

**ASIA REGIONAL JOINT PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED
SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA AND THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF
THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND THE ASSOCIATED MEETINGS
OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOLS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Bangkok, Thailand, 1-5 August 2016

Provisional meeting programme

Day 1 – 1 August 2016

Time		
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:30	Opening session	
	<p>Opening statements (5 min each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITES Secretary General (by video) • CBD Executive Secretary • UNEP ROAP (also on behalf of ROWA) • Government of Thailand • EU Delegation 	
09:30 - 10:00	Adoption of agenda, selection of Chairs Organisation of work: Description of the meeting structure	
10:00 - 10:30	Photo session, coffee/tea break	
10:30 - 12:00	Introductory session	
	Overview of CITES CoP17, CBD COP13 and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols (by Secretariats of CITES and CBD)	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 - 14:30	CITES Session 1 (led by SC member and CITES Secretariat)	CBD Session 1 (led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD Secretariat)
	<p>Closer look at the CoP agenda, by cluster</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administrative and financial matters 2. Strategic matters 3. Interpretation and implementation matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General compliance and enforcement ○ Reporting ○ Trade control and traceability 4. Species specific matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Species specific matters ○ Maintenance of the 	<p>Closer look at the COP and COPMOP agendas</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ appendices ○ Amendment of the appendices 	
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee/tea break	
15:00 - 16:00	CITES Session 2 (led by SC member and CITES Secretariat) Identification of agenda items	CBD Session 2 (led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD Secretariat) Identification of agenda items
16:00 - 17:00	CITES Session 3 (led by SC member and CITES Secretariat) Identification of agenda items and assigning presenters Developing the program for the remainder of the week, including the determination of, if any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● closed sessions ● sub-regional sessions ● sessions that require video/online link with Secretariat staff 	CBD Session 3 (led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD Secretariat) Identification of agenda items and assigning presenters Developing the program for the remainder of the week, including, if any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● determination of closed sessions ● sub-regional sessions ● sessions that require video/online link with Secretariat staff (due to time difference, video/online link with SCBD is not feasible)

Main approach of the meeting on day 1: After the opening session, the CITES/CBD Secretariats will give a general overview on how the CoP/COP and COPMOPs work, including documentation flow, importance of credentials, regional meetings during the CoP sessions, interventions and negotiations, and consensus/voting for decision-making.

In the afternoon, the meeting will split into CITES and CBD groups. Each Convention group will look through the respective CoP/COP (or COPMOP) agenda, first in a quick overview led by the Secretariat. Then Parties will be facilitated by the Chairs, supported by the Secretariat, to select the agenda items that would be discussed during the remainder of the week. For each agenda item, a lead presenter (or a group of presenters) will be selected. Parties will also determine whether they wish any of the sessions to be in subregional groups, in a closed session (among Parties with no observers or Secretariats)¹, or with video/Skype link with the Secretariats (due to time difference, video/online link with SCBD is not feasible).

For each session, the lead presenter/s will prepare and present a 10-20-minute overview of the agenda item, and then lead a 30-minute discussion session. Notes for the presenters will be distributed at the meeting. These sessions of presentation and discussion will constitute most of days 2, 4, and 5.

¹ Tentatively, the final session of Day 2 and Day 4 and the last morning session of Day 5 have been marked as possible closed sessions for regional consultation. In principle, Parties may decide to close any of the sessions either in advance or during discussion. In addition Parties could engage in such regional consultations after the closure of the day's programme.

Day 2 – 2 August 2016

Time		
09:00 - 10:00	CITES Session 4 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 4 Presentation & discussion by participant
10:00 - 11:00	CITES Session 5 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 5 Presentation & discussion by participant
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30 - 12:30	CITES Session 6 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 6 Presentation & discussion by participant
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 15:00	CITES Session 7 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 7 Presentation & discussion by participant
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee/tea break	
15:30-16:30	CITES Session 8 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 8 Presentation & discussion by participant
16:30-17:30	CITES Session 9 (possible closed sessions for regional consultation) Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 9 (possible closed sessions for regional consultation) Presentation & discussion by participant

Day 3 – 3 August 2016

Time	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Synergies session 1: Enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions (relates to CBD COP 13 agenda item 13 and CITES CoP 17 agenda item 14.1)</p> <p><u>1.1 Synergies among biodiversity-related conventions; promoting cooperation and coherence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by convention secretariats and UNEP: decisions on synergies under biodiversity-related conventions (CBD, CITES, CMS, WHC, Ramsar) • Presentation by CBD Secretariat: ongoing process under CBD (COP decision XII/6) on enhancing synergies among the Conventions. • Presentation by UNEP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNEA 2 outcome Biodiversity MEAs synergies (7 themes, 28 actions and 88 recommendations) - Existing regional and international mechanisms (BLG/ CSAB/support by regional institutions) <p>Discussion / Q&A</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee/tea break
11:00 - 12:00	<p><u>1.2 Discussion panel with two Party representatives, joined by panellists from conventions' secretariats and UNEP (facilitated by a Party representative)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Party representatives (countries may be identified with UNEP-WCMC, based on inputs made to the sourcebook): views on opportunities and challenges related to synergies at the national level, and what are needed in terms of the global level support in promoting synergies • Representatives of convention secretariats (could be drawn from CBD, CITES, CMS, UNESCO): decisions on synergies in the past/ upcoming COPs, guidelines developed by secretariats; Secretariat- led initiatives to promote synergies (e.g. BLG, joint programming, harmonized reporting) • UNEP Regional Offices: UNEP work programme on synergies, activities undertaken to support countries
12:00-12:30	<p><u>1.3 Findings of Biodiversity regional reports for West Asia and Asia Pacific-progress on Aichi targets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by UNEP ROAP and UNEP ROWA
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:00	<p>Synergies session 2: Synergistic implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by UNEP:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tools (DELIC Guidance tools/InforMEA); - Outcomes of the UNEP Nairobi 2016 NBSAP and synergies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by UNEP-WCMC on the Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions at national and regional levels.
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee/tea break
15:30-17:30	<p>Synergies session 3: topics of common interest between CBD COP and CITES CoP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by SCBD or CITES Secretariat: brief overview on common issues addressed by CBD COP 13 and CITES CoP 17 • Discussion groups on common agenda items / thematic issues. Thematic areas could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bushmeat - E-commerce - Sustainable wildlife management / sustainable use - Traditional knowledge and indigenous and local communities / indigenous peoples and local communities - Youth engagement - Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

Day 4 – 4 August 2016

Time		
09:00 - 10:00	CITES Session 10 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 10 Presentation & discussion by participant
10:00 - 11:00	CITES Session 11 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 11 Presentation & discussion by participant
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30 - 12:30	CITES Session 12 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 12 Presentation & discussion by participant
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 15:00	CITES Session 13 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 13 Presentation & discussion by participant
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee/tea break	
15:30-16:30	CITES Session 14 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 14 Presentation & discussion by participant
16:30-17:30	CITES Session 15 (possible closed sessions for regional consultation) Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 15 (possible closed sessions for regional consultation) Presentation & discussion by participant

Day 5 – 5 August 2016

Time		
09:00 - 10:00	CITES Session 16 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 16 Presentation & discussion by participant
10:00 - 11:00	CITES Session 17 (possible closed sessions for regional consultation) Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 17 (possible closed sessions for regional consultation) Presentation & discussion by participant
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30 - 12:30	CITES Session 18 Presentation & discussion by participant	CBD Session 18 Presentation & discussion by participant
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 15:00	CITES Session 19 Overview of issues covered	CBD Session 19 Overview of issues covered
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee/tea break	
15:30-17:00	Closing session	