

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



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 5 – 9 June 2023

Thirty-second meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 19-23 June 2023

Appendices of the Convention

PERIODIC REVIEW OF SPECIES INCLUDED IN APPENDICES I AND II

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Selection of CITES-listed species for Periodic Review

2. In Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*, Annex 2, paragraph 2 b) ii), the Conference of the Parties resolves that the Animal and Plants Committees shall:
 - b) *undertake the tasks which are directed to them by the Conference of the Parties through relevant resolutions or decisions including:*
 - ii) *conduct periodic reviews of species included in Appendix I and II in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19) on Periodic Reviews of species included in Appendix I and II;*
3. Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19) on *Periodic Review of species included in Appendix I and II* prescribes how the reviews are to be conducted.
4. At its 16th meeting (CoP16; Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties amended Resolution Conf. 14.8 to stipulate that the Plants and Animals Committees shall establish a schedule for the Periodic Review of the Appendices and identify a list of taxa they propose to review during the intersessional periods after every second meeting of the CoP. The Resolution was further amended at the 17th and 19th meetings of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016; CoP19, Panama City, 2022) *inter alia* to reorganize some of the existing operative paragraphs and modify the process for dealing with the recommendations resulting from the Committees' Periodic Reviews.
5. Paragraph 3 a) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19) states that the selection of the list of species for review will normally take place after every second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the list should be established at the first meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees after the meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) that initiates the review period. The most recent schedule for the periodic review of the Appendices was established following CoP17 until CoP19; and a new list is scheduled to be selected at the first meetings of the Animals and Plants Committee meetings following CoP19.
6. To assist the Animals and Plants Committees in the selection of a practical sub-subset of CITES-listed species of flora or fauna for analysis, Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph 3 b) i), states that "the Secretariat shall, subject to availability of funding, undertake or appoint consultants to undertake the assessment outlined in the Annex and prepare the resulting outputs for consideration by the Scientific Committees at their first meeting after the meeting of the Conference of the Parties that initiates the review period."

7. The Secretariat has not been able to secure funding to undertake the assessment required under paragraph 3 b) i) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19). The outputs could be presented for the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee, respectively, if the required funding becomes available in time to undertake the assessment.

Overview of species under Periodic Review

8. Paragraph 7 of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. Cop19) directs the Secretariat to maintain a record of the species selected for periodic review, including: species previously and currently reviewed; dates of relevant Committee documents; recommendations from the reviews; and any reports and associated documents.
9. The most recent record of species selected for periodic review was reported by the Secretariat to the joint session of the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee and the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee (AC31/PC25; online, June 2021) in document [AC31 Doc. 41.1/PC25 Doc. 39.1](#). At AC31, Mexico and the United States of America presented the periodic reviews for a total of five ongoing cases of fauna. At PC25, Mexico presented the outcomes of two ongoing cases of flora.
10. The current status of ongoing periodic reviews for animal species and plant species are presented on the dedicated webpage "[Periodic review for species included in Appendices I and II](#)" on the CITES website.

Recommendations

11. The Animals and Plants Committees are invited to note this document.