

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



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Compliance

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

OVERVIEW OF THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Background

2. The role and responsibilities of the Standing Committee in conducting the Review of Significant Trade (RST) in specimens of Appendix-II species are described in paragraph 1 k) to p) and paragraph 2 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*.
3. Details of the 119 cases (species or taxa/country or range State combinations) that are currently in the RST are presented in a table in the Annex to this document. Of these cases, 80 relate to fauna and 39 relate to flora. This table includes the 21 species/country combinations that were selected by the Animals Committee and the 20 species/country combinations selected by the Plants Committee for inclusion in Stage 2 of RST at their 32nd and 26th meetings respectively (AC32 and PC26; Geneva, June 2023).
4. In document SC77 Doc. 35.2, the Secretariat has submitted for consideration of the Standing Committee its determination of implementation of fauna cases that are due for reporting at the present meeting. The recommendations of said document reflect the outcomes of the intersessional consultations with the Animals Committee, in accordance with paragraph 1 k) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).
5. In document SC77 Doc. 35.3, the Secretariat has submitted for consideration of the Standing Committee its determination of implementation of flora cases that are due for reporting at the present meeting. The determination of implementation of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* as an exceptional case for the eight range States concerned is reported on in document SC77 Doc. 33.2.3. The recommendations of both documents reflect the outcomes of the consultations with the Plants Committee at its 26th meeting (PC26; Geneva, June 2023), as well as that of additional intersessional consultations that took place following PC26, in accordance with paragraph 1 k) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).

New species/country combinations selected following CoP19

6. At AC32, the Animals Committee selected nine taxa (concerning 15 countries) for the RST in compliance with paragraph 1 b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18). Cases where Parties are confirmed as non-range States and where discrepancies in the trade data is explained will be removed and reported to AC33.
7. The fauna taxa and range States (countries) that were selected by the Animals Committee for inclusion in Stage 2 of the RST following CoP19 are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Taxa and countries selected following CoP19 at AC32 for inclusion in Stage 2 of RST

Species	Country selected	Justification
<i>Falco cherrug</i>	Jordan (JO)	Endangered species; High volume (Globally Threatened - GT)
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Ghana (GH)	Endangered species; High volume (GT)
<i>Python regius</i>	Ghana (GH), Benin (BJ), Togo (TG)	High volume (GT); Sharp increase
<i>Siebenrockiella crassicollis</i>	Indonesia (ID)	Endangered species; High volume (GT)
<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Kenya (KE); Senegal (SN); Oman (OM); Yemen (YE)*	Endangered species; Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase
<i>Mobula</i> spp.	Sri Lanka (LK)	Endangered species; High volume (GT); Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase
<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Mexico (MX); Indonesia (ID); China (CN); Kenya (KE); Nicaragua (NI); Oman (OM); Sri Lanka (LK); Yemen (YE)	Endangered species; High volume (GT); Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase
<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	Mexico (MX)	Endangered species; Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	Uzbekistan (UZ)	High Volume (GT)

\* Yemen was considered a non-range State at AC32, but subsequent checks have confirmed that *Carcharhinus longimanus* does occur in the territorial waters of Yemen.

8. At PC26, the Plants Committee selected eight taxa for the RST in compliance with paragraph 1 b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and recommended the following species/country combinations for inclusion in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade. Cases where Parties are confirmed as non-range States and where discrepancies in the trade data is explained will be removed and reported to PC27.

Table 2. Taxa and countries selected following CoP19 at PC26 for inclusion in Stage 2 of RST

Species	Country selected	Justification
<i>Euphorbia poissonii</i>	Ghana (GH)	Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase (Ghana)
<i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	Mozambique (MZ); United Republic of Tanzania (TZ); Uganda (UG); Kenya (KE)	High volume (Globally Threatened); Sharp increase (Kenya)
<i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i>	Nicaragua (NI)	Endangered species; High volume (Globally Threatened)
<i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	Equatorial Guinea (GQ), Gabon (GA), Cameroon (CM)	Endangered species; High volume (Globally Threatened)
<i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	All Range States plus South Sudan*	High volume; Sharp increase (United Republic of Tanzania)
<i>Aquilaria crassna</i>	Viet Nam (VN), Thailand (TH), Malaysia (MY)*	Endangered species; Sharp increase (Viet Nam)
<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Indonesia (ID), Malaysia (MY), Singapore (SG), Thailand (TH), India (IN)	Endangered species; High volume (Globally Threatened)
<i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	Indonesia (ID), Papua New Guinea (PG)	Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase (Indonesia)

\* An asterisk denotes a non-range State.

Progress in the implementation of Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) on Review of Significant Trade

9. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties revised Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of Significant Trade*, as follows:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**17.108 (Rev. CoP19)** *The Secretariat, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and building on the work done to date, shall develop, test and establish a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database as an essential tool for the effective implementation and transparency of the process.*

**17.109 (Rev. CoP19)** *The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States.*

**17.110 (Rev. CoP19)** *The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within nine months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade (including case studies as appropriate).*

10. At AC32 and PC26, the Secretariat informed the Committees that the Review of Significant Trade (RST) Tracking and Management System had been launched at CoP19 during a side event, making it publicly available to all CITES Parties and interested stakeholders. Accordingly, Decision 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) has been fully implemented.
11. As a further development, the Secretariat is pleased to inform the Standing Committee that the RST Tracking and Management System is now available in all three official CITES languages: English, French and Spanish. The Secretariat hopes that this will make the System more useful to all CITES Parties, and particularly those in the Review of Significant Trade.
12. In parallel, the Secretariat has worked with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to implement Decision 17.109 (Rev. CoP19). The Secretariat has made available an updated draft user-friendly guide for all public users of the RST Tracking and Management System, in English, French and Spanish through Notification to the Parties No. [2023/114](#) of 18 September 2023. The Notification invited Parties to provide feedback on the Tracking and Management System and the draft user-friendly guide by 31 October 2023. Accordingly, Decision 17.109 (Rev. CoP19) has been fully implemented. The Secretariat is planning to include a training module on the Review of Significant Trade on the CITES Virtual College and will provide an update on the implementation of Decision 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) to SC78.

International expert workshop on NDFs

13. The Secretariat draws the Parties' attention to [Notification to the Parties No. 2023/095](#) which announces an international expert workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs) from 4 – 8 December 2023 at the United Nations Complex, UN Avenue, Gigiri, in Nairobi, Kenya. The aim of the workshop, an activity of the CITES NDF project, is to review and improve draft NDF guidance materials being developed. Parties currently included in RST should consider attending this workshop and contributing to the development of this guidance by highlighting the challenges that they face in making NDFs. The workshop will develop new guidance materials that Parties will be encouraged to test in the field. It is envisaged that the outputs from the workshop will serve as a useful resource for Parties that find making NDFs challenging. Detailed information on the progress of the CITES NDF project is available in documents [CoP19 Doc. 43.1](#) and document [PC26 Doc. 17 / AC32 Doc. 16](#).

Recommendations

14. The Standing Committee is invited to take note of this document.

SPECIES/COUNTRY COMBINATIONS CURRENTLY  
IN THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE  
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 2023)

- Countries or range States are shown in the first column, arranged in alphabetical order, with the relevant species in the second column.
- Cases selected at AC32 and PC26 for inclusion in Stage 2 of RST are indicated as “initiated”
- Cases where deadlines for implementation of recommendations have now passed are indicated in the third column as “Ongoing”
- Where a recommendation to suspend trade is in place for a particular species or taxa/country or range State combination, this is highlighted in **bold** and green and the date of validation is indicated in the third column.
- Cases marked (\*) refer to exceptional cases, pursuant to paragraph 1 c) of the RST process.
- Where information has been received by the Secretariat from the country concerning updates on the implementation of the recommendations of the Animals, Plants or Standing Committees, and the case is reviewed in another SC77 document, this is indicated in the fourth column

Country	Species	Initiated, Ongoing or Date of validation of a recommendation to suspend trade	Comments
All range states plus South Sudan	1. <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
Algeria	2. <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
Belize	<b>3. <i>Myrmecophila tibicinis</i></b>	<b>15 June 2010</b>	
Benin	<b>4. <i>Pandinus imperator</i></b>	<b>2 May 2013</b>	
	<b>5. <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	<b>6. <i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	<b>7. <i>Kinixys homeana</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	8. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
Burkina Faso	10. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
Cameroon	11. <i>Prunus africana</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.3
	<b>12. <i>Trioceros quadricornis</i></b>	<b>15 March 2016</b>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	<b>13. <i>Trioceros montium</i></b>	<b>20 January 2020</b>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	14. <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
China	15. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
Congo	16. <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.3
Côte d’Ivoire	<b>17. <i>Pericopsis elata</i></b>	<b>7 September 2012</b>	Retained at SC74
	<b>18. <i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i></b>	<b>9 July 2001</b>	

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Democratic Republic of the Congo	19. <i>Poicephalus guielmi</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	20. <i>Prunus africana</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.3
	21. <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.3
Equatorial Guinea	<b>22. <i>Prunus africana</i></b>	<b>3 February 2009</b>	Retained at SC74
	<b>23. <i>Trioceros feae</i></b>	<b>7 September 2012</b>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	24. <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Gambia (the)	25. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
Gabon	26. <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Ghana	<b>27. <i>Pandinus imperator</i></b>	<b>12 August 2014</b>	
	<b>28. <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	<b>29. <i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	30. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
	31. <i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32
	32. <i>Python regius</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32
	33. <i>Euphorbia poissonii</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Grenada	<b>34. <i>Strombus gigas</i></b>	<b>12 May 2006</b>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
Guinea	<b>35. <i>Hippocampus algiricus</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
Guinea Bissau	36. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
Guyana	37. <i>Amazona festiva</i>	Ongoing	
	38. <i>Chelonoidis denticulatus</i>	Ongoing	
	39. <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Ongoing	
	40. <i>Ara ararauna</i>	Ongoing	
	41. <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	Ongoing	
Haiti (non-Party)	<b>42. <i>Strombus gigas</i></b>	<b>29 September 2003</b>	
India	43. <i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.3
	44. <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Indonesia	45. <i>Malayemys subtrijuga</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	46. <i>Notochelys platynota</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	47. <i>Cuora amboinensis</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	48. <i>Siebenrockiella crassicollis</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32
	49. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32

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	50. <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
	51. <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
Jordan	52. <i>Testudo graeca</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
	53. <i>Falco cherrug</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
Kenya	54. <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
	55. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
	56. <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
Lao People's Democratic Republic	<b>57. <i>Dendrobium nobile</i></b>	<b>3 February 2009</b>	
Madagascar	<b>58. <i>Coracopsis vasa</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
	<b>59. <i>Furcifer labordi</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
	<b>60. <i>Phelsuma borai</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
	<b>61. <i>Phelsuma gouldi</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
	<b>62. <i>Phelsuma hoeschi</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
	<b>63. <i>Phelsuma ravenala</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
Malaysia	64. <i>Aquilaria crassna</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
	65. <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
Mali	<b>66. <i>Uromastyx dispar</i></b>	<b>22 August 2008</b>	
	67. <i>Uromastyx geyeri</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	68. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
Mexico	69. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
	70. <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
Morocco	71. <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
Mozambique	<b>72. <i>Smaug mossambicus</i></b>	<b>7 September 2012</b>	
	<b>73. <i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i></b>	<b>10 August 2001</b>	
	74. <i>Trioceros melleri</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
	75. <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
Nicaragua	76. <i>Dalbergia retusa</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.3
	77. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
	78. <i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at PC26
Niger	<b>79. <i>Chamaeleo africanus</i></b>	<b>7 September 2012</b>	
Nigeria	80. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
Oman	81. <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
	82. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32

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Panama	83. <i>Dalbergia retusa</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.3
Papua New Guinea	84. <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Senegal	<b>85. <i>Hippocampus algiricus</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	86. <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32
Sierra Leone	87. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 33.2.3.
Singapore	88. <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Solomon Islands	<b>89. <i>Corucia zebrata</i></b>	<b>9 July 2001</b>	
	<b>90. <i>Ornithoptera priamus</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
	<b>91. <i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i></b>	<b>20 January 1995</b>	
	<b>92. <i>Tridacna derasa</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	<b>93. <i>Tridacna crocea</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	<b>94. <i>Tridacna gigas</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	<b>95. <i>Tridacna maxima</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
	<b>96. <i>Tridacna noae</i></b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>	
Sri Lanka	98. <i>Mobula</i> spp.	Initiated	Selected at AC32
	99. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32
Suriname	100. <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	101. <i>Ara ararauna</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	102. <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
	103. <i>Chelonoidis denticulatus</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
Thailand	104. <i>Aquilaria crassna</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
	105. <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Togo	<b>106. <i>Pandinus imperator</i></b>	<b>2 May 2013</b>	
	<b>107. <i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i></b>	<b>9 July 2001</b>	
	108. <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Ongoing	
	109. <i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Ongoing	
	110. <i>Varanus ornatus</i>	Ongoing	
	111. <i>Python regius</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32
Tunisia	112. <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Ongoing	For review at SC77. See SC77 Doc. 35.2
Uganda	113. <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
United Republic of Tanzania	<b>114. <i>Balearica regulorum</i></b>	<b>2 May 2013</b>	
	115. <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26
Uzbekistan	116. <i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	Initiated	Selected at AC32
Viet Nam	117. <i>Aquilaria crassna</i>	Initiated	Selected at PC26

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Yemen	118. <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32
	119. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Initiated</i>	Selected at AC32