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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Summary record of the sixth plenary session

13 March 2013: 14h10-17h00

Chair: His Excellency Preecha Rengsomboonsuk
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Committee II Chair: R. Gabel
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Strategic matters

10. Committee reports and recommendations

This agenda item was deferred until the next day.

15. International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime

Document CoP16 Doc. 15 (Rev. 1) was noted as agreed by Committee II.

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Review of Resolutions

25. Proposals of the Secretariat

Annex 1 Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP15) – Submission of draft resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 1.2 of document CoP16 Doc. 25, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 2 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted.

Annex 2 Conf. 9.5 (Rev. CoP15) – Trade with States not party to the Convention

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 2 of document CoP16 Doc. 25 had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted.

Annex 3 Conf. 9.6 (Rev.) – Trade in readily recognizable parts and derivatives

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev.) in Annex 3 of document CoP16 Doc. 25, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 2 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted.

Annex 4 Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) – Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II

The proposed amendment to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 4 of document CoP16 Doc. 25 had been accepted Committee II and was adopted.

Annex 5 Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) – Establishment of Committees

Committee II had agreed to retain paragraph h) of the section under 'RESOLVES' of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) and with this additional amendment, had accepted the proposed amendments to this Resolution in Annex 5.2 of document CoP16 Doc. 25, which was adopted.

Annex 6 Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) – National reports

This Annex had been withdrawn by the Secretariat as the revision of Resolution Conf. 11.17 was to be dealt with under agenda item 30. This was noted.

Annex 7 Conf. 11.18 – Trade in Appendix-II and -III species

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.18 in document CoP16 Com. II. 1, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 5 had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted. The Committee had noted that, as a result, Resolution Conf. 11.18 would be defunct and it was clarified that paragraph f) under 'Recommends' in Resolution Conf. 10.3 would not be deleted. This was agreed.

Annex 8 Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) – Permits and certificates

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. II. 2 had been agreed by Committee II with amendments indicated in summary records CoP16 Com. II Rec. 5 and CoP16 Com. II Rec. 13 (Rev. 1), and were adopted.

Annex 9 Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) – Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes

This Annex had been withdrawn in Committee II owing to a lack of support. This was noted.

Annex 10 Conf. 13.6 – Implementation of Article VII, paragraph 2, concerning 'pre-Convention' specimens

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.6 in document CoP16 Com. II. 3 had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

Annex 11 Conf. 13.8 – Participation of observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.8 in Annex 11 of document CoP16 Doc. 25 had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted.

26. Draft revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) on Trade in elephant specimens

The draft revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. II. 26, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 13 (Rev. 1), has been agreed by Committee II and was adopted. Decisions 13.26 (Rev. CoP15), 14.76, 14.77, 14.79 (Rev. CoP15) and 15.74 were deleted and Decision 14.78 (Rev. CoP15) was extended to CoP17, as agreed by the Committee.

27. Climate change

As agreed by Committee I, document CoP16 Doc. 27 (Rev. 1) was noted. Decisions 15.15, 15.16 and 15.17 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

Compliance and enforcement

28. National laws for implementation of the Convention

The draft decisions contained in document CoP16 Doc. 28, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 14 (Rev. 1), had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted. Decisions 15.38 to 15.41 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

29. Enforcement matters

Committee II had accepted the draft revision of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 1 to document CoP16 Doc. 29 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 10 (Rev. 1), and this was adopted as amended. The draft decisions in Annex 3 to the document, together with three draft decisions in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 10 (Rev. 1) had also been agreed by the Committee and were adopted. Document CoP16 Doc. 29 (Rev. 1) was noted, as agreed by the Committee.

30. National reports

Committee II had accepted the proposed amendments to the Resolutions Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14), and the proposed amendments to Decisions 14.39 (Rev. CoP15), 14.40 (Rev. CoP15) and 14.41 (Rev. CoP15) and the draft decisions in the Annexes to document CoP16 Doc. 30 (Rev. 1), except that all references to 30 June in Annex 2 would remain as 31 October. It had also agreed that Annex 5 of the document would be subject to further input from the Standing Committee's working group on special reporting requirements. This was agreed and the Conference of the Parties adopted the proposed amendments to the Resolutions and Decisions, as well as the draft decisions. Decisions 14.37 (Rev. CoP15), 14.38 (Rev. CoP15), 15.42 and 15.43 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

31. Disposal of illegally-traded and confiscated specimens of Appendix-I, -II and -III species

The draft decision in document CoP16 Com. II. 21 had been accepted by Committee II and was adopted.

Trade control and marking

32. Introduction from the sea

The draft decisions and draft amendments to Resolutions contained in the Annexes to document CoP16 Doc. 32 (Rev. 1) had been accepted by a vote in Committee II, with amendments indicated in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 7 (Rev. 1). The final text of the amendments was shown in document CoP16 Com. II. 35. Argentina made the following statement, requesting that it be included in the record of the meeting:

Thank you very much, Mr Chairman,

Argentina would like to take the floor to bring to the plenary a concerning situation that took place in Committee II during the conversations related to the Introduction from the sea.

Argentina submitted an amendment to the draft resolution clarifying the scope of the resolution regarding chartering operations that should therefore have been subjected to a vote by the Chair of the Committee. Unfortunately, the amendment was dismissed with the observation that a regional group disagreed with it. Mr Chairman, as we duly noted, CITES has 178 Parties with the same right to vote.

This week, we have talked at length about the need to improve transparency in CITES; Mr Chairman, the transparency of decisions is not limited to the secret ballot. Ensuring that all Party States to CITES have the same opportunity to express their national position and to submit proposals and/or

amendments is as important as the issues discussed on the secret ballot because it ensures fairness and equal treatment for all States party to CITES.

The substance of the discussion refers to the role of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations. The intention of the resolution adopted without the Argentine amendment is to extend the regulations and requirements of RFMOs to all CITES Parties. This is unacceptable for Argentina. Any decision emanating from an RFMO is only binding for the member States of such RFMO, and under no circumstance or reason can it be compulsively extended to the rest of the international community.

We do not wish to take much of the precious time of the Conference of the Parties. Argentina came to this meeting in a profound spirit of flexibility and cooperation. We regret the way in which this matter has been dealt with and hope that it will not set a precedent for future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

Argentina requests that the present statement be entirely and textually included in the final summary record of the meeting. We will happily provide a written copy of it.

Thank you very much, Mr Chairman.

Noting the intervention by Argentina, the amendments to Resolutions Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) and Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP15) and the draft decisions contained in document CoP16 Com. II. 35 were adopted.

33. Non-detriment findings

The draft resolution in document CoP16 Com. I. 7 had been agreed by Committee I and was adopted. Decisions 15.23, 15.24, 15.26 and 15.27 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

34. Electronic permitting

The draft decision in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 34 (Rev. 1) had been accepted by Committee II and was adopted. Decisions 15.54 and 15.55 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

35. Improving the efficiency of international cooperation on permit and certificate verification

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. II. 20, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 12 (Rev. 1), had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

36. Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory

and

37. Proposal to amend Decision 14.77 on a Decision-making mechanism for a future trade in elephant ivory

Committee II had considered these two agenda items together and had agreed on a draft decision contained in document CoP16 Com. II. 18, which was adopted.

38. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates

Committee II had agreed that the subject should be referred back to the Standing Committee and agreed to amend Decision 14.54 (Rev. CoP15) to refer to the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee and the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The proposed amendment to Decision 14.54 (Rev. CoP15) was adopted.

39. Transport of live specimens

The draft revision to Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP14) presented in document CoP16 Doc. 39 (Rev. 1) had been agreed by Committee II and the revised text of the Resolution was presented in document CoP16 Com. II. 12. This proposed revision was adopted and the recommendations in the document were accepted. It was agreed that the Secretariat would make the necessary consequential amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15), including those specified in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 8 (Rev. 1). Decisions 15.59 and 15.60 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

40. Cross-border movement of musical instruments

The draft resolution and the draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) contained in document CoP16 Com. II. 25, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 14 (Rev. 1), had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

41. Use of taxonomic serial numbers

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 14 had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

42. Physical inspection of timber shipments

The draft decision in paragraph 11 of document CoP16 Doc. 42 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 5, had been agreed by Committee II and was adopted.

43. Standard nomenclature

The draft revision of Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. I. 8 had been agreed by Committee I and was adopted. Decisions 15.62 and 15.63 were deleted and Decision 15.64 was retained, as agreed by the Committee.

44. Identification Manual

44.1 Report of the Secretariat

The draft amendment of Resolution Conf. 11.19 in document CoP16 Com. II. 15 had been accepted by Committee II and was adopted.

44.2 Report of the Plants Committee

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 16 had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

45. E-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species

A draft decision in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 8 (Rev. 1), had been agreed by Committee II and was adopted. Decision 15.58 was deleted and Decision 15.57 was retained, as agreed by the Committee.

Exemptions and special trade provisions

46. Personal and household effects

The draft revision of Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14) in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 46 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 12 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee II and was adopted.

47. Proposed revision of Resolution Conf 13.7 (Rev. CoP 14) on
Control of trade in personal and household effects

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14) in summary record CoP16 Com. I Rec. 13 (Rev. 1) had been accepted by Committee I and were adopted.

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

The draft decisions in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 48 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 8 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted. Decisions 15.52 and 15.53 were retained, as agreed by the Committee.

Species trade and conservation

49. Great apes

The draft revised Resolution Conf. 13.4 in Annex 1 to document CoP16 Doc. 49 and the draft decision in document CoP16 Com. II. 13 had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted. Document CoP16 Doc. 49 was noted, as agreed by the Committee. Decisions 15.44 and 15.45 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

50. Asian big cats

The draft revision of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 2 to document CoP16 Doc. 50 (Rev. 1) and the draft decisions document CoP16 Com. II. 30, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 14 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted. Decisions 15.46 to 15.49 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

51. Illegal trade in cheetahs

Committee II had accepted the draft decisions presented in document CoP16 Doc. 51 (Rev. 1) under paragraph D of the *Comments from the Secretariat*. It also noted the Secretariat's intention to filter sensitive information received on illegal trade so that not all would be passed to the consultant who would conduct the study. After Qatar and Ethiopia intervened to request clarification from the Secretariat about the role of the consultant, the draft decisions were adopted.

52. Leopard quotas

The draft revision of Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP14) in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 52 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 10 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee II and was adopted. The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 33 had also been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

53. Elephants

53.1 Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants

Document CoP16 Doc. 53.1 was noted, as agreed by Committee II.

53.2 Monitoring of illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimens

53.2.1 Report of the Secretariat

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 22, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 13 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted.

53.2.2 ETIS report of TRAFFIC

Document CoP16 Doc. 53.2.2 was noted, as agreed by Committee II.

53.3 Proposed new resolution concerning the *African Elephant Action Plan* and *African Elephant Fund*

The draft resolution in document CoP16 Com. II. 17, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 13 (Rev. 1), had been agreed by Committee II and was adopted.

54. Rhinoceroses

54.1 Report of the Working Group

and

54.2 Report of the Secretariat

Committee II had considered these two items together. The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 24, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 13 (Rev. 1), and the additional draft decision in document Com. II. 34 had been agreed by the Committee and were adopted.

55. Tibetan antelope

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 29 had been agreed by Committee II and was adopted.

56. Saiga antelope

Nine draft decisions in document CoP16 Doc. 56 had been accepted by Committee I and were adopted. Decisions 14.91 and 14.93 (Rev. CoP15) were revised, and Decisions 14.94 (Rev. CoP15), 14.95 (Rev. CoP15), 14.96 and 14.97 (Rev. CoP15) were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

57. Snake trade and conservation management

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. I. 9 (Rev. 1) had been agreed by Committee I and were adopted. Decisions 15.75, 15.76, 15.77 and 15.78 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

58. Tortoises and freshwater turtles

58.1 Report of the Standing Committee

and

58.2 Report of the Animals Committee

Committee II had considered these two items together and had agreed the draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 23, as amended in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 13 (Rev. 1).

Indonesia, supported by Malaysia and opposed by the United States, requested further amendments, and a vote was held as to whether the agenda item should be reopened. With 24 Parties voting in favour, 86 voting against and 21 abstentions, the item was not reopened (see Annex 1). Document CoP16 Com. II. 23 was adopted, as amended by Committee II. Decisions 15.79 to 15.83 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

59. Hawksbill Turtle

The draft decision in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 59 (Rev. 1) had been accepted by Committee II and was adopted. Decision 15.84 was deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

60. Sturgeons and paddlefish

60.1 Report of the Animals Committee

and

60.2 Report of the Secretariat

Committee II had considered these two items together and had considered a proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) contained in document CoP16 Inf. 53. With amendments indicated in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 12 (Rev. 1), the revision had been accepted on a vote. The revised Resolution was adopted, as were the Secretariat's proposed draft decisions in document CoP16 Doc. 60.1 (Rev. 1).

61. Sharks and stingrays

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.6 and draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. I. 10 had been agreed by Committee I and were adopted.

62. Humphead wrasse

Committee II had accepted the recommendations in paragraph 20 of document CoP16 Doc. 62 (Rev. 1) and the proposed draft decision, as amended by the Secretariat, and agreed that the Secretariat would recast the recommendations in paragraph 20 as decisions. This was agreed.

63. Toothfish: report of CCAMLR

Document CoP16 Doc. 63 (Rev. 1) was noted, as agreed by Committee II.

64. Sea cucumbers

Decision 14.100 (Rev. CoP15) was deleted, as agreed by Committee I.

65. Regional cooperation on the management of and trade in the queen conch (*Strombus gigas*)

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. I. 15 had been agreed by Committee I and were adopted.

66. Madagascar

Document CoP16 Doc. 66 (Rev. 1) was noted and Decision 15.97 deleted, as agreed by Committee I.

67. Agarwood-producing taxa

67.1 Report of the Plants Committee

One draft new and one draft revised Decision in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 67.1 (Rev. 2) had been accepted by Committee I and were adopted.

67.2 Draft resolution on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*

The draft resolution in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 67.2 (Rev. 1) and a draft decision, the text of which was in summary record CoP16 Com. I Rec. 4, had been accepted by Committee I and were adopted.

68. Bigleaf mahogany

Committee I had agreed to two draft decisions concerning a Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species contained in summary record CoP16 Com. I Rec. 5; these were adopted. Decisions 15.91 and 15.92 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

69. *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*

Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15) was deleted, as agreed by Committee I.

70. Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group

The draft decision contained in document CoP16 Doc. 70 (Rev. 1) had been accepted by Committee II and was adopted. Decisions 14.73 and 14.74 (Rev. CoP15) were retained, as agreed by the Committee.

Amendment of the Appendices

71. Criteria for the inclusion of species in Appendices I and II

Document CoP16 Doc. 71 (Rev. 1), was noted, as agreed by Committee I. Decisions 15.28, 15.29 and 15.30 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

72. Criteria related to ranched populations

Draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. I. 6 had been agreed by Committee I and were adopted. Decision 15.51 was deleted, as agreed by Committee I.

73. Proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II

The draft decision in document CoP16 Com. II. 19 had been agreed by Committee II and was adopted.

74. Periodic Review of the Appendices

74.1 Revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 on Periodic Review of the Appendices

The draft revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 in document CoP16 Com. I. 12 had been agreed by Committee I and was adopted.

74.2 Review of the Appendices: Felidae

The draft revision of Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. I. 11 had been agreed by Committee I and was adopted.

75. Development and application of annotations

and

76. Annotations – report of the Plants Committee

Four definitions used in annotations and contained in documents CoP16 Doc. 75 (Rev. 1) and CoP16 Doc. 76 (Rev. 1) had been accepted by consensus in Committee II, where it was noted that they would be discussed by a working group of the Standing Committee, and these were adopted. Committee II had also agreed the draft decisions and the draft amendments to Resolutions Conf. 8.21 and Conf. 11.19 in the Annexes to document CoP16 Doc. 75 (Rev. 1), and the draft amendments to Resolutions Conf. 5.20, Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15), Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP15) and Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. II. 27, and these were adopted.

77. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

Two draft decisions on *Extinct or possibly extinct species* found in paragraph 12 of document CoP16 Doc. 77 had been accepted by Committee I and were adopted.

Having already been accepted by consensus in Committee I, the following proposals were adopted without discussion: CoP16 Prop. 1, Prop. 4, Prop. 5, Prop. 6, Prop. 7, Prop. 8, Prop. 9, Prop. 13, Prop. 14, Prop. 20, Prop. 21, Prop. 22, Prop. 26, Prop. 27, Prop. 29, Prop. 30, Prop. 31, Prop. 32, Prop. 36, Prop. 37 and Prop. 38.

The Chair of Committee I explained that some proposals had been accepted in that Committee in an amended form or with accompanying draft decisions: proposal CoP16 Prop. 2 (Rev. 2) had been accepted with the addition of the sentence "All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly" at the end of the annotation; proposal CoP16 Prop. 17 had been accepted with a draft amendment to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP15) on *Standard nomenclature* incorporated into document CoP16 Com. I. 8; and proposal CoP16 Prop. 28 had been amended to retain the species concerned in Appendix II but with the annotation "zero export quota from the wild", which had been accepted together with two accompanying draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. I. 14. All of these were adopted without discussion.

The Chair of Committee I informed Parties that proposals CoP16 Prop. 33, Prop. 34 and Prop. 35 had not been submitted for decision in line with Rule 23.6 upon the adoption of CoP16 Prop. 32, and that proposals CoP16 Prop. 10, Prop. 11 and Prop. 12 had been withdrawn. This information was noted.

In agreement with the recommendations of Committee I, proposals CoP16 Prop. 3 (both the original and the amended version proposed during the Committee's sixth session), Prop. 15, Prop. 16, Prop. 18, Prop. 19, Prop. 23 and Prop. 24 were rejected.

The Chair of Committee I reported that proposal CoP16 Prop. 25, to transfer the Thai population of *Crocodylus siamensis* (Siamese crocodile) from Appendix I to Appendix II with a zero quota for wild specimens, had been rejected after a vote in Committee I. Thailand made a request to open debate on the proposal. This was supported by Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Ireland, on behalf of the Member States of the European Union and Croatia, reiterated that populations were fragmented and scattered, and opposed the opening of the debate. Switzerland too opposed a reopening of discussions.

The debate on proposal CoP16 Prop. 25 was opened after a vote with 48 in support, 74 objections and 16 abstentions (see Annex 2).

Thailand noted that current domestic legislation strictly prohibited harvesting of wild specimens and protected their habitats, believing that its re-stocking and rehabilitation programme contributed to the conservation of wild populations. It reported that surveys in protected areas had showed an increase in remnant populations, with the current numbers estimated at 200 individuals. It felt that, with the current captive-breeding programmes in place, it would reduce the incentive for any harvest of wild specimens and proposed the addition of three annotations to the proposal, to read as follows:

1. *A zero export quota for wild specimens.*
2. *Thailand to provide a report of progress to the Secretariat.*
3. *Thailand offered third parties to oversee the implementation of their re-introduction programme.*

Pakistan opined that the intent of the transfer to Appendix II was for the sustainable use of captive-bred specimens only and, together with Qatar, supported the amended proposal.

Ireland, on behalf of the Member States of the European Union and Croatia, believed that an Appendix-II listing would not prohibit trade in wild specimens and, together with Switzerland, did not support the amended proposal. Switzerland maintained its view that the species met the biological criteria for inclusion Appendix I. Seychelles requested that Thailand provide further information regarding the enforcement of the prohibition of trade in wild specimens.

Thailand believed that the current wild population size was such that the species did not meet the biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I, and reiterated that domestic legislation protected wild populations, while strict management and enforcement prohibited trade. It emphasized that there would be no ranching for trade and that all traded specimens would be captive-bred.

Proposal CoP16 Prop. 25, with amendments, was rejected after a vote, with 57 in support, 70 against and 11 abstentions (see Annex 3).

The meeting was adjourned at 17h00.

VOTE ON THE REOPENING OF ITEM 58
(TORTOISES AND FRESHWATER TURTLES)

List provided in English only. Key of abbreviations:

ABST = Abstain

NA = not allowed to vote

NV = did not vote and not present (or card not inserted into the microphone unit)

NVP = did not vote, but present (card inserted into the microphone unit but did not vote)

1	Afghanistan	0	NA
2	Albania	0	NA
3	Algeria	1	NVP
4	Antigua and Barbuda	1	NV
5	Argentina	1	ABST
6	Armenia	1	ABST
7	Australia	1	NO
8	Austria	1	NO
9	Azerbaijan	1	NV
10	Bahamas	1	NO
11	Bahrain	1	YES
12	Bangladesh	0	NA
13	Barbados	0	NA
14	Belarus	1	NVP
15	Belgium	1	NO
16	Belize	1	NV
17	Benin	1	NO
18	Bhutan	1	NV
19	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0	NA
20	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	NO
21	Botswana	1	NO
22	Brazil	1	NO
23	Brunei Darussalam	1	YES
24	Bulgaria	1	NO
25	Burkina Faso	1	NO
26	Burundi	1	NVP
27	Cambodia	1	YES
28	Cameroon	1	NO
29	Canada	1	NO
30	Cape Verde	0	NA
31	Central African Republic	1	NO
32	Chad	0	NA
33	Chile	1	NO
34	China	1	YES
35	Colombia	1	NO
36	Comoros	1	NO
37	Congo	1	NO

38	Costa Rica	1	NO
39	Côte d'Ivoire	1	NV
40	Croatia	1	NO
41	Cuba	1	YES
42	Cyprus	1	NO
43	Czech Republic	1	NO
44	Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	NO
45	Denmark	1	NO
46	Djibouti	0	NA
47	Dominica	0	NA
48	Dominican Republic	1	NO
49	Ecuador	1	NO
50	Egypt	1	NVP
51	El Salvador	1	NVP
52	Equatorial Guinea	0	NA
53	Eritrea	1	NO
54	Estonia	1	NO
55	Ethiopia	1	YES
56	Fiji	1	NVP
57	Finland	1	NO
58	France	1	NO
59	Gabon	1	NO
60	Gambia	1	YES
61	Georgia	1	NO
62	Germany	1	NO
63	Ghana	1	NO
64	Greece	1	NO
65	Grenada	1	NO
66	Guatemala	1	NO
67	Guinea	1	NO
68	Guinea-Bissau	0	NA
69	Guyana	1	NVP
70	Honduras	1	NO
71	Hungary	1	NO
72	Iceland	1	YES
73	India	1	ABST
74	Indonesia	1	NVP
75	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0	NA
76	Ireland	1	NO
77	Israel	1	NO
78	Italy	1	NO
79	Jamaica	1	NO
80	Japan	1	NO
81	Jordan	1	NO
82	Kazakhstan	0	NA
83	Kenya	1	NVP
84	Kuwait	1	YES
85	Kyrgyzstan	1	NV

86	Lao People's Democratic Republic	1	YES
87	Latvia	1	NO
88	Lesotho	0	NA
89	Liberia	1	NO
90	Libya	1	NV
91	Liechtenstein	1	NO
92	Lithuania	1	NO
93	Luxembourg	1	NO
94	Madagascar	1	ABST
95	Malawi	0	NA
96	Malaysia	1	YES
98	Mali	1	NO
99	Maldives	1	NVP
100	Malta	1	NO
101	Mauritania	1	NO
102	Mauritius	0	NA
103	Mexico	1	NO
104	Monaco	1	NO
105	Mongolia	0	NA
106	Montenegro	1	NV
107	Morocco	1	NVP
108	Mozambique	1	ABST
109	Myanmar	1	ABST
110	Namibia	1	NVP
111	Nepal	1	NV
112	Netherlands	1	NO
113	New Zealand	1	NO
114	Nicaragua	0	NA
115	Niger	1	NO
116	Nigeria	0	NA
117	Norway	1	NO
118	Oman	1	ABST
119	Pakistan	1	YES
120	Palau	0	NA
121	Panama	1	NO
122	Papua New Guinea	1	NO
123	Paraguay	1	ABST
124	Peru	1	NVP
125	Philippines	1	YES
126	Poland	1	NO
127	Portugal	1	NO
128	Qatar	1	YES
129	Republic of Korea	1	NVP
130	Republic of Moldova	1	NO
131	Romania	1	NO
132	Russian Federation	1	NO
133	Rwanda	0	NA
134	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	YES

135	Saint Lucia	1	ABST
136	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	ABST
137	Samoa	1	ABST
138	San Marino	0	NA
139	Sao Tome and Principe	1	ABST
140	Saudi Arabia	0	NA
141	Senegal	1	NO
142	Serbia	1	NO
143	Seychelles	1	NO
144	Sierra Leone	1	NO
145	Singapore	1	YES
146	Slovakia	1	NO
147	Slovenia	1	NO
148	Solomon Islands	0	NA
149	Somalia	1	NV
150	South Africa	1	ABST
151	Spain	1	NO
152	Sri Lanka	1	ABST
153	Sudan	1	ABST
154	Suriname	1	ABST
155	Swaziland	1	ABST
156	Sweden	1	NO
157	Switzerland	1	NO
158	Syrian Arab Republic	0	NA
159	Thailand	1	YES
160	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0	NA
161	Togo	1	ABST
162	Trinidad and Tobago	0	NA
163	Tunisia	1	YES
164	Turkey	1	NO
165	Uganda	1	ABST
166	Ukraine	1	ABST
167	United Arab Emirates	1	NO
168	United Kingdom	1	NO
169	United Republic of Tanzania	1	NO
170	United States	1	NO
171	Uruguay	1	ABST
172	Uzbekistan	0	NA
173	Vanuatu	1	ABST
174	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	1	ABST
175	Viet Nam	1	YES
176	Yemen	1	NV
177	Zambia	1	NO
178	Zimbabwe	1	YES

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1	Afghanistan	0	NA
2	Albania	0	NA
3	Algeria	1	NVP
4	Antigua and Barbuda	1	NV
5	Argentina	1	ABST
6	Armenia	1	NO
7	Australia	1	NO
8	Austria	1	NO
9	Azerbaijan	1	NO
10	Bahamas	1	NO
11	Bahrain	1	YES
12	Bangladesh	0	NA
13	Barbados	0	NA
14	Belarus	1	ABST
15	Belgium	1	NO
16	Belize	1	NV
17	Benin	1	NO
18	Bhutan	1	NV
19	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0	NA
20	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	ABST
21	Botswana	1	ABST
22	Brazil	1	NO
23	Brunei Darussalam	1	YES
24	Bulgaria	1	NO
25	Burkina Faso	1	NO
26	Burundi	1	YES
27	Cambodia	1	YES
28	Cameroon	1	ABST
29	Canada	1	NO
30	Cape Verde	0	NA
31	Central African Republic	1	NO
32	Chad	0	NA
33	Chile	1	NO
34	China	1	YES
35	Colombia	1	NO
36	Comoros	1	NO
37	Congo	1	NO
38	Costa Rica	1	YES
39	Côte d'Ivoire	1	ABST
40	Croatia	1	NO
41	Cuba	1	YES

42	Cyprus	1	NO
43	Czech Republic	1	NO
44	Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	YES
45	Denmark	1	NO
46	Djibouti	0	NA
47	Dominica	0	NA
48	Dominican Republic	1	NO
49	Ecuador	1	YES
50	Egypt	1	YES
51	El Salvador	1	NO
52	Equatorial Guinea	0	NA
53	Eritrea	1	NO
54	Estonia	1	NO
55	Ethiopia	1	ABST
56	Fiji	1	NO
57	Finland	1	NO
58	France	1	NO
59	Gabon	1	NO
60	Gambia	1	YES
61	Georgia	1	YES
62	Germany	1	NO
63	Ghana	1	NO
64	Greece	1	NO
65	Grenada	1	NO
66	Guatemala	1	NO
67	Guinea	1	YES
68	Guinea-Bissau	0	NA
69	Guyana	1	YES
70	Honduras	1	NO
71	Hungary	1	NO
72	Iceland	1	YES
73	India	1	NO
74	Indonesia	1	YES
75	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0	NA
76	Ireland	1	NO
77	Israel	1	NO
78	Italy	1	NO
79	Jamaica	1	ABST
80	Japan	1	YES
81	Jordan	1	NO
82	Kazakhstan	0	NA
83	Kenya	1	NO
84	Kuwait	1	ABST
85	Kyrgyzstan	1	NV
86	Lao People's Democratic Republic	1	YES
87	Latvia	1	NO
88	Lesotho	0	NA
89	Liberia	1	NO

90	Libya	1	NV
91	Liechtenstein	1	NO
92	Lithuania	1	NO
93	Luxembourg	1	NO
94	Madagascar	1	ABST
95	Malawi	0	NA
96	Malaysia	1	YES
98	Mali	1	NO
99	Maldives	1	NO
100	Malta	1	NO
101	Mauritania	1	YES
102	Mauritius	0	NA
103	Mexico	1	NO
104	Monaco	1	NO
105	Mongolia	0	NA
106	Montenegro	1	NO
107	Morocco	1	YES
108	Mozambique	1	YES
109	Myanmar	1	YES
110	Namibia	1	YES
111	Nepal	1	NV
112	Netherlands	1	NO
113	New Zealand	1	NO
114	Nicaragua	0	NA
115	Niger	1	YES
116	Nigeria	0	NA
117	Norway	1	NO
118	Oman	1	ABST
119	Pakistan	1	YES
120	Palau	0	NA
121	Panama	1	YES
122	Papua New Guinea	1	NO
123	Paraguay	1	ABST
124	Peru	1	YES
125	Philippines	1	YES
126	Poland	1	NO
127	Portugal	1	NO
128	Qatar	1	YES
129	Republic of Korea	1	NVP
130	Republic of Moldova	1	YES
131	Romania	1	NO
132	Russian Federation	1	NO
133	Rwanda	0	NA
134	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	YES
135	Saint Lucia	1	NO
136	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	ABST
137	Samoa	1	YES
138	San Marino	0	NA

139	Sao Tome and Principe	1	NV
140	Saudi Arabia	0	NA
141	Senegal	1	YES
142	Serbia	1	NO
143	Seychelles	1	NO
144	Sierra Leone	1	NO
145	Singapore	1	YES
146	Slovakia	1	NO
147	Slovenia	1	NO
148	Solomon Islands	0	NA
149	Somalia	1	ABST
150	South Africa	1	YES
151	Spain	1	NO
152	Sri Lanka	1	YES
153	Sudan	1	YES
154	Suriname	1	YES
155	Swaziland	1	NO
156	Sweden	1	NO
157	Switzerland	1	NO
158	Syrian Arab Republic	0	NA
159	Thailand	1	YES
160	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0	NA
161	Togo	1	YES
162	Trinidad and Tobago	0	NA
163	Tunisia	1	YES
164	Turkey	1	ABST
165	Uganda	1	YES
166	Ukraine	1	YES
167	United Arab Emirates	1	ABST
168	United Kingdom	1	NO
169	United Republic of Tanzania	1	NV
170	United States	1	NO
171	Uruguay	1	YES
172	Uzbekistan	0	NA
173	Vanuatu	1	NO
174	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	1	YES
175	Viet Nam	1	YES
176	Yemen	1	NV
177	Zambia	1	NO
178	Zimbabwe	1	YES

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5	Argentina	1	YES
6	Armenia	1	NO
7	Australia	1	NO
8	Austria	1	NO
9	Azerbaijan	1	NO
10	Bahamas	1	NO
11	Bahrain	1	YES
12	Bangladesh	0	NA
13	Barbados	0	NA
14	Belarus	1	YES
15	Belgium	1	NO
16	Belize	1	NV
17	Benin	1	NO
18	Bhutan	1	NV
19	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0	NA
20	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	YES
21	Botswana	1	ABST
22	Brazil	1	YES
23	Brunei Darussalam	1	YES
24	Bulgaria	1	NO
25	Burkina Faso	1	NO
26	Burundi	1	YES
27	Cambodia	1	YES
28	Cameroon	1	YES
29	Canada	1	NO
30	Cape Verde	0	NA
31	Central African Republic	1	NO
32	Chad	0	NA
33	Chile	1	NO
34	China	1	YES
35	Colombia	1	YES
36	Comoros	1	NO
37	Congo	1	NO
38	Costa Rica	1	YES
39	Côte d'Ivoire	1	ABST
40	Croatia	1	NO
41	Cuba	1	YES

42	Cyprus	1	NO
43	Czech Republic	1	NO
44	Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	YES
45	Denmark	1	NO
46	Djibouti	0	NA
47	Dominica	0	NA
48	Dominican Republic	1	NO
49	Ecuador	1	YES
50	Egypt	1	YES
51	El Salvador	1	NO
52	Equatorial Guinea	0	NA
53	Eritrea	1	NO
54	Estonia	1	NO
55	Ethiopia	1	YES
56	Fiji	1	ABST
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67	Guinea	1	YES
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69	Guyana	1	YES
70	Honduras	1	NO
71	Hungary	1	NO
72	Iceland	1	NO
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74	Indonesia	1	YES
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83	Kenya	1	NO
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85	Kyrgyzstan	1	NV
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87	Latvia	1	NO
88	Lesotho	0	NA
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123	Paraguay	1	NO
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130	Republic of Moldova	1	YES
131	Romania	1	NO
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133	Rwanda	0	NA
134	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	YES
135	Saint Lucia	1	NO
136	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	ABST
137	Samoa	1	ABST
138	San Marino	0	NA

139	Sao Tome and Principe	1	NV
140	Saudi Arabia	0	NA
141	Senegal	1	YES
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146	Slovakia	1	NO
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