

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

Species conservation and trade

Terrestrial species

LEOPARDS (*PANTHERA PARDUS*) IN AFRICA

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 19.211 and 19.212 on *Leopards (Panthera pardus) in Africa*, as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.211 *The Secretariat shall share with the Animals Committee the Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for its review.*

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.212 *The Animals Committee shall review the Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa by IUCN, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, concerning the aspects of it that relate to the implementation of CITES.*

3. At its 32nd meeting (AC32; Geneva, June 2023) the Animals Committee considered document [AC32 Doc. 33](#) and an oral update provided by the Secretariat relating to the discussions on the *Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa* during the second range States meeting of the joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI-2) (see summary record [AC32 SR](#) and information document [AC32 Inf.7](#)).
4. As reported by the Secretariat, ACI-2 had agreed that the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) would update the *Roadmap* and finalize it in consultation with the range States. Furthermore, range States had agreed to focus on the development of regional conservation strategies for leopards, using the *Roadmap* as strategic guidance. The Animals Committee noted document [AC32 Doc. 33](#) and the updates provided by the Secretariat that included information shared through information document [AC32 Inf. 7](#). The Committee further noted that a revised *Roadmap for the conservation of leopards* was not available for review by AC32 and invited the Secretariat to submit the revised *Roadmap for the conservation of leopards* to the Animals Committee when available.
5. In preparing for the present meeting, the Secretariat requested IUCN to provide an update on the progress made on the process to update the *Roadmap*. IUCN indicated that the *Roadmap* had not been updated yet, but could be updated with inputs from the forthcoming Green Status Assessments, as well as inputs from the range States. The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Cat Specialist Group has submitted a proposal to the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) for financial support to update the *Roadmap*.
6. As the *Roadmap* is not yet available, the Secretariat proposes that Decisions 19.211 and 19.212 be renewed to provide an opportunity to the Animals Committee to review the *Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa* during the next intersessional period.

Recommendations

7. The Animals Committee is invited to propose the renewal of Decisions 19.211 and 19.212 to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.