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



Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties Panama City (Panama), 14 – 25 November 2022

Interpretation and implementation matters

Existing Resolutions and Decisions

REVIEW OF DECISIONS

- 1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
- 2. In paragraph 4 b) of Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions* and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat is directed:

to update the Decisions after each meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to contain all the recommendations (or other forms of decision) that are not recorded in Resolutions and that remain in effect.

- 3. In implementing this directive, the Secretariat compiles a new list of the Decisions that are in effect after each meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 4. Most of the Decisions in effect after CoP18 relate to subjects featured on the agenda of the present meeting, for which working documents have been submitted. The continuation, amendment or deletion of the related Decisions should be addressed during the discussion of these documents. During the intersessional period, the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committees have submitted to the Conference of the Parties new draft decisions without systematically proposing for deletion the CoP18 Decisions these new draft decisions are meant to replace. The Secretariat is proposing these CoP18 Decisions for deletion in its comments on each document.
- 5. Further, Decisions that are not the subject of recommendations in other documents are listed in Annex 1 to the present document, together with a brief summary of the activities carried out to implement them since CoP18 and a recommendation from the Secretariat concerning their renewal, amendment or deletion.

Recommendations

- 6. It should be noted that, in implementing paragraph 4 b) of Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP17), the Secretariat does not intend to include in the list of Decisions in effect after CoP19 any of the Decisions adopted at previous Conferences of the Parties that are not agreed for continuation, either in an existing or amended form, at the present meeting.
- 7. The Conference of the Parties is invited to decide on the appropriate action to take in relation to the Decisions listed in Annex 1 to the present document.

LIST OF DECISIONS TO BE RETAINED OR DELETED WHICH ARE NOT COVERED IN OTHER CoP19 DOCUMENTS

Decision	Action undertaken	Recommendation of the Secretariat
18.55 Cooperation on the Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i>) <i>Directed to the Secretariat</i> The Secretariat shall continue its collaboration with the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS) for effective conservation of CITES-listed species of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea, in the context of, and in accordance with, Resolution Conf. 13.3 on Cooperation and Synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).	The Secretariat has continued its collaboration with ACCOBAMS as part of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.3 on <i>Cooperation and Synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)</i> . As part of the CMS-CITES Joint Work Programme 2021-2025, the CMS and CITES Secretariats will collaborate on the revision and update of CITES Resolution Conf. 13.3. and issues related to <i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i> and collaboration with ACCOBAMS could be addressed in the revision of that Resolution.	The Secretariat recommends that Decision 18.55 be deleted as it will be implemented as part of the CMS-CITES Joint Work Programme 2021-2025.
 17.108 (Rev. CoP18) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP18) Review of Significant Trade Directed to the Secretariat The Secretariat, within six months of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and building on the work done to date, shall develop, test and establish a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database as an essential tool for the effective implementation and transparency of the process. The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within six months of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States. The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within nine months of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States. The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within nine months of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade (including case studies as appropriate). 	The Secretariat has developed, tested and established a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management Database and will present the database to Parties in a side- event to CoP19. A comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade is also under development and will be finalised before CoP19. Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP18) and 17.110 (Rev. CoP18) can thus be deleted. The user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade referred to in Decision 17.109 (Rev. CoP18) has not been finalized yet and this Decision should thus be renewed.	The Secretariat recommends that Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP18) and 17.110 (Rev. CoP18) be deleted as they have been implemented and that Decision 17.109 (Rev. CoP18) be renewed as follows: 17.109 (Rev. CoP18 <u>9</u>): Subject to the availability of funds, the Secretariat , within six months of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States.
18.144 – 18.145 Traceability Directed to Parties Parties are encouraged to:	The definition on traceability as mentioned in Decision 18.144 has been added to CITES glossary available on the CITES website.	The Secretariat recommends that Decisions 18.144 and 18.145 be deleted.

a)	use, where feasible, the working definition of CITES traceability	The dedicated webpage on traceability on the CITES	
	as follows:	website <u>https://cites.org/eng/prog/Cross-</u>	
	Traceability is the ability to access information on specimens	<u>cutting issues/traceability</u> contains relevant information related to traceability, including official documents submitted	
	and events in a CITES species supply chain*. * This information should be carried, on a case by case basis, from as close to	to the Conference of the Parties and the Standing Committee	
	the point of harvest as practicable and needed to the point at which the	as well as tools and resources, including international	
	information facilitates the verification of legal acquisition and non-detriment	standards for traceability.	
b)	findings and helps prevent laundering of illegal products. take note of the information available on the CITES webpage		
5)	on traceability, as appropriate, such as the working definition of	Since CoP18, the Secretariat has not received any request	
	traceability; technical standards for CITES traceability;	for support from Parties and has therefore not undertaken	
	managerial best practice guidelines for planning and	any activities under paragraph c) of Decision 18.145.	
	implementing CITES traceability systems; and projects related		
	to traceability, which can provide guidance to Parties that	The Secretariat has been collaborating with the United	
	develop or implement CITES traceability projects.	Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business	
	ected to the Secretariat	(UN/CEFACT) on the potential for integration of CITES	
	e Secretariat shall:	traceability systems into international traceability standards,	
a)	include the working definition on traceability mentioned in	should there be any interest from the Parties.	
L)	Decision 18.144 paragraph a) into the CITES glossary;	The Secretariat did not receive any report from the Parties	
b)	continue to provide information on CITES related traceability projects and latest developments on the CITES webpage on	on their experiences in implementing traceability.	
	traceability;		
c)	continue to provide support to Parties in the implementation of		
- /	traceability systems involving CITES-listed specimens, subject		
	to availability of external funding;		
d)	continue to work with the United Nations Centre for Trade		
	Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and other		
	relevant standard-setting bodies on the potential for integration		
	of CITES traceability systems into international traceability		
	standards and recommendations for traceability; and		
e)	review reports submitted by Parties on their experiences in implementing traceability and report as necessary to the		
	Standing Committee.		
17.	102 Captive-bred and ranched specimens	The Secretariat reported to the Standing Committee on the	The Secretariat recommends that
	ected to the Secretariat	implementation of Decision 17.102 in document SC74	Decision 17.102 be deleted as it
	e Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, engage in a	Doc. 55 (see also document CoP19 Doc. 9.1.1), which	has been implemented.
	pacity-building project using materials prepared under Decisions	included details on CapaCITES, a multilingual app to assist	-
	63, paragraph a) vii), and 15.52, paragraph a). This project	with the inspection of captive-breeding and ranching facilities	
	ould involve all regions and a variety of taxa. The Secretariat shall	and determination of source codes for CITES permits.	
	ort to the Standing Committee on the work undertaken under the	The Operation encoursed Define to such as the	
pre	sent Decision.	The Committee <u>encouraged</u> Parties to make use of the	
		CapaCITES app and provide feedback on its usefulness to	

	the Secretariat or directly through the feedback button in the app. The Committee <u>requested</u> the Secretariat to invite the Animals Committee to review the app and provide feedback.	
 18.174 – 18.175 Captive-breeding of Sri Lankan agamids Directed to the Secretariat The Secretariat shall prepare a report to the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee on possible species-country combinations of Ceratophora stoddartii, Ceratophora aspera and Lyriocephalus scutatus for review under Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity. Directed to the Animals Committee The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat and consider whether to select species-country combinations of Ceratophora stoddartii, Ceratophora aspera and Lyriocephalus scutatus for review under Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity. 	At its 31st meeting, the Animals Committee <u>noted</u> document AC31 Doc. 19.2 and the report contained in the Annex. The Committee further <u>noted</u> that the selection of new species/country combinations for review will be postponed until the first regular meeting of the Committee after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Committee agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting the renewal of Decision 18.175 (AC31 SR).	The Secretariat recommends that Decision 18.174 be deleted as it has been implemented and that Decision 18.175 be renewed as follows: 18.175 Directed to the Animals Committee The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat and consider whether to select species-country combinations of <i>Ceratophora</i> <i>stoddartii, Ceratophora aspera</i> and <i>Lyriocephalus scutatus</i> for review under Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Review of trade in animal</i> <i>specimens reported as produced</i> <i>in captivity.</i>
18.193 Cheetah trade resource kit (Acinonyx jubatus) Directed to the Secretariat The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, make the final version of the CITES cheetah trade resource kit available in the languages and formats agreed by the Standing Committee.	Thanks to funding from Switzerland the <i>Cheetah trade resource kit</i> was finalized. It will be made available on the <u><i>Cheetahs</i></u> webpage maintained by the CITES Secretariat prior to the present meeting.	The Secretariat recommends that Decision 18.193 be deleted as it has been implemented.
 17.192 (Rev. CoP18) – 17.193 (Rev. CoP18) Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae) Directed to the Animals Committee The Animals Committee is requested to: a) analyse the outcomes of the precious coral survey and the FAO study and prepare recommendations, as appropriate, on actions needed to enhance the conservation and sustainable harvest and use of all precious corals in international trade; and b) report these recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 73rd meeting. Directed to the Standing Committee 	The Animals Committee analysed the outcomes of the precious coral survey and the FAO study and agreed to the recommendations in Annex 2 to addendum AC31 Doc. 23 Add. The Committee agreed that Decision 17.192 (Rev. CoP18) had been fully implemented (see document CoP19 Doc. 9.2.1). The Standing Committee agree to submit to CoP19 the recommendations of the Animals Committee on this issue (see Annex 6 to document CoP19 Doc. 9.1.1)	The Secretariat recommends that Decisions 17.192 (Rev. CoP18) and 17.193 (Rev. CoP18) be deleted as they have been implemented.

The Standing Committee is requested to consider the information and recommendations of the Animals Committee, made in accordance with Decision 17.192 (Rev. CoP18), and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the Parties or for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.		
18.209 Humphead wrasse (Cheilinus undulatus) Directed to the Secretariat The Secretariat, subject to external funding, shall invite the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Groupers and Wrasses Specialist Group to assist it in supporting major exporting and importing countries of <i>Cheilinus undulatus</i> , upon request, to address remaining CITES implementation challenges and ensure well-regulated, sustainable management of, and trade in, the species.	The Secretariat has not received any funding to implement this Decision. Should funding be made available to address CITES implementation challenges and ensure well- regulated, sustainable management of, and trade in, <i>Cheilinus undulatus</i> , the Secretariat can undertake this work under Article XII of the Convention without a specific Decision from the Conference of the Parties.	The Secretariat recommends that Decision 18.209 be deleted.
18.254 – 18.255 Leopards (Panthera pardus) in Africa Directed to the Secretariat 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 The Animals Committee shall review the Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa by IUCN, and make recommendations, as appropriate, concerning the aspects of it that relate to the implementation of CITES.	The Animals Committee agreed to propose a similar set of draft decisions in Annex 2 to document CoP19 Doc. 9.2.1.	The Secretariat recommends that Decisions 18.254 and 18.255 be deleted as they have been replaced by two new draft decisions proposed for adoption in the AC Chair's report (document CoP19 Doc. 9.2.1).
 17.256 (Rev. CoP18) & 17.258 (Rev. CoP18) African grey parrots (Psittacus erithacus) Directed to range States of Psittacus erithacus should, with the support of the Secretariat, relevant experts, relevant CITES Parties, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, develop and update National Action Plans, with timeframes, deliverables, and milestones, for the conservation of the species. The following key issues should be addressed: a) as appropriate, undertake a scientifically based field survey to establish the population status of the species, as well as population trends, in the range States to review progress made towards the restoration and conservation of the species, and in support of the activities proposed in paragraph c); 	 Since Decision 17.256 (Rev. CoP19) was agreed in 2016, the Secretariat has not received any requests for assistance over the development or updating of any National Plans of Action for <i>Psittacus erithacus</i>. In general, the Secretariat stands ready to provide advice and assistance to Parties in regard to such plans for any CITES-listed species and believes that there is no longer a need for a specific Decision concerning this species. Concerning Decision 17.258 (Rev. CoP18), since 2016, over 200 facilities breeding <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> for commercial purposes have been registered pursuant to Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) and full account has been taken of this Decision. As it is assumed that most of the facilities wishing to be immediately registered following the inclusion 	The Secretariat recommends that Decisions 17.256 (Rev. CoP18) and 17.258 (Rev. CoP18) be deleted.

b)	implement law enforcement activities to combat illegal trade	of Psittacus erithacus in Appendix I in 2016 have now done	
5)	and report results in their annual illegal trade and	so, the Secretariat does not believe that these special	
	implementation reports;	conditions need to be retained.	
c)	identify suitable habitat in range States for re-population of		
0)	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i> where appropriate and feasible, using wild		
	sourced specimens seized from illegal trade and following		
	internationally agreed guidelines for any such reintroductions;		
	and		
d)	assess the possibility of establishing in situ captive-breeding		
/	facilities for the species, in collaboration with States with		
	breeding facilities.		
Dir	ected to Parties and the Secretariat		
	til the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in the		
eva	aluation of applications to register facilities breeding Psittacus		
erit	hacus for commercial purposes, pursuant to Resolution Conf.		
	10 (Rev. CoP15) on Registration of operations that breed		
	pendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes,		
	sideration should be given to:		
a)	the recommendations of the Management Authority and		
	Scientific Authority of the Party;		
b)	national measures to regulate domestic trade in this species		
	which may not previously have been required due to its former		
	Appendix-II status;		
c)	any compliance measures directed to the Party submitting the		
d)	application to register the facility; and whether the Party has been included in the Review of		
u)	Significant Trade concerning the species in the prior 10 years		
	from the effective listing date.		
18	281 – 18.285 Titicaca water frog (Telmatobius culeus)	The Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No.	The Secretariat recommends that
	ected to the range States of the Titicaca water frog (Telmatobius	2020/012, which requested Parties to submit to the	Decisions 18.281 to 18.285 be
	eus)	Secretariat information relevant for conducting studies to	deleted as they have been
	nge States are encouraged to collaborate and:	estimate the population size of the Titicaca water frog, and	implemented.
	conduct studies aiming to:	information on international illegal trade of specimens of this	
,	i) estimate population size of the Titicaca water frog; and,	species. It also encouraged Parties and other stakeholders	
	ii) identify and monitor all international illegal trade of	to submit relevant information that may complement the	
	specimens of Titicaca water frog;	efforts by range States of the Titicaca water frog in	
b)	strengthen international cooperation mechanisms for the	implementing paragraphs a) through d) of Decision 18.281.	
	conservation of the Titicaca water frog, and combat its illegal		
	trade;	The Animals Committee noted document AC31 Doc. 34 and	
c)	develop and implement additional demand reduction strategies;	its addendum (which included a report from Peru), as well as	
		an oral update provided by Peru. The Committee	

 d) continue to raise awareness on the importance of the conservation of the Titicaca water frog, its ecological role, cultural value, and threats, particularly the illegal trade; and e) report on implementation of paragraphs a) through d) above to the Animals Committee. <i>Directed to the Secretariat</i> The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting relevant information as per Decision 18.281, paragraph a), and compile responses and provide them to the range States. <i>Directed to Parties and others</i> Parties are encouraged to: a) provide financial and technical assistance to support the parties of Decision of 2044 and 	encouraged Peru and the Plurinational State of Bolivia to continue their collaboration for implementing the Binational Action Plan for the conservation of the Titicaca water frog. The Animals Committee did not deem it necessary to submit a report on the matter to the Standing Committee.	
 implementation of Decision 18.281; and, provide relevant information as requested in the Notification mentioned in Decision 18.282 with a view to complement Decision 18.281, paragraphs a) through d). Directed to the Animals Committee 		
The Animals Committee shall consider any report submitted by Parties as per Decision 18.281, paragraph e) and develop recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee or		
the Conference of Parties, as appropriate. Directed to the Standing Committee The Standing Committee shall consider any report submitted by the		
Animals Committee as per Decision 18.284 and report to the Conference of Parties, as appropriate.		
18.323 – 18.326 Annotation of Cape aloe (Aloe ferox) Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat did not progress on the implementation of these Decisions and therefore propose that they be	The Secretariat recommends that Decisions 18.323 to 18.326 be
The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties after one year	renewed.	renewed as follows:
of the conclusion of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties requesting the following information:		Directed to the Secretariat 18.323 (Rev. CoP19): The
a) whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has		Secretariat shall issue a
impacted the international trade in <i>Aloe ferox</i> specimens; andb) whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has affected		Notification to the Parties after one year of the conclusion of the
the population size, distribution, status and harvest of <i>Aloe ferox</i> .		18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties requesting the
Directed to the Secretariat		following information:
The Secretariat shall compile responses from the Parties as		a) whether, and if so how, the
requested under Decision 18.323 and provide these responses to the Plants Committee.		amended annotation #4 has impacted the international
Directed to the Plants Committee		trade in <i>Aloe ferox</i>
		specimens; and

The Plants Committee shall review the information received as requested under Decision 18.324 and other relevant information available regarding the status, management, and international trade in *Aloe ferox*, with a view to assessing whether the exemption of finished products of *Aloe ferox* packaged and ready for retail trade from CITES regulation have had any impacts on the natural populations of the species. Based on the outcome of this review, the Plants Committee shall formulate recommendations concerning the listing of *Aloe ferox* for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

Range countries, consumer countries, and other countries involved in the management, propagation, or trade of *Aloe ferox* are encouraged to provide information regarding the status, management, and trade in this species as requested under Decision 18.323.

b) whether, and if so how, the
amended annotation #4 has
affected the population size,
distribution, status and
harvest of <i>Aloe ferox</i> .
Directed to the Secretariat
18.324 (Rev. CoP19)
The Secretariat shall compile
responses from the Parties as
requested under Decision 18.323
(Rev. CoP19) and provide these
responses to the Plants
Committee.
Directed to the Plants Committee
18.325 (Rev. CoP19)
The Plants Committee shall review the information received as
requested under Decision 18.324
(Rev. CoP19) and other relevant
information available regarding
the status, management, and
international trade in Aloe ferox,
with a view to assessing whether
the exemption of finished
products of Aloe ferox packaged
and ready for retail trade from
CITES regulation have had any
impacts on the natural
populations of the species. Based
on the outcome of this review, the
Plants Committee shall formulate
recommendations concerning the
listing of Aloe ferox for
consideration at the 19th meeting
of the Conference of the Parties.
Directed to Parties
18.326 <u>(Rev. CoP19)</u>
Range countries, consumer
countries, and other countries
involved in the management,
propagation, or trade of Aloe ferox

 18.331 - 18.332 Guidance for the publication of the Appendices Directed to the Secretariat Based on its experience, in consideration of the issues raised in document CoP18 Doc. 103, its discussions with Parties (especially those that amend legislation after each Conference of the Parties), and the recommendations of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on this subject, the Secretariat shall: a) in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees, develop guidance for improved clarity and predictability in the presentation of the Appendices; b) distribute the draft guidance by Notification to seek comments from Parties, and consider and incorporate comments as appropriate into a revised draft; and c) submit the draft guidance for consideration by the Standing Committee, incorporate comments from the Standing Committee into the guidance, and publish the guidance on the CITES website. Directed to the Standing Committee The Standing Committee shall review the draft guidance and provide comments and recommendations to the Secretariat for finalization of the document. 	The Secretariat prepared several versions of the draft guidance after feedback from the Animals and Plants Committees and from Parties [see Notification to the Parties No. 2020/067 of 5 November 2020; document SC73 Doc. 26 (Rev. 1) and SC74 Doc. 85]. The Standing Committee reviewed the draft guidance prepared by the Secretariat relating to the publication of the Appendices and invited the Secretariat to take into account the comments made by Canada, China, Israel and Poland as it finalizes the draft Guidance for the publication of the Appendices before its publication on the CITES website. The Guidance is available here.	are encouraged to provide information regarding the status, management, and trade in this species as requested under Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19). The Secretariat recommends that Decisions 18.331 and 18.332 be deleted as they have been implemented.
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TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR DECISIONS

According to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the Conference of the Parties decided that any draft resolutions or decisions submitted for consideration at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties that have budgetary and workload implications for the Secretariat or permanent committees must contain or be accompanied by a budget for the work involved and an indication of the source of funding. The Secretariat proposes the following tentative budget and source of funding.

The Decisions proposed for renewal will have workload implications for the Secretariat and the Plants Committee, but it is estimated that these can be accommodated within existing resources.