

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



Joint sessions of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee
and the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 12 - 13 July 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FRIDAY 12 JULY 2024

Opening of the joint sessions

The Chair of the Plants Committee (PC) and the Chair of the Animals Committee (AC) welcomed the participants to the joint sessions of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee and of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee.

16/16. Non-detriment findings..... PC27 Doc. 16/AC33 Doc. 16

The Animals and Plants Committees:

- a) noted the progress of the CITES NDF project and the publication of the preliminary CITES NDF guidance on the CITES website;
- b) agreed that Decisions 19.132 to 19.134 have been implemented and can be proposed for deletion to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and
- d) agreed the draft decisions contained in Annex 4 to document PC27 Doc. 16/AC33 Doc. 16 on a strategy and feedback mechanism to review and update NDF guidance materials and amended by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

20.AA *The Secretariat shall*

- a) *publish a Notification to the Parties inviting them to share:*
 - ~~i) *feedback, including examples, as appropriate, on the use of the CITES Non-detriment finding (NDF) guidance with the Secretariat, preferably through the regional representatives of the Animals and Plants Committees; and*~~
 - ~~ii) *examples with the Secretariat and / or regional representatives of the Animals and Plants Committees of how the NDF guidance has been used;*~~
- b) *taking into consideration the information received through the Notification as well as the experience gained through the field-testing of the guidance, prepare recommendations for consideration by the Animals and Plants Committees regarding:*
 - i) *possible amendments of the CITES NDF guidance, as appropriate; and*
 - ii) *possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on Non-detriment findings, to establish a regular mechanism for the Animals and Plants*

*Committees to identify, review and agree updates to the CITES NDF guidance;
and*

- c) *subject to external funding, prepare draft amendments to the NDF guidance based on advice received from the Animals and Plants Committees and submit the proposed amendments for consideration by the Committees.*

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

20.BB *The Animals and Plants Committees shall:*

- a) *consider the recommendations submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 20.AA;*
- b) *advise the Secretariat on amendments to the CITES NDF guidance, as appropriate;
and*
- c) *if necessary and as appropriate, propose to the Conference of the Parties amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on Non-detriment findings to establish a regular mechanism for the Animals and Plants Committees to identify, review and agree updates to the CITES NDF guidance; and*
- d) *report to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

23/28. Assessment of Appendix-I listed species*

23.1/28.1 Report of the Secretariat PC27 Doc. 23.1/AC33 Doc. 28.1

and

23.2/28.2 Report of the intersessional working group PC27 Doc. 23.2/AC33 Doc. 28.2

The Animals and Plants Committees:

- a) agreed that Decisions 19.184 and 19.185 have been implemented and can be proposed for deletion at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- b) noted the results of the detailed assessments conducted on 10 species and encouraged Parties concerned to note the recommendations in these assessments; and
- c) invited Mexico to make its methodology available through a Notification to the Parties for use by interested Parties.

21/25. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens
of animals and plants not of wild source PC27 Doc. 21/AC33 Doc. 25 (Rev. 1)

Having considered the information provided in document PC27 Doc. 21/AC33 Doc. 25 (Rev. 1) and its Annexes, the Animals and Plants Committees:

- a) agreed to provide the scientific advice contained in Annex 2 to document PC27 Doc. 21/ AC33 Doc. 25 (Rev. 1) to the Standing Committee through its intersessional working group on the *Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source*; and
- b) agreed that Decision 19.180 has been implemented and can be proposed for deletion to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

37/46. Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations PC27 Doc. 37/AC33 Doc. 46

The Animals and Plants Committee:

- a) noted the Secretariat's progress in the implementation of Decision 19.266; and

- b) invited the Secretariat to publish a Notification to the Parties asking Parties to provide comments on the assessment of feasibility of establishing an informal mechanism for review of existing and proposed annotations in the CITES Appendices and on other issues related to annotations to inform the Secretariat's reporting to the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting.

20/22. Specimens produced through biotechnology [Decision 19.162] (No document)

The Animals and Plants Committees noted the oral update by the Secretariat, on behalf of Cuba, Chair of the Standing Committee intersessional working group on specimens produced through biotechnology.

40/47. Botanical and zoological nomenclature

40.1/47.1 Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings PC27 Doc. 40.1/AC33 Doc. 47.1

The Plants and Animals Committees requested the Secretariat to prepare an in-session document reflecting the amendments proposed the AC representative for Europe (Mr. Benyr), the AC representative for North America (Mr. Benitez Diaz) and Conservation Force to the Annex to document PC27 Doc. 40.1/AC33 Doc. 47.1.