

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



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Species specific matters

EELS (*ANGUILLA* SPP.)

1. This document has been submitted by the Standing Committee in consultation with the Chair of the Animals Committee.\*

Background

2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.197 to 18.202 on *Eels* (*Anguilla spp.*), as follows:

***Directed to range States of European eels (Anguilla anguilla)***

**18.197** *Range States of European eel (Anguilla anguilla) are encouraged to:*

- a) *submit any non-detriment finding studies on European eel they have undertaken to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website; explore the different approaches that might be taken for making non-detriment findings for European eels traded as fingerlings (FIG) compared with those traded as other live eels (LIV); collaborate and share information with other Parties regarding such studies and their outcome, especially where the Parties share catchments or water bodies; seek review and advice from the Animals Committee or other suitable body on any non-detriment findings for European eels where appropriate;*
- b) *develop and/or implement adaptive European eel management plans at national or sub-national (or catchment) level, with defined and time-bound goals, and enhance collaboration within countries between authorities and other stakeholders with responsibilities for eel management, and between countries where water bodies or catchments are shared;*
- c) *share information on stock assessments, harvests, the results of monitoring and other relevant data with the Joint Working Group on Eels (WGEEL) of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission, the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas and the Central Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM), so that a full and complete picture of the state of the European eel stock can be established;*
- d) *develop measures or implement more effectively existing measures to improve the traceability of eels in trade (both live and dead);*
- e) *provide the Secretariat with information regarding any changes to measures they have in place to restrict the trade in live 'glass' or fingerling European eels; and*
- f) *provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision to allow it to report*

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to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

**Directed to range States of non-CITES *Anguilla* spp. in international trade (particularly *A. rostrata*, *A. japonica*, *A. marmorata* and *A. bicolor*)**

**18.198** Range States of non-CITES *Anguilla* spp. in international trade are encouraged to:

- a) where appropriate, implement conservation and management measures, such as adaptive eel management plans, enhanced collaboration within countries, between authorities and other stakeholders with responsibilities for eel management, and related legislation to ensure the sustainability of harvests and international trade in *Anguilla* spp. and make these widely available;
- b) collaborate and cooperate with other range States on shared stocks of *Anguilla* spp. to develop shared objectives for these stocks and their management, improve the understanding of the biology of the species, conduct joint programmes of work and share knowledge and experience;
- c) establish monitoring programmes and develop abundance indices in range States where none exist. For ongoing programmes, identifying opportunities for expanding to new locations and/or live stages would be favourable;
- d) improve traceability of *Anguilla* spp. in trade (both live and dead); and
- e) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision to allow it report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

**Directed to the Secretariat**

**18.199** The Secretariat shall:

- a) prepare and submit a summary report on the implementation of Decisions 18.197 and 18.198 with draft recommendations to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate, for their consideration;
- b) collate available information on the biology of *Anguilla anguilla* in collaboration with experts, including the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Anguillid Specialist Group, with a view to determining whether the glass eel (fingerling) life stage can be considered to have a "low probability of surviving to adulthood", and report its findings to the Animals Committee;
- c) invite Parties, through a Notification, to submit information regarding current levels of, or emerging trends in, trade in specimens of *Anguilla* spp.;
- d) subject to the availability of resources, commission a study to consider levels of trade and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture, and sources of supply, identify any disparities between these and make recommendations for the more effective future management of harvests and trade; and
- e) prepare and submit a summary of the responses to the Notification and the study referred to in paragraph d) of this Decision, if available, with draft recommendations to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee as appropriate for their consideration.

**Directed to the Animals Committee**

**18.200** The Animals Committee shall:

- a) if requested, consider any reports submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in European eel and provide advice and guidance as needed;
- b) review the report from the Secretariat on the biology of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) prepared under Decision 18.199 paragraph b) and consider the potential use of source code

*R (ranching) for specimens of A. anguilla from aquaculture production systems, and provide advice and make recommendations to the Parties and the Standing Committee as appropriate;*

- c) review available information relating to the potential risks and benefits of reintroducing seized, live European eels (*Anguilla anguilla*) to the wild and, if appropriate, provide advice on suitable protocols taking into account existing guidance and practices, for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and*
- d) consider the progress reports provided by Parties and the report by the Secretariat with respect to Decisions 18.197, 18.198 and 18.199 and make any recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

#### **Directed to the Standing Committee**

**18.201** *The Standing Committee shall:*

- a) consider the report prepared by the Secretariat and any other available information relating to illegal trade in European eel, including the case study by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on European eel trafficking as part of the 2nd World Wildlife Crime Report, and make recommendations as appropriate;*
- b) review any advice and recommendations coming from the Animals Committee concerning Decision 18.200 paragraph b) and make recommendations as appropriate; and*
- c) with the assistance of the Secretariat, engage with the World Customs Organization to examine the feasibility of harmonizing customs codes relevant to trade in all *Anguilla* species and report to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

#### **Directed to donor Parties and other relevant organizations**

**18.202** *Donor Parties and other relevant organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and others, are invited and encouraged to provide support to, and build capacity for, *Anguilla* range States for the purpose of implementing Decisions 18.197 and 18.198.*

3. The 74th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC74, Lyon, March 2022) considered a report by the Secretariat (document [SC74 Doc. 64.1](#)) and by the Animals Committee (document [SC74 Doc. 64.2](#)) relating to the implementation of Decisions 18.197 to 18.201.

#### *Implementation of Decisions 18.197 and 18.198*

4. To facilitate the collation of the information sought under Decisions 18.197 and 18.198 from Parties; and allow the Secretariat to report to the Animals and Standing Committees as instructed in paragraph e) of Decision 18.199, the Secretariat developed a questionnaire to be completed by the range States of all anguillid eels (*Anguilla* spp.). Decision 18.197 is directed to range States of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*), while Decision 18.198 is directed to range States of non-CITES listed *Anguilla* spp. (*Anguilla australis*, *A. bengalensis*, *A. bicolor*, *A. borneensis*, *A. celebesensis*, *A. dieffenbachii*, *A. interioris*, *A. japonica*, *A. luzonensis*, *A. marmorata*, *A. megastoma*, *A. mossambica*, *A. obscura*, *A. reinhardtii* and *A. rostrata*) in international trade. The questionnaire was made available in Annex 2 of Notification to the Parties [No. 2021/018](#), which was published on 8 February 2021.

#### *Implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraphs a) and e)*

5. The following 27 Parties responded to the questionnaire developed by the Secretariat referred to in paragraph 4 and published in Annex 2 to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018: Algeria, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Slovakia, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America. Of the 27 Parties that responded, 16 Parties are range States of *A. anguilla*, one has an introduced population of *A. anguilla*, and the remaining ten are range States of at least one non-CITES *Anguilla* species.

6. Of the 16 range States of *A. anguilla* and the Party with an introduced population, the United Kingdom reported to have made non-detriment findings (NDF) for trade in the species and Morocco reported that an NDF was under development. Ten Parties did not make NDFs following a recommendation by the European Union (EU) for EU member States to establish zero export quotas. Other range States provided the following reasons for not having NDFs: lack of species-specific data; lack of exports; and exports that never exceeded the export quota. The majority of the 27 respondents reported a fully or partially developed management plan (18 Parties full; 6 in development), a monitoring plan for anguillids (17 full; 4 in development), stock assessments (13 full; 7 in development), and/or a traceability mechanism (15 full; 6 in development). A total of 18 Parties reported harvest and/or trade restriction for glass eels, with 14 reporting strict measures and four reporting limited restrictions.
7. A summary of Parties' responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on the request of information on the status, management and trade in eels (*Anguilla* spp.) under Decisions 18.197 and 18.198 was presented in Annex 1 of the [addendum](#) to document AC31 Doc. 22 and was submitted to the Standing Committee in Annex 2 of document [SC74 Doc. 64.1](#), in compliance with paragraph e) of Decision 18.199.

*Implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraphs b), c) and d)*

8. Concerning the implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraph b), in the [addendum](#) to document AC31 Doc. 22, the Secretariat reported that, following consultations with experts, it was determined that there is a lack of data collected over relevant spatial and temporal scales to calculate a natural mortality of juvenile eels. Therefore, the issue of whether the glass eel (fingerling) life stage can be considered to have a "low probability of surviving to adulthood" was determined to be complex and inconclusive.
9. To facilitate the collation of the information sought from Parties under Decision 18.199, paragraph c), and allow the Secretariat to report to the Animals and Standing Committees as instructed in paragraph e) of Decision 18.199, a questionnaire was included in Annex 3 to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018. This questionnaire sought to collect information from Parties regarding current levels of, or emerging trends in, trade in specimens of *Anguilla* spp. and was to be completed by those Parties that are source, transit or destination countries for the anguillid eels referred to in paragraph 4 above. The information collected in response to this questionnaire was used to inform the study referred to in Decision 18.199, paragraph d).
10. In compliance with paragraph d) of Decision 18.200, and with thanks to funding provided by the European Union, the Secretariat commissioned the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), working with TRAFFIC, to undertake a study on levels of trade in eels and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture, and the sources of supply; identify any disparities between these; and make recommendations for the more effective future management of harvests of, and trade in, eels.
11. Preliminary results of ZSL's study referred to Decision 18.199 paragraph d) on levels of trade in eels and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture were reported to the Animals Committee at its 31st meeting (AC31, online, June 2021) in Annex 2 of the addendum to document AC31 Doc. 22. The completed study was presented in Annex 4 to document [SC74 Doc. 64.1](#).

*Implementation of Decision 18.200*

12. Document [AC31 Doc. 22](#) and its [addendum](#) was prepared by the Secretariat and reported on the implementation of the Decisions on *Eels* (*Anguilla* spp.). The addendum summarises the responses to the questionnaire on current management plans, monitoring programmes, stock assessments, and national/international traceability of anguillid eels. Parties also reported on NDFs for *Anguilla anguilla* and the restrictions in place for harvest and trade of glass eels.
13. The Animals Committee considered document [AC31 Doc. 22](#) and its [addendum](#) at its 31st meeting (AC31, online, June 2022) and adopted the following recommendations:
  - a) The Committee agreed to reconsider the issues of the potential use of source code R (ranching) for specimens of European eel (*A. anguilla*) from aquaculture production systems and the potential risks and benefits of reintroducing seized, live European eels to the wild, when making recommendations on the study on levels of trade and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture, that is currently being prepared in the implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraph d), which will be reviewed by the Animals Committee following the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

- b) The Committee noted that the European eel could be a good case study for consideration at the planned workshop on non-detriment findings under Decision 18.132.
  - c) The Committee agreed to submit four draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting.
14. These draft decisions were also subsequently presented to the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC74, Lyon, March 2022) in document [SC74 Doc. 64.2](#) and the draft decisions to be considered by the 19th meeting of the Conference of Parties (CoP19) are contained in Annex 1 of the present document.

#### *Implementation of Decision 18.201*

15. Concerning paragraph a), at SC74, the Standing Committee considered document [SC74 Doc. 64.1](#), which presented information collated by the Secretariat, relating to illegal trade in European eel, including a summary of Parties' responses to a questionnaire on the status, management, and trade in eels as well as an analysis of the data on seizures of *A. anguilla* as submitted by CITES Parties. The Secretariat also reviewed information on recent enforcement operations concerning European eel, which has received much attention in recent years, from international enforcement agencies including Europol and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), as one of most trafficked species in Europe and globally for its report to SC74.
16. The Committee invited the Secretariat to review the responses to Notification to the Parties No.2021/018 in Annex 2 document [SC74 Doc. 64.1](#), the case study on glass eels in the 2nd World Wildlife Crime report, the analysis of the data compiled from annual illegal trade reports submitted by Parties in Annex 3 and the findings of the study presented in Annex 4 to document SC74 Doc. 64.1 and prepare a consolidated set of draft recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 75th meeting.
17. Concerning paragraphs b), at SC74, as noted in paragraph 13 a) of the present document, the Animals Committee reported that it had agreed to reconsider the issue of the potential use of source code R (ranching) for specimens of European eel (*A. anguilla*) from aquaculture production systems at a later date.
18. Concerning paragraph c), at SC74, the Standing Committee considered document [SC74 Doc. 64.2](#), which contained the report from the Animals Committee and which reported that the Secretariat had reached out to the World Customs Organisation (WCO) on the feasibility of harmonizing customs codes relevant to trade in all *Anguilla* species, but had not received a response. The Secretariat indicated that it would follow up with WCO.
19. The Standing Committee agreed with the draft decisions put forward by the Animals Committee, with some amendments to 19.DD in order for the Standing Committee to continue monitoring illegal trade in eels (*Anguilla* spp.) and to follow up with WCO. The Committee agreed to submit to CoP19 the draft decisions that are presented in Annex 1 to the present document.

#### Recommendations

20. The Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt the draft decisions presented in Annex 1 to the present document.

#### COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat recommends that the Conference of Parties adopt the draft decisions presented in Annex 1 to the present document, with amendments that are outlined in paragraphs D, E and F. The Secretariat further recommends the deletion of Decisions 18.197 to 18.202, as they have either been implemented or replaced with the proposed draft decisions 19.AA to 19.DD.
- B. The Secretariat appreciated the high level of engagement and collaboration across all sectors involved in the management and trade in eels (*Anguilla* spp.) in the implementation of Decisions 18.197 to 18.202, including from eel range States, transit and consumer Parties, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), eel farmers and non-governmental organizations. This active and collaborative approach has resulted in the collection of a significant volume of information that can now be considered by the Animals

and Standing Committees in the next intersessional period, as outlined in draft decisions now under consideration.

- C. The Secretariat was initially concerned at the continued reporting requirement for range States of European eel (*A. anguilla*) as outlined in draft decision 19.AA, but understands that this decision is seeking updates to the information already submitted via Notification to the Parties [No. 2021/018](#) on eels. The Secretariat thanks those Parties that did respond to the Notification (see document SC74 Doc. 64.1) and strongly encourages those Parties who have yet to provide relevant information or who are highly relevant in the trade of these species to do so when the new Notification is published.
- D. The Secretariat notes that draft decision 19.BB paragraph a) directs the Secretariat to issue a Notification “within 90 days of the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties”. However, as the decisions adopted by CoP19 will only come into force 90 days after the close of CoP19, the Secretariat proposes to delete this text. In addition, this Notification only invites range States of European eel to provide information, when the most important aspect is to collect information from some Parties involved in eel trade who are not range States of *A. anguilla* and so it is proposed to include a reference to “all Parties that are source, transit or destination countries for any *Anguilla* species who have not already done so to provide information on current levels of, or emerging trends in, trade in specimens of *Anguilla* spp.”
- E. Concerning illegal trade in European eel, the Secretariat notes that the species has received a significant amount of attention from national and international enforcement agencies and it is not clear what additional action could be taken to address illegal trade in this species. In addition, the Standing Committee agreed at its 74th meeting (SC74, Lyon, March 2022) to invite the Secretariat to review the responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 in Annex 2, the case study on glass eels in the 2nd World Wildlife Crime report, the analysis of the data compiled from annual illegal trade reports submitted by Parties in Annex 3 and the findings of the study presented in Annex 4 to document SC74 Doc. 64.1, and prepare a consolidated set of draft recommendations on illegal trade for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 75th meeting. It is therefore proposed to delete the current text in paragraph a) of draft decision 19.DD.
- F. The Secretariat also proposes some edits to make reporting lines clearer, such that the Animals Committee focuses its attention on scientific matters and directs any matters related to the implementation of the Convention or enforcement to the Standing Committee.
- G. The proposed amendments to the draft decisions 19.BB to 19.DD are as follows (no changes proposed to draft decision 19.AA):

(Proposed new text is underlined, proposed deletions are indicated in ~~strike through~~)

### **Directed to the Secretariat**

**19.BB** The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a notification ~~within 90 days of the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties~~, inviting range States of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) to submit ~~to the Secretariat~~ information on the implementation of Decision 19.AA or any updates to the information previously submitted in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels; and all Parties that are source, transit or destination countries for any *Anguilla* species who have not already done so to provide information on current levels of, or emerging trends in, trade in specimens of *Anguilla* spp.;
- b) prepare and submit a summary of the responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, including any updates provided under Decision 19.AA, with draft recommendations on the conservation and management of European eel to the Animals Committee and draft recommendations to improve implementation of the Convention for European eel to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, for their consideration; and
- c) submit the study prepared in the implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraph d), on levels of trade and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture, and sources of supply, identify any disparities between these, and draft recommendations for the more effective future management of harvests and trade for consideration by the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

**Directed to the Animals Committee**

**19.CC** The Animals Committee shall:

- a) if requested, consider any reports submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in European eel and provide advice and guidance as needed; and
- b) consider the study referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 19.BB, the report produced by the Secretariat under paragraph b) of Decision 19.BB and make recommendations to improve the conservation and management of European eel ~~as appropriate~~, for consideration by the Standing Committee ~~and~~ or the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

**19.DD** The Standing Committee shall:

- ~~a) consider the report prepared by the Secretariat and any other available information relating to illegal trade in European eel and make recommendations, as appropriate;~~
- b) a) review any advice and recommendations coming from the Animals Committee concerning Decision 19.CC and make recommendations to improve the implementation of the Convention for European eel to the Parties or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate;  
~~and~~
- e) b) with the assistance of the Secretariat, engage with the World Customs Organization to examine the feasibility of harmonizing customs codes relevant to trade in all Anguilla species and
- c) report on the implementation of this decision to the 19th/20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *EELS (ANGUILLA SPP.)*

**Directed to range States of European eels (*Anguilla anguilla*)**

**19.AA** Range States of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) are encouraged to:

- a) submit any non-detriment finding studies on European eel they have undertaken to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website; explore the different approaches that might be taken for making non-detriment findings for European eels traded as fingerlings (FIG) compared with those traded as other live eels (LIV); collaborate and share information with other Parties regarding such studies and their outcome, especially where the Parties share catchments or water bodies; seek review and advice from the Animals Committee or other suitable body on any non-detriment findings for European eels, where appropriate;
- b) develop and/or implement adaptive European eel management plans at national or sub-national (or catchment) level, with defined and time-bound goals, and enhance collaboration within countries between authorities and other stakeholders with responsibilities for eel management, and between countries where water bodies or catchments are shared;
- c) share information on stock assessments, harvests, the results of monitoring and other relevant data with the Joint Working Group on Eels (WGEEL) of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission, the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas and the Central Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM), so that a full and complete picture of the state of the European eel stock can be established;
- d) develop measures or implement more effectively existing measures to improve the traceability of eels in trade (both live and dead);
- e) provide the Secretariat with information regarding any changes to measures they have in place to restrict the trade in live 'glass' or fingerling European eels;
- f) share with the Secretariat, where available, protocols and guidelines for reintroduction of seized live European eels to the wild; and
- g) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision or any updates to the information previously submitted in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, to allow it to report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

**Directed to the Secretariat**

**19.BB** The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a notification within 90 days of the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, inviting range States of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) to submit to the Secretariat information on the implementation of Decision 19.AA or any updates to the information previously submitted in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels;
- b) prepare and submit a summary of the responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, including any updates provided under Decision 19.AA, with draft recommendations to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate, for their consideration; and
- c) submit the study prepared in the implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraph d), on levels of trade and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture, and sources of supply, identify any disparities between these, and draft recommendations for the more effective future management of harvests and trade for consideration by the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.



***Directed to the Animals Committee***

**19.CC** The Animals Committee shall:

- a) if requested, consider any reports submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in European eel and provide advice and guidance as needed; and
- b) consider the study referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 19.BB, the report produced by the Secretariat under paragraph b) of Decision 19.BB and make recommendations as appropriate, for consideration by the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

**19.DD** The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the report prepared by the Secretariat and any other available information relating to illegal trade in European eel and make recommendations as appropriate;
- b) review any advice and recommendations coming from the Animals Committee concerning Decision 19.CC and make recommendations as appropriate; and
- c) with the assistance of the Secretariat, engage with the World Customs Organization to examine the feasibility of harmonizing customs codes relevant to trade in all Anguilla species and report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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 is of the view that the implementation of the decisions can be accomplished within the regular workloads of the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Secretariat.