meeting, the Standing Committee:

- 1. invites all CITES Parties to report to the Secretariat on:
 - the various challenges they have been facing in relation to the implementation of the CITES Convention, Resolutions Conf. 10.16 (Rev.), Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) or Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) on trade in captive-bred or ranched specimens;
 - possible solutions to address those challenges;*
- 2. establishes an inter-sessional working group which would, taking account of the information provided under paragraph 1 and any other relevant input, report to the Standing Committee at its 62nd meeting on the problems encountered and issue recommendations to address them;*
- 3. invites the Members of the Animals Committee to contribute to the inter-sessional working group and encourage them to discuss this process at the 26th meeting of the Animals Committee (March 2012);*
- 4. invites the Secretariat to report regularly to the Standing Committee on significant cases where the Secretariat has taken initiatives or entered into a dialogue with Parties on trade in specimens declared as captive-bred or ranched where there is serious doubt whether these are all originating from captive breeding or ranching operations carried out pursuant to CITES Resolutions Conf. 10.16, 11.16 and 12.3."*

In order to render this proposal operational, it is suggested that the EU propose to the Standing Committee that:

1 - the Secretariat issue a notification to all Parties requesting that they provide information on:

- the challenges that they have been facing in relation to the implementation of the CITES Convention, Resolutions Conf. 10.16 (Rev.), Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) or Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) on trade in captive-bred or ranched specimens. The Parties would be invited to indicate in particular if those challenges relate to specific taxa (and which taxa) and/or to specific matters.

The notification should indicate that those challenges could include:

- confusion on the source codes used due to a lack of understanding of what those codes refer to;
 - doubts as to the accuracy of the use of source codes C, D, F or R due to the natural history of the species, to the production potential of the breeding facility concerned or to the size of the specimens in trade;
 - doubts as to the legal origin of the parental stocks;
 - enforcement problems;
 - questions linked to the existence of a registration scheme;
 - need to recruit specimens of wild origin to maintain a viable parental stock in the facility concerned;
 - needs to improve capacity building on breeding operations;
 - information on already existing local, national and international actions that have contributed to establish sound managed breeding activities;
- the solutions which could be applied to address those challenges within the CITES context.

This notification should be sent by the Secretariat to the Parties by 15th September 2011 with a request for replies by 30th November 2011.

2 - a working group being established, composed of Parties, international organisations, NGOs and relevant stakeholders. The Members of the Animals Committee should also be invited to become members of the working group. The compilation of the replies to the Secretariat notification should be made available to the working group. This working group should analysis this information and, taking account of those elements and any other relevant input, report to the Standing Committee at its 62nd meeting on the problems encountered and issue recommendations on how they should be addressed in the CITES context.