

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

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INFORMATION ON THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE  
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**19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the  
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora  
(CITES CoP19 – Panama - 14 – 25 November 2022)**

Information on the exercise of the right to vote  
by the European Union (EU) or the EU Member States (MS)

1. CoP19 will be the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties after the entry into force of the Gaborone Amendment to Article XXI of the Convention in November 2013 and the subsequent accession of the European Union (EU) as the first regional economic integration organisation (REIO) in 2015.
2. In relation to the Rules of Procedure, Rule 26 (Right to vote), the EU and its Member States would like to inform all Parties that, should a matter on the agenda of the CITES CoP19 be submitted to a vote, the right to vote by the EU or the EU Member States will be exercised in accordance with the Annex to this document. With the exception of budgetary matters, the EU and its Member States will cast their votes in accordance with positions agreed between them, as has been the practice at previous CoPs meetings.
3. Votes in application of CITES CoP Rules of Procedure 14 (Publicity of debates), 20 (Procedural motions) and 21 (Motions to open and reopen debates in plenary sessions) will be cast by the EU Member States.
4. The indications in the Annex may be subject to change in view of new circumstances or information. Any change will be communicated to Parties in advance of the vote.
5. This information on the exercise of the right to vote is provided by the EU and its Member States, on their own initiative, for practical purposes for CoP19 and it is without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the EU and its Member States in other international fora.

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>VOTER MS/ EU</b>
Opening ceremony		
<b>Administrative and financial matters</b>		
1.	Election of Chair, Alternate Chair and Vice-Chairs of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II	MS
2.	Adoption of the agenda	MS
3.	Adoption of the working programme	MS
4.	Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties	MS (EU <sup>1</sup> )
	4.1 Report of the Standing Committee	
	4.2 Proposed amendment to Rule 26	
5.	Credentials Committee	
	5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee	
	5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee	
6.	Admission of observers	MS
7.	Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties	MS
	7.1 Administration of the Secretariat	
	7.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative matters	
	7.3 Financial reports for 2020 - 2022	
	Annex 1 Financial report on costed programme of work for 2020	
	Annex 2 CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2020	
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<sup>1</sup> If and when there is a vote concerning REIO/EU rights in particular.

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	Annex 7	CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2021	
	Annex 8	Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserve and fund balance for the period 2019-2020	
	Annex 9	Financial report on costed programme of work for 2022 - up to 30 June 2022	
	Annex 10	CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 30 June 2022	
	Annex 11	CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 30 June 2022	
	Annex 12	CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 30 June 2022	
	Annex 13	Statement of income and expenditure for the year 2021	
	7.4	Budget and work programme for 2023 to 2025	
	Annex 1	Draft resolution on Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2023-2025	
	Annex 2	Budget scenario – zero real growth	
	Annex 3	Budget scenario – zero nominal growth	
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	7.5	Access to funding	
	7.6	Sponsored delegates project	
8.	Language strategy for the Convention		MS
<b>Strategic matters</b>			
9.	Committee reports and recommendations		MS
	9.1	Standing Committee	
	9.1.1	Report of the Chair	
	9.1.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members	
	9.2	Animals Committee	
	9.2.1	Report of the Chair	
	9.2.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members	
	9.3	Plants Committee	
	9.3.1	Report of the Chair	

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	9.3.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members	
10.	CITES Strategic Vision		MS
11.	Appendix-I listed species		EU
12.	World Wildlife Trade Report		MS
13.	Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities		MS
14.	Livelihoods		MS
15.	Participatory mechanisms for rural communities in CITES		MS
16.	Capacity building		MS
17.	Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements		MS
	17.1	Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions	
	17.2	Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	
	17.3	Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
	17.4	Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative	
	17.5	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime	
18.	United National World Wildlife Day		MS
19.	CITES and forests		MS
20.	CITES tree species programme		MS
21.	Review of the ETIS programme		MS
22.	MIKE and ETIS programme		MS
23.	Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade		MS
	23.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	23.2	One Health and CITES: Reducing human and animal health risks from wildlife trade	
24.	Implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of the Convention		MS
25.	Action plan on gender-related matters		MS
<b>Interpretation and implementation matters</b>			
<u>Existing Resolutions and Decisions</u>			

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26.	Review of Resolutions	MS
27.	Review of Decisions	MS
<u>General compliance and enforcement</u>		
28.	National laws for implementation of the Convention	MS
29.	Compliance matters	MS
	29.1 Implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>CITES compliances procedures</i>	MS
	29.2 Totoaba ( <i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i> )	MS
	29.2.1 Report of the Secretariat	
	29.2.2 Renewed and updated Decisions for CoP19	
	29.3 Malagasy ebonies ( <i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods ( <i>Dalbergia</i> spp.)	MS
30.	Compliance Assistance Programme	MS
31.	Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews	MS
32.	Review of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Compliance and enforcement</i>	MS
33.	Enforcement matters	MS
34.	Annual illegal trade reports	MS
35.	Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species	MS
36.	Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa	MS
	36.1 Report from the Standing Committee	
	36.2 Wildlife crime and CITES enforcement support in West and Central Africa	
37.	Wildlife crime linked to the Internet	MS
38.	Demand reduction to combat illegal trade	MS
39.	Domestic markets for frequently illegally trade specimens	MS
<u>Regulation of trade</u>		
40.	Guidance for making legal acquisition findings	MS
41.	Electronic systems and information technologies and authentication and control of permits	MS
42.	Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates	EU
43.	Non-detriment findings	MS

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	43.1	Report of the Animals and Plants Committees	
	43.2	Making non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken in the marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any State	
44.	Identification materials		MS
	44.1	Review of Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16)	
	44.2	Identification of timber and other wood products	
45.	Labelling system for trade in caviar		MS
46.	Trade in stony corals		EU
47.	Specimens produced through biotechnology		MS
48.	Definition of the term “appropriate and acceptable destinations”		EU
49.	Introduction from the sea		EU
50.	Disposal of confiscated specimens		MS
51.	Quotas for leopard ( <i>Panthera pardus</i> ) hunting trophies		EU
52.	Transport of live specimens: improving implementation of the transport regulations		MS
<u>Exemptions and special trade provisions</u>			
53.	Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source		EU
54.	Review of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on <i>Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity</i>		EU
55.	Registration of operations that breed Appendix I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes		EU
56.	Guidance on the term “artificially propagated”		EU
57.	Specimens grown from wild-collected seeds or spores that are deemed to be artificially propagated		EU
<u>Species specific matters</u>			
58.	West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.)		MS
59.	Illegal trade in cheetahs ( <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> )		MS
60.	Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)		MS
61.	Eels ( <i>Anguilla</i> spp.)		MS
62.	Agarwood-producing taxa ( <i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.)		MS
	62.1.	Report of the Plants Committee	

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	62.2	The history and challenges of agarwood and CITES	
63.	Boswellia trees ( <i>Boswellia</i> spp.)		MS
64.	Marine turtles (Cheloniidae spp. and Dermochelyidae spp.)		MS
	64.1	Report of the Secretariat and the Standing Committee	
	64.2	Conservation of marine turtles	
65.	Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)		MS
66.	Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)		
	66.1	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	MS
	66.2	Ivory stockpiles	
	66.2.1	Ivory stockpiles: implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	MS
	66.2.2	Establishing a fund accessible to range States upon non-commercial disposal of ivory stockpiles	MS
	66.3	Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on the closure of domestic ivory markets	MS
	66.4	Trade in live African elephants	MS
	66.4.1	International trade in live African elephant specimens: Proposed revision to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	
	66.4.2	Clarifying the framework: Proposal of the European Union	
	66.5	Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)	
	66.6	Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)	
	66.7	Review of the National Ivory Action Plan process	MS
67.	CITES Big Cats Task Force (Felidae spp.)		MS
68.	Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)		MS
69.	Seahorses ( <i>Hippocampus</i> spp.)		MS
	69.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	69.2	Next steps towards the successful implementation of the Appendix-II listing for seahorses	
70.	Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]		MS
71.	Pangolins ( <i>Manis</i> spp.)		MS
	71.1	Report of the Standing Committee and of the Animals Committee	



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	71.2	Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.10	
72.	African lions ( <i>Panthera leo</i> )		MS
73.	Jaguars ( <i>Panthera onca</i> )		MS
	73.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	73.2	Proposed amendments to the draft decisions on jaguars agreed at SC74	
74.	Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes spp.)		MS
75.	Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)		MS
76.	Saiga antelope ( <i>Saiga</i> spp.)		MS
77.	Queen conch ( <i>Strombus gigas</i> )		MS
78.	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)		MS
79.	African tree species		MS
80.	Marine ornamental fishes		MS
81.	Neotropical tree species		MS
82.	Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species		MS
83.	Identifying species at risk of extinction for CITES Parties		MS
<u>Maintenance of the Appendices</u>			
84.	Standard nomenclature		
	84.1	Report of the Animals and Plants Committees	MS
	84.2	Standard nomenclature for <i>Dipteryx</i> spp.	EU
	84.3	Standard nomenclature for <i>Khaya</i> spp.	EU
	84.4	Standard nomenclature for <i>Rhodiola</i> spp.	EU
85.	Annotations		
	85.1	Annotations: Report of the Standing Committee	EU
	85.2	Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species	MS
	85.3	Informal review mechanism of existing and proposed annotations	MS
86.	Products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids		EU
87.	Amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)		MS
	87.1	Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)	

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	87.2	Aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices: proposals for a new approach to the listing of sharks and rays	
88.	Communications concerning amendments to the Appendices received by the Depositary Government after the 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties		EU
<b>Proposals to amend the Appendices</b>			
89.	Proposals to amend Appendices I and II		EU
	89.1	Secretariat's assessment of the proposals to amend Appendices I and II	
	89.2	Comments from Parties	
	89.3	Comments from statutory consultees	
		Annex 1 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)	
		Annex 2 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	
		Annex 3 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)	
		Annex 4 International Timber Trade Organization (ITTO)	
		Annex 5 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	
<b>Conclusion of the meeting</b>			
90.	Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties		MS
91.	Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary General, Host Government)		