

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



Seventy-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 6 – 10 November 2023

AGENDA  
(provisional)

Opening remarks of the Chair

Opening remarks of the Secretary-General

**Administrative and financial matters**

1. Agenda
2. Working programme
3. Rules of Procedure
4. Credentials
5. Admission of observers
6. Report of the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees
7. Standard disclosure form for Members of the Animals and Plants Committee (*SC75 Summary record*)
8. Financial matters (*Resolutions Conf. 19.1 and 18.2*)  
Annexes
9. Terms of reference of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee (*Decision 18.2*)
10. Administrative matters
  - 10.1 Report of the Secretariat
  - 10.2 Report of the United Nations Environment Programme on administrative matters
11. Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties [*Decision 18.1 (Rev. CoP19)*]
12. Emerging operational matters of the committees (*Decision 19.3*)
13. Access to funding (*Decision 19.9*)
14. Sponsored Delegates Project (*Decision 18.12*)
15. Arrangements for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (*Resolution Conf. 18.2*)

## Strategic matters

16. CITES Strategic Vision (*Decisions 19.13 and 19.14*)
17. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade (*Decision 19.17*)
  - 17.1 Report of the working group
  - 17.2 Report of the Secretariat
18. Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizations [*Decisions 19.21 and 17.56 (Rev. CoP19)*]
19. Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including policy aspects of IPBES Assessment report on the sustainable use of wild species (*Decision 19.29 and Resolution Conf . 18.4*)
20. World Wildlife Trade Report (*Decision 19.31*)
21. CITES and forests (*Decision 19.34*)
22. Language strategy for the Convention (*Decision 19.39*)

### Capacity-building

23. Capacity-building
  - 23.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 19.2 on *Capacity-building*
  - 23.2 Report by the Sudan
  - 23.3 Capacity-building framework (*Decision 19.41*)
24. Compliance Assistance Programme (*Decision 19.46*)
25. CITES Tree Species Programme (*Decision 19.50*)

### CITES and people

26. CITES gender action plan (*Decision 19.52*)
27. Establishment of the CITES Global Youth Network
28. Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities [*Decisions 17.57 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.31 (Rev. CoP19)*]
  - 28.1 Report of the working group
  - 28.2 Report of the Secretariat
29. Livelihoods [*Decision 18.34 (Rev. CoP19)*]
30. Demand reduction to combat illegal trade (*Decision 19.56*)

## Compliance

31. National laws for implementation of the Convention (*Decisions 19.60 and 19.61*)
32. National reports
  - 32.1 Submission of annual reports

- 32.2 Revised *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports and Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual illegal trade reports*
- 32.3 Revised *Report format* for implementation reports
- 33. Compliance matters
  - 33.1 Implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures (Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) paragraph 23 c) – e)*
  - 33.2 Expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood *Pterocarpus erinaceus* for all range States
    - 33.2.1 Report by Senegal
    - 33.2.2 Updated Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) and Legal Acquisition Finding (LAF) report for *Pterocarpus erinaceus* in Sierra Leone and a request for special authorization to export the pre-zero export quota harvested stocks of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*
    - 33.2.3 Report of the Secretariat
  - 33.3 Application of Article XIII in Bangladesh
  - 33.4 Application of Article XIII in Cameroon
  - 33.5 Application of Article XIII in China
  - 33.6 Application of Article XIII in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
  - 33.7 Application of Article XIII in Ecuador
  - 33.8 Application of Article XIII in the European Union
  - 33.9 Application of Article XIII in Guinea
  - 33.10 Application of Article XIII in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
  - 33.11 Application of Article XIII in Nigeria
  - 33.12 Malagasy palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.) and ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.): Report of Madagascar (*Decision 19.73*)
  - 33.13 Totoabas (*Totoaba macdonaldi*) [*Decision 18.295 (Rev. CoP19)*]
    - 33.13.1 Report presented by Mexico as Chairman of the Trilateral Contact Group on law enforcement to combat the illegal trade of totoaba
    - 33.13.2 Report of the Secretariat
- 34. National ivory action plan process [(*Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19), Annex 3*), step 4]
- 35. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species [*Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)*]
  - 35.1 Overview of the Review of Significant Trade
  - 35.2 Implementation of recommendations of the Animals Committee
  - 35.3 Implementation of recommendations of the Plants Committee
- 36. Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity [*Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19)*]
- 37. Possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I (*Decision 19.67*)

## Illegal trade and enforcement

38. Review of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement* (Decision 19.66)
39. Enforcement
  - 39.1 Enforcement matters [*Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) paragraph 24; Resolution Conf. 17.6 (Rev. CoP19) paragraph 13. A) and b), 14 and 15; Decision 19.79*]
  - 39.2 International Consortium on Combatting Wildlife Crime [*Decision 19.26 and 19.27; Resolution Conf.11.3 paragraph 30. b)*]
  - 39.3 CITES Big Cats Task Force (Decision 19.93)
  - 39.4 Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa (Decision 19.88)
40. Marine turtles (Cheloniidae spp. and Dermochelyidae spp.) [*Decision 18.217 (Rev. CoP19) and Resolution Conf. 19.5 – paragraph 16*]
41. Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)
  - 41.1 Report of the Secretariat [*Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP19)*]
  - 41.2 Asian big cats in captivity [*Decision 18.109 (Rev. CoP19)*]
42. Illegal trade in African great apes (*Gorilla gorilla*, *Gorilla beringei*, *Pan troglodytes* and *Pan paniscus*)
43. Jaguars (*Panthera onca*) (Decisions 19.113 and 19.114)
44. Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*) [*Resolution Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP17)*]
45. Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.) (Decision 19.121)

## Regulation of trade

46. Legal acquisition findings (Decision 19.131)
47. Introduction from the sea (Decision 19.141)
48. Purpose-of-transaction codes (Decision 19.149)
49. Electronic systems and information technology (Decision 19.151)
50. Stocks and stockpiles [*Decision 17.170 (Rev. CoP19)*]
51. Stocks and stockpiles (elephant ivory) [*Decision 18.185 (Rev. CoP19)*]
52. Transport of live specimens (Decisions 19.158 and 19.159)
53. Rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and musical instruments (Decision 19.160)
54. Specimens produced through biotechnology (Decision 19.161)
55. Dialogue meeting for African elephant range States (*Loxodonta africana*) (Decision 19.167)
56. Disposal of confiscated specimens (Decisions 19.173 and 19.174)
57. Labelling system for trade in caviar (Decision 19.176)

## Exemptions and special trade provisions

58. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source (*Decision 19.179*)
59. Review of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on *Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes* (*Decision 19.181*)
60. Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade (*Decision 19.186*)
61. Phytosanitary certificates that are regarded as artificial propagation certificates

## **Species conservation and trade**

### Fauna

62. West African vultures (*Accipitridae* spp.) (*Decision 19.196*)
63. Elephants (*Elephantidae* spp.)
  - 63.1 Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) [*Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) paragraphs 12, 19*] and *Decisions 19.96, 19.101 and 18.119 (Rev. CoP19)*]
  - 63.2 Financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programmes (*Decision 19.37*)
64. Great apes (*Hominidae* spp.): Report on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP18)
65. Saiga antelopes (*Saiga* spp.) (*Decision 19.216*)

### Aquatic species

66. Eels (*Anguilla* spp.) (*Decision 19.221*)
67. Sharks and rays (*Elasmobranchii* spp.) (*Decisions 19.226 and 19.227*)
  - 67.1 Evidence of continued non-compliant trade in Appendix-II listed shark species (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)
  - 67.2 Report of the Animals Committee
  - 67.3 Report of the Secretariat
68. Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) (*Decision 19.236*)

### Flora

69. Products containing specimens of Appendix II orchids (*Orchidaceae* spp.) (*Decision 19.248*)

## **Appendices of the Convention**

### Annotations

70. Annotations [*Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP19)*]
71. Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another [*Decision 18.151 (Rev. CoP19)*]
72. Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species [*Decision 18.317 (Rev. CoP19)*]
73. Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations (*Decision 19.267*)

Nomenclature matters

74. Taxonomy and nomenclature of African elephants (*Loxodonta* spp.) (Decision 19.277)

**Concluding items**

75. Any other business

76. Determination of the time and venue of the 78th meeting

77. Closing remarks

77.1 Secretary-General

77.2 Chair