

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



Thirty-second meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 19-23 June 2023

Strategic matters

Animals Committee strategic planning for 2023-2025 (CoP19-CoP20)

ANIMALS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the Animals Committee.*
2. The Annex to this document contains the list of instructions directed to the Animals Committee, or that may require that it be consulted or informed, that can be found in the currently valid Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties. For ease of reference, and similar to meeting agendas of the Animals Committee, the Decisions are grouped under: Administrative and financial matters; Strategic matters; Compliance; Illegal trade and enforcement; Regulation of trade; Species conservation and trade; and Appendices of the Convention. The full text of these instructions is presented in document AC32 Doc. 8.1.
3. The Chair of the Animals Committee asked all Members and alternate Members of the Committee to review the above-mentioned instructions and consider how they each could contribute to achieving their effective implementation. The Animals Committee then identified a lead or co-leads for each of the instructions as part of its workplan for 2023-2025, as shown in the Annex to this document.
4. The Secretariat published Notification to the Parties No. [2023/044](#) on 5 April 2023 to inform the Parties that Mr. Thomas Leuteritz of the United States of America will replace Ms. Rosemarie Gnam as alternate representative for the North American region on the Animals Committee.

Recommendations

5. The Animals Committee is invited to note this document and agree that, in the event of the Standing Committee establishing additional intersessional working groups, the lead or co-leads identified for the relevant Resolution or Decision in the current work plan would represent the Animals Committee on the working group concerned.

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Animals Committee planning 2023-2025RESOLUTIONS WITH INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTED TO THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE
OR THAT MAY REQUIRE ITS INPUTS OR ASSISTANCE

Resolution	Title	AC lead
Conf. 8.13 (Rev. CoP17)	<i>Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Interpretation and application of quotas for species included in Appendix I</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)	<i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Implementation of the Convention for species in Appendix III</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Transport of live specimens</i>	S. Terada, Asia; G. Benyr, Europe
Conf. 11.12 (Rev. CoP15)	<i>Universal tagging system for the identification of crocodilian skins</i>	G. Benyr, Europe
Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15)	<i>Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; D. Zíková, Europe
Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Use of annotations in Appendices I and II</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; D. Zíková, Europe
Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Permits and certificates</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; S. Terada, Asia
Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Conservation and management of sharks</i>	H. Robertson, Oceania; M. Gongora, Central and South America and the Caribbean
Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP17)	<i>Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish</i>	D. Zíková, Europe; A. Mobaraki, Asia
Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i>	D. Zíková, Europe; H. Benitez, North America
Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15)	<i>Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Standard nomenclature</i>	P. Van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist
Conf. 13.2 (Rev. CoP14)	<i>Sustainable use of biodiversity: Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; D. Ramadori, Central and South America and the Caribbean
Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Conservation of and trade in great apes</i>	P. Kasoma, Africa; S. Terada, Asia

Resolution	Title	AC lead
Conf. 13.11 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Wild meat</i>	N. Maha, Africa
Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>CITES compliance procedures</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II</i>	S. McIntyre, Oceania
Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17)	<i>Non-detriment findings</i>	H. Benitez, North America; N. Maha, Africa
Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity</i>	D. Zíková, Europe; A. Hamidy, Asia
Conf. 17.12	<i>Conservation, sustainable use of and trade in snakes</i>	A. Hamidy, Asia; G. Benyr, Europe
Conf. 18.2	<i>Establishment of committees</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 18.3	<i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; H. Benitez, North America
Conf. 18.4	<i>Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 18.6	<i>Designation and role of Management Authorities</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; S. Terada, Asia
Conf. 19.1	<i>Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2023-2025</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Conf. 19.2	<i>Capacity-building</i>	T. Leuteritz, North America
Conf. 19.4	<i>Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species</i>	H. Robertson, Oceania
Conf. 19.5	<i>Conservation of marine turtles</i>	D. Ramadori, Central and South America and the Caribbean; A. Diesmos, Asia

DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE
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* indicates an item also directed to the Plants Committee

Decisions	Title	AC Lead
Administrative and financial matters		
19.2	<i>Emerging operational matters of the committees *</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
Strategic matters		
19.12	<i>CITES Strategic vision *</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; H. Benitez, North America
19.16	<i>Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade *</i>	P. van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist; A. Diesmos, Asia
19.20	<i>Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizations *</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
18.55	<i>Cooperation on the Black Sea bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops truncatus)</i>	D. Zíková, Europe
19.25	<i>Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative</i>	N. Maha, Africa; James Wakibara, Africa
19.28	<i>IPBES Report on the Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species *</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; D. Ramadori, Central and South America and the Caribbean,
19.31	<i>World Wildlife Trade Report *</i>	S.Terada, Asia; J. Wakibara, Africa
19.41	<i>Capacity-building *</i>	H. Robertson, Oceania; D. Ramadori, Central and South America and the Caribbean
19.47	<i>Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews *</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; T. Leuteritz, North America
Compliance		
17.108 to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Review of Significant Trade</i>	D. D. Zíková, Europe; H. Benitez, North America
19.64	<i>Review of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; D. Zíková, Europe; A. Hamidy, Asia
18.175	<i>Captive-breeding of spiny tailed lizards</i>	A. Hamidy, Asia
Illegal trade and enforcement		
18.90 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa*</i>	N. Maha, Africa; D. Diouck, Africa

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19.126	<i>Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)</i>	G. Benyr, Europe, P. van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist, A. Diesmos, Asia
Regulation of trade		
19.133	<i>Non-detriment findings *</i>	A. Hamidy, Asia; M. Gongora, Central and South America and the Caribbean, H. Benitez, North America
19.137	<i>Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix -II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction</i>	H. Robertson, Oceania; S. Terada, Asia
18.168 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Guidance on non-detriment findings for leopard (Panthera pardus) hunting trophies</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; P. Kasoma, Africa
19.142	<i>Materials for the identification of CITES-listed species *</i>	A. Mubarak, Asia
19.158	<i>Transport of live specimens *</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
19.161 and 162	<i>Specimens produced through biotechnology *</i>	D. Zíková, Europe; S. McIntyre, Oceania
19.165	<i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i>	D. Zíková, Europe; M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
19.168	<i>Trade in live African elephants (Loxodonta africana)</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
19.177	<i>Trade in stony corals</i>	A. Diesmos, Asia
19.179 and 180	<i>Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source *</i>	H. Benitez, North America; D. Zíková, Europe
Species conservation and trade		
19.185	<i>Assessment of Appendix-I listed species</i>	A. Hamidy, Asia; S. McIntyre, Oceania
19.187	<i>Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade *</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair; P. van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist
19.190	<i>Aquatic species listed in the Appendices</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
19.195	<i>West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.)</i>	D. Diouck, Africa
19.198	<i>Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)</i>	A. Diesmos, Asia
19.200	<i>Pangolins (Manis spp.)</i>	N. Maha, Africa
19.206	<i>African lions (Panthera leo)</i>	N. Maha, Africa; S. Ramirez, Central and South America and the Caribbean
19.212	<i>Leopards (Panthera pardus) in Africa</i>	J. Wakibara, Africa; P. Kasoma, Africa
18.257 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes)</i>	H. Robertson, Oceania; T. Leuteritz, North America

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17.256 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>African grey parrots (Psittacus erithacus)</i>	P. Kasoma, Africa; D. Diouck, Africa
19.215	<i>Saiga antelopes (Saiga spp.)</i>	G. Benyr, Europe; S. Terada, Asia
19.220	<i>Eels (Anguilla spp.)</i>	D. Zíková, Europe; M. Gongora, Central and South America and the Caribbean; R. Novitsky, Europe
19.225	<i>Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)</i>	H. Robertson, Oceania; M. Gongora, Central and South America and the Caribbean
19.231	<i>Seahorses (Hippocampus spp.)</i>	D. Ramadori, Central and South America and the Caribbean
19.235	<i>Queen conch (Strombus gigas)</i>	M. Gongora, Central and South America and the Caribbean
19.238	<i>Marine ornamental fishes</i>	M. Lörtscher, Europe, AC Chair
19.263	<i>Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species *</i>	D. Ramadori, Central and South America and the Caribbean
Appendices of the Convention		
16.162 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Annotations *</i>	N. Maha, Africa; D. Zíková, Europe
19.267	<i>Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations *</i>	N. Maha, Africa; D. Zíková, Europe
18.313 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings *</i>	P. Van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist
19.272	<i>Higher taxon listings in the Appendices *</i>	P. Van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist; D. Zíková, Europe
19.274	<i>Development of a standardized global checklist of species *</i>	P. Van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist
18.310 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Use of time-specific versions of online databases as standard nomenclature references</i>	P. Van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist
19.276	<i>Taxonomy and nomenclature of African elephants (Loxodonta spp.)</i>	P. Van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist
19.278	<i>Nomenclature (Bird family and order names)</i>	P. Van Dijk, Nomenclature Specialist