

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



Thirty-third meeting of the Animals Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 12 – 19 July 2024

Strategic matters

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PLAN FOR 2023-2025

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the Animals Committee.\*
2. At its 32nd meeting (AC32; Geneva, June 2023), the Animals Committee noted document [AC32 Doc. 8.1](#) and its two Annexes on Resolutions and Decisions that are directed to or that may require action from the Animals Committee or may need consultation with or assistance from the Plants Committee.
3. The present document presents an update on the progress made by the Animals Committee concerning the implementation of its work plan for 2023–2025 with regard to Decisions. The Annex to this document contains the list of instructions in Decisions directed to the Animals Committee by the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19; Panama City, 2022) and details on their implementation.
4. 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 was presented in document [AC32 Doc. 8.1](#).
5. The final column “Proposed recommendation to SC or CoP” represents the recommendations as currently presented in the documents to be considered at AC33, which may be subject to change. Based on the recommendations adopted at this meeting, this column will be updated before progress on the implementation of the work plan is reported to the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20).
6. There are no agenda items for the following Decisions at the present meeting:
  - Cooperation on the Black Sea bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) [Decision 18.55]
  - Emerging operational issues of the committees [Decision 19.2]
  - Capacity-building [Decision 19.42]
  - Captive-breeding of spiny tailed lizards [Decision 18.175]
  - Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa [Decision 18.90 (Rev. CoP19)]
  - Annotations [Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP19)]
  - Trade in live African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) [Decision 19.168]
  - African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*) [Decision 17.256 (Rev. CoP19)]
  - Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species [Decision 19.263]
  - Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another [Decision 18.151 (Rev. CoP19)]

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Recommendations

7. The Animals Committee is invited to take note of the present document.

DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE OR THAT MAY REQUIRE ITS INPUTS OR ASSISTANCE;  
THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED AT AC32 AND/OR SC77;  
PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION REPORTED AT AC33;  
PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO SC OR COP CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION  
BASED ON THE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO AC33 OR STATUS OF COMPLETION FOLLOWING AC32 OR SC77.  
\* indicates an item also directed to the Plants Committee, AC = Animals Committee, SC = Standing Committee, WG = Working Group

Decisions	Title	Relevant documents	Progress on implementation (AC33 document)	Proposed recommendation concerning implementation of Decision by AC to SC or CoP
<b>Administrative and financial matters</b>				
19.2	<i>Emerging operational matters of the committees *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 7 / PC26 Doc. 7</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 12</a>	Completed	Delete Decision 19.2
<b>Strategic matters</b>				
19.12	<i>CITES Strategic vision *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 9 / PC26 Doc. 9</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 16</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 7/AC33 Doc. 7</a>	Decision directed to SC; Input from AC provided
19.16	<i>Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 10 / PC26 Doc. 10</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 17.1</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 8</a>	Delete Decision 19.16
19.20	<i>Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizations *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 9 / PC26 Doc. 9</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 18</a>	Oral update by Secretariat at AC33	Decision directed to Secretariat; Input from AC provided
18.55	<i>Cooperation on the Black Sea bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops truncatus)</i>	No document		Ongoing collaboration with ACCOBAMS
19.25	<i>Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Comp.</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 10</a>	Revise Decision 19.25 as part of a new set of draft decisions

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19.28	<i>IPBES Report on the Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 12 / PC26 Doc. 12</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 19</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 10/AC33 Doc. 11</a>	Delete Decision 19.28
19.31	<i>World Wildlife Trade Report *</i>	<a href="#">SC77 Doc. 20</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 11 / AC33 Doc. 12</a>	Decision directed to Standing Committee; Input from AC provided
19.41	<i>Capacity-building *</i>	<a href="#">SC77 Doc. 23.3</a>	No input requested from SC	Decision directed to Standing Committee; No input requested from SC
19.47	<i>Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 13 / PC26 Doc. 14</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 13/AC33 Doc. 13</a>	Replace Decisions 19.47 and 19.48 with 4 new draft decisions.
<b>Compliance</b>				
17.108 to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Review of Significant Trade</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 14.1 / PC26 Doc. 16.1</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 35.1 (Rev. 1)</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 14.1 (Rev. 1)</a>	Delete Decision 17.108 (Rev. CoP19)
19.64	<i>Review of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 15.1</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 36</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 15.3</a>	Delete Decision 19.64; Possible new set of 3 Decisions
18.175	<i>Captive-breeding of spiny tailed lizards</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 15.2</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 36</a>	Completed	Delete Decision 18.175
<b>Illegal trade and enforcement</b>				
18.90 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa*</i>	<a href="#">SC77 Doc. 39.4</a>		Decision directed to Parties importing CITES specimens from West and Central Africa; No concerns raised by Parties

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19.126	<i>Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 8.2</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 33</a>	Decision directed to Madagascar
<b>Regulation of trade</b>				
19.133	<i>Non-detriment findings *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 16 / PC26 Doc. 17</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 16/AC33 Doc. 16</a>	Delete Decision 19.133; 3 new draft decisions
19.137	<i>Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix -II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Comp. SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 17</a>	Delete Decision 19.137
18.168 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Guidance on non-detriment findings for leopard (Panthera pardus) hunting trophies</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Comp.</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 18</a>	Renew Decision 18.168 (Rev. CoP19)
19.142	<i>Materials for the identification of CITES-listed species *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 19.1 / PC26 Doc. 19</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 17/AC33 Doc. 19.1 (Rev. 1)</a>	Replace Decision with 7 new draft decisions
19.158	<i>Transport of live specimens *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 20 / PC26 Doc. 21 SC77 Doc. 52</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 19/AC33 Doc. 20</a>	Delete Decision 19.158
19.161 and 162	<i>Specimens produced through biotechnology *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 22 / PC26 Doc. 22 SC77 Doc. 54</a>	Oral update by SC WG at AC33	Decision 19.161 directed to SC, in close collaboration with AC and PC; Delete Decision 19.162
19.165	<i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Comp. SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 23</a>	Delete Decision 19.165
19.168	<i>Trade in live African elephants (Loxodonta africana)</i>	<a href="#">SC77 Doc. 55 (Rev. 1)</a>		Should be deleted after African Elephant dialogue meeting
19.177	<i>Trade in stony corals</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 23.1 SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 24</a>	To be informed by in-session working group at AC33

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19.179 and 180	<i>Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 25.1 / PC26 Doc. 23</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 58</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 21/AC33 Doc. 25</a>	Decision 19.179 directed to SC, in close collaboration with AC and PC; Delete Decision 19.180
<b>Species conservation and trade</b>				
19.185	<i>Assessment of Appendix-I listed species*</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 26 / PC26 Doc. 25</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 23.1/AC33 Doc. 28.1</a> <a href="#">PC27 Doc. 23.2/AC33 Doc. 28.2</a>	Delete or revise Decision 19.185
19.187	<i>Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 27 / PC26 Doc. 26</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 60</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 24/AC33 Doc. 29</a>	Delete Decision 19.187
19.190	<i>Aquatic species listed in the Appendices</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Comp. SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 30</a>	Delete Decision 19.190
19.195	<i>West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 29</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 62</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 31</a>	New set of revised draft decisions including Decision 19.195
19.198	<i>Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 30</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 32</a> <a href="#">Annex: Revised Species Prioritization Matrix</a>	Delete Decision 19.198; 3 new draft decisions
19.200	<i>Pangolins (Manis spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 31</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 35</a>	Delete Decision 19.200; 2 new draft decisions

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19.206	<i>African lions (Panthera leo)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 32</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 36</a> <a href="#">Annex 3: Guidance for Non-Detriment Findings for African lions (Panthera leo) under CITES</a> <a href="#">Summary of harvest regime template</a> <a href="#">Detailed checklist calculations</a>	New set of revised draft decisions including Decision 19.206
19.212	<i>Leopards (Panthera pardus) in Africa</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 33</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 38</a>	Renew Decision 19.211
18.257 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 34</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 39</a> <a href="#">Annex 3: Priority list of 204 songbird species that may require further attention</a> <a href="#">Annex 4: Long list of songbird species in trade and their range</a>	Delete Decision 18.257 (Rev. CoP19)
17.256 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>African grey parrots (Psittacus erithacus)</i>	<a href="#">SC77 Doc. 33.6</a>		Decision directed to range States of <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> , with the support of the Secretariat, relevant experts, relevant CITES Parties, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

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19.215	<i>Saiga antelopes (Saiga spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 35</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 65</a>	Completed	Delete Decision 19.215
19.220	<i>Eels (Anguilla spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 36</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 66</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 40</a>	Delete Decision 19.220; Propose new draft decisions
19.225	<i>Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 37 (Rev. 1)</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 67.2 &amp; SC77 Doc. 67.3</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 41</a>	New decisions to be drafted at AC33
19.231	<i>Seahorses (Hippocampus spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 38.1 (Rev. 1)</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 42.1</a> <a href="#">AC33 Doc. 42.2</a>	Delete Decision 19.231
19.235	<i>Queen conch (Strombus gigas)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 39</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 68</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 43</a>	Renew Decision 19.235
19.238	<i>Marine ornamental fishes</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 40</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 44 (Rev. 1)</a> <a href="#">Annex 4: Catalogue of MOF species identified as being in international trade</a>	Delete Decision 19.238; Propose 2 new draft decisions
19.263	<i>Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 41 / PC26 Doc. 34</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>		Decision directed to the Plants Committee, in consultation with the Animals Committee, as appropriate;



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<b>Appendices of the Convention</b>				
16.162 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Annotations *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 43 / PC26 Doc. 42.1</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 70</a>		Decision directed to the SC, in close collaboration with the AC and PC; No input required from AC
19.267	<i>Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 44 / PC26 Doc. 39</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 73</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 37/AC33 Doc. 46</a>	Decision directed to the SC, in consultation with the AC and PC
18.313 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 45.1 / PC26 Doc. 42.1</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 40.1/AC33 Doc. 47.1</a>	Delete Decision 18.313 (Rev. CoP19)
19.272	<i>Higher taxon listings in the Appendices *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 45.2 / PC26 Doc. 42.2</a> <a href="#">SC77 Doc. 6</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 40.2/AC33 Doc. 47.2 (Rev. 1)</a>	Delete Decision 19.272
19.274	<i>Development of a standardized global checklist of species *</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 45.3 / PC26 Doc. 42.3</a>	<a href="#">PC27 Doc. 40.3/AC33 Doc. 47.3</a>	Renew Decision 19.274 or amend Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19)
18.310 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Use of time-specific versions of online databases as standard nomenclature references</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 46</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 48</a>	Renew Decision 18.310 (Rev. CoP19)
19.276	<i>Taxonomy and nomenclature of African elephants (Loxodonta spp.)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 46</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 48</a>	Delete Decision 19.276
19.278	<i>Nomenclature (Bird family and order names)</i>	<a href="#">AC32 Doc. 46</a>	<a href="#">AC33 Doc. 48</a>	Delete Decision 19.278