

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

SUMMARY

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER
MORNING

The Committee noted the following documents and agenda items and requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties within one week of this meeting inviting Members, Parties and observers to submit any comments on these agenda items to the Secretariat before 31 December 2023 so that the work mandated by the Conference of the Parties could proceed. The Committee also requested the Secretariat to forward comments received to the relevant Chairs of the intersessional working groups or to consider the comments in its further work, as appropriate.

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71. Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another..... SC77 Doc. 71

The Committee requested the Secretariat to:

- a) develop draft guidance and best practices related to periods of transition and possible transitory measures, including but not limited to the period between the adoption of a proposal to transfer a species from one Appendix to another and the entry into force of the new listing;
- b) in accordance with Decision 18.151 (Rev. CoP19), consider, in consultation with the Plants Committee, as appropriate, whether special recommendations should apply in the case of a transfer of a tree species with annotation #5 or other annotated plant species; and
- c) report back to the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting.

The Committee noted the comments made on the floor.

33. Compliance matters

33.9 Application of Article XIII in Guinea SC77 Doc.33.9 and add.

The Committee agreed the following recommendations:

Regarding the recommendation to suspend trade

- a) The Committee recommended that Parties continue to suspend all trade in CITES-listed species with Guinea for commercial purposes until the following recommendations have been met to the satisfaction of the Standing Committee:

Regarding the proceeds from the export of the stockpile of Pterocarpus erinaceus

Guinea should:

- b) provide to the Secretariat evidence from the Public Treasury of the deposit in the State account of the proceeds obtained from the sale of the *Pterocarpus erinaceus* stockpile (4 billion Guinean francs, equivalent to USD 478,650) as well as of the transfer of the 40% (equivalent to USD 190,386) to a separate subaccount of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, and the establishment of a budget for the use of the funds taking into account the Compliance Assistance Project and in close consultation with the Management Authority;

Regarding national legislation

Guinea should:

- c) adopt legislative measures that meet the minimum requirements of CITES set out in Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) on *National laws for implementation of the Convention* and in accordance with the guidance provided under the National Legislation Project; this should include the issuance of a legally binding instrument on the functions and responsibilities of the CITES Management and Scientific Authorities;

Regarding management and issuance of CITES permits and certificates

Guinea should:

- d) implement an electronic system for the receipt and management of applications for CITES documents, and for the issuance, filing and monitoring of CITES documents, as well as for the timely submission of an annual report; Guinea must ensure a quick setting up of the new Management Authority and submit a new sample signature without delay to the CITES Secretariat and continue to use security paper and security stamps;
- e) develop a protocol for the making of non-detriment findings by the CITES Scientific Authority prior to the issuance of export permits;

- f) assess the capacity of the CITES Management and Scientific Authority on CITES implementation, including the capacity to make non-detriment and legal acquisition findings, and address any gaps and needs for training and capacity-building, with the relevant technical assistance, including from the CITES Secretariat, if requested and subject to available resources;
- g) in order to prepare for the consideration of a future partial withdrawal of the recommendation to suspend trade, Guinea should submit for approval by the CITES Secretariat a list of species included in CITES Appendix II for which export for commercial purposes could be considered; and initiate the process of collecting data and information related to the approved species in order to develop precautionary voluntary export quotas for consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees, respectively, and the Standing Committee, taking into account Article IV of the Convention, Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings*, Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Legal acquisition findings* and Resolution Conf. 14.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Management of nationally established export quotas*;
- h) every six months, submit copies of CITES permits and certificates issued to the CITES Secretariat for information and monitoring;

Regarding compliance and law enforcement

Guinea should:

- i) under the aegis of the Advocate General of the Conakry Court of Appeal (Focal Point for Wildlife Crime of the Ministry of Justice), and in accordance with national law, conduct criminal and financial investigations, through specialized agencies such as INTERPOL's National Central Bureau, the National Financial Information Processing Unit (*Cellule Nationale de traitement des Informations Financières - CENTIF*), the National Anti-corruption and good governance promotion agency, and the National Wildlife and Forest Crime Brigade; and undertake judicial prosecutions against all individuals and entities involved in alleged offences associated with the recent illicit trafficking of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, including the members of the National Commission, irrespective of their position;
- j) make efforts to also investigate and collect information on the transnational organized syndicates operating in the country so that they can be brought to justice and avoid that only small perpetrators are targeted;
- k) continue to investigate and prosecute other cases of illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed species and inform the Secretariat of the results of any legal proceedings by submitting the annual illegal trade report in accordance with the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade report*;
- l) consider developing and implementing a strategy to counter corruption linked to wildlife crime at all levels, including anti-bribery policies, and intensify efforts to ensure full implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.6 (Rev. CoP19) on *Prohibiting, preventing, detecting and countering corruption, which facilitates activities conducted in violation of the Convention*. The strategy should include recommendations to protect officials responsible for the implementation and enforcement of CITES from undue pressure, obstruction and threats;
- m) establish a formal agreement between the CITES Management Authority and the Customs Service on collaboration, coordination and exchange of information;
- n) develop a protocol for the management and disposal of seized and confiscated specimens (live and dead), taking into account the provisions of the Convention and the recommendations of Resolution Conf. 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species*;
- o) take action to address the gaps identified through the implementation of the Indicator Framework of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC);

Regarding reporting on the implementation of these recommendations

- p) Guinea shall prepare a report on the implementation of these recommendations, including the budget and the use of the funds mentioned in recommendation b) and any progress in the criminal investigations mentioned in recommendation i) and any other pertinent information. Guinea shall submit the report to the Secretariat 90 days before the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee so that the Secretariat can in turn submit its report and recommendations to the Standing Committee at that meeting.

The Committee invited Parties, ICCWC partners and donors to provide financial, technical and logistical support to Guinea to support the implementation of the above recommendations.

The Committee recommended that China seize and confiscate any illegal timber from Guinea. Should China reject the import of the illegal shipment and the timber be returned to Guinea, the Committee recommended that Guinea seize the shipments and ensure that these are disposed of in a manner that discourages further illegal logging and timber trafficking in accordance with Resolution Conf. 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species*, preferably by complete destruction.

Finally, the Committee requested the Secretariat to publish a Notification to the Parties to replace Notification to the Parties No. 2022/082, recommending that Parties maintain the suspension of trade for commercial purposes with Guinea.

44. Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*) SC77 Doc. 44

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 44 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

65. Saiga antelopes (*Saiga spp.*) SC77 Doc. 65

The Committee:

- a) commended Kazakhstan on the recovery of their saiga populations;
- b) noted the progress range State Parties and important consumer and trading countries/regions of saiga parts and derivatives have made on the implementation of the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope for 2021-2025*; and
- c) recommended that range States of the saiga antelope (*Saiga spp.*) and important consumer and trading countries and regions of saiga parts and derivatives refer to Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Legal acquisition findings* when verifying the origin of specimens and only use source code "U" in accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates*;
- d) agreed to revise and renew Decision 19.213 to encourage both range States and consumer States to establish internal market controls for saiga parts, including registration of stockpiles, labelling of parts and products, and registration of manufacturers and traders, and report such information to the CITES Secretariat;
- e) noted the concerns relating to the potential impact of application of source code "U" on saiga antelope and invited Parties to submit a document in this regard for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, as appropriate;
- f) reminded Parties to use the [Guide to the application of CITES sources codes](#) when applying source code "U";
- g) noted the comments made on the floor.

50. Stocks and stockpiles SC77 Doc. 50

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 50 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

56. Disposal of confiscated specimens..... SC77 Doc. 56

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 56 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

16. CITES Strategic Vision..... SC77 Doc. 16

The Committee:

a) requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties inviting comments from Parties and observers on the mapping of the areas of alignment between the CITES Strategic Vision and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its monitoring framework as contained in Annex 1 to document SC77 Doc. 16 and on the proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.4 on *Cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions* contained in Annex 2 to document SC77 Doc. 16;

c) agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties the indicator below for objective 1.4 of the *CITES Strategic Vision*:

Indicator 1.4.1 The number and proportion of species listed in Appendices that have been found to meet the criteria for each Appendix contained in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) or its successors as part of the Periodic Review process or of amendment proposals;

d) invited the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees, to review and revise the following draft indicators for objective 1.4, taking into consideration the comments made on the floor, and to report to SC78;

Indicator 1.4.2 The number and proportion of species listed in the Appendices identified as likely to be threatened by international trade on the basis of information in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (i.e., Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, Extinct in the Wild and Extinct)

Indicator 1.4.3 The number and proportion of species listed in the Appendices identified as unlikely to be threatened by international trade on the basis of information in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (i.e., Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, Extinct in the Wild and Extinct).

e) noted the comments made on the floor.

32. National reports

32.3 Revised Report format for implementation reports SC77 Doc. 32.3

The Committee:

a) agreed on the amendments to the report format of the implementation reports in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 32.3;

b) encouraged Parties to submit their next implementation report by 31 October 2024 (covering 2021, 2022 and 2023) so that the Secretariat can gather the necessary data for reporting on progress towards achievement of the goals of the *CITES Strategic Vision* to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) scheduled to take place in 2025; and

c) noted the suggestion by Belgium that, should the Secretariat develop an online version of the implementation report, Parties should still have the option of submitting it as a Word document.

32. National reports

32.1 Submission of annual reports..... SC77 Doc. 32.1

The Committee instructed the Secretariat to determine whether Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Brunei Darussalam, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, the Gambia, Guinea, Myanmar, Saint Vincent and

the Grenadines, Somalia and Togo have failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification. If so determined, the Secretariat will issue a Notification (60 days after the closure of this 77th meeting of the Standing Committee) recommending that Parties not authorize any commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until they have provided the missing reports.

The Committee noted the suggestion made by Japan that the Secretariat issue a Notification to the Parties informing Parties of possible future recommendations to suspend trade.

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 SC77 Doc. 32.2

In accordance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19), the Committee approved the amendments to the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* in paragraph 4 of document SC77 Doc. 32.2 related to the trade term codes and the amendments to the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual illegal trade reports* and the reporting template as outlined in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 32.2 with the following amendments:

Proposed new text is shown underlined and deletions in ~~strike through~~ throughout the document.

Description	Trade term code	Preferred unit	Alternative unit	Explanation
<u>thread</u>	<u>THD</u>	<u>kg</u>		<u>thread – a processed long strand of multiple hairs or fibres of natural (e.g. plant or animal) origin, e.g. vicuna, guanaco</u>
hair	HAI	kg	g	hair – includes all <u>unprocessed</u> animal hair, e.g. of elephant, yak, guanaco, <u>wolf, bear, panther, etc.</u>

For the template of the annual illegal trade report:

Please select one of the following options:

Yes, any data related to seizures of elephant specimens can be shared with ETIS to support the monitoring the illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimens as provided for in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19).

No, data related to seizures of elephant specimens will be submitted to ETIS as a separate report.

The Committee established an intersessional working group with the mandate to review the provisions in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, paragraph 27 g), and Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev CoP19) on *National reports*, paragraph 4, relating to exchange of information between the annual illegal trade report and the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS), as well as the data elements to be reported in both as it relates to elephant specimens; and report to SC78.

Membership was agreed as follows: Argentina, Austria, Belgium (Chair), Canada, Germany, India, Italy, Kuwait, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland, United States of America; United Nations Organization on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and TRAFFIC.

31. National laws for implementation of the Convention SC77 Doc. 31 (Rev. 1)

The Committee:

- a) commended India, Maldives, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands for the efforts leading to their legislation being placed in Category 1 and other Parties or territories that have made substantial progress in adopting measures for the effective implementation of the Convention;
- b) agreed on a recommendation to all Parties to suspend trade in all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes with Comoros, Congo, Dominica, Libya, Oman and Sierra Leone. The Secretariat shall inform the Parties concerned of this measure immediately after the present meeting. The recommendation shall take effect 60 days after it is agreed unless the Party concerned adopts appropriate measures before the expiry of the 60 days or takes significant and substantive steps to do so. Upon the expiry of the 60 days after the recommendation is agreed, the Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties informing them of the recommendations to suspend commercial trade taking effect from that date;
- c) requested the Secretariat to issue a formal warning or a second formal warning to the Parties that have not reported any legislative progress for more than three years, requesting them to immediately take steps to ensure progress be made before SC78 and to report such progress to the Secretariat 90 days before the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee, hence by 31 October 2024. At the time of writing, this includes:
 - Azerbaijan: second formal warning (first formal warning issued at SC74);
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina: second formal warning (first formal warning issued at SC74);
 - Kenya: first formal warning;
 - Lebanon: second formal warning (first formal warning issued at SC74); and
 - North Macedonia: second formal warning (first formal warning issued at SC70).
- d) agreed to add Uganda to the list of Parties designated by the Standing Committee as requiring its attention as a priority; and
- e) agreed with the Secretariat's proposed way forward concerning the handling of exceptional circumstances impeding the proper functioning of CITES at the national level.

The Standing Committee recognized and welcomed the support provided by Parties, development partners as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in support of the development and adoption of national measures to effectively implement and enforce the Convention.

The Committee noted the suggestion made by Japan that the Secretariat issue a Notification to the Parties informing Parties of possible future recommendations to suspend trade.

18. Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizationsSC77 Doc. 18

The Committee:

- a) noted the process outlined for the development of the draft CITES partnership strategy and invited the Secretariat to take into account the inputs provided on the floor;
- b) agreed to coordinate the participation of its Members at the Bern III Conference on synergies (January 2024) to ensure that the Convention and its interests are adequately represented at the conference;
- c) encouraged Parties participating in the UNEA-6 high-level dialogues to represent the achievements, needs and interests of CITES and its Parties; and
- d) noted the comments made on the floor.

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 SC77 Doc. 19

The Committee established an intersessional working group to facilitate the review of the IPBES Thematic Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species with the mandate to work through electronic means to:

- a) review the summary for policymakers of the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES);
- b) consider the recommendations related to Decision 19.29 of the joint session of the 33rd meeting of Animals Committee and the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee;
- c) using the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 19 as the starting point, identify aspects relevant to CITES implementation that are not adequately covered in existing Resolutions and Decisions, and may require further consideration by the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties; and
- d) prepare a draft report of the results of the review and possible recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting.

Membership was agreed as follows: Australia, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Poland, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Switzerland (Chair), United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Animal Welfare Institute, Conservation Force, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), International Fur Federation, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa, South African Taxidermy & Tannery Association, Species Survival Network (SSN), Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Ranch South Africa, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wide Fund for Nature, .

17. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade

17.1 Report of the working group..... SC77 Doc. 17.1

The Committee noted the interim report of the working group in document SC77 Doc. 17.1.

17.2 Report of the Secretariat SC77 Doc. 17.2

The Committee:

- a) invited the Secretariat, taking into consideration the comments made on the floor, to finalize the draft Memorandum of Understanding and draft joint programme of work with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) contained in Annex 2A and 2B with the following edits:
 - i) add to Article 2, section 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding: Identifying zoonotic disease risk associated with CITES activities and CITES listed species
 - ii) add to the Joint Programme of Work: Exchange of information between WOAH and CITES on the specific wildlife pathogens and their common wildlife host species and specimen types that could be of mutual interest
- b) requested the Standing Committee's intersessional working group to consider the information provided by the Parties, the CMS Secretariat, organizations and the United Nations Environment Programme referred to in document SC77 Doc. 17.2 and its Annexes in implementing its mandate.

20. World Wildlife Trade Report SC77 Doc. 20

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 20 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

22. Language strategy for the Convention SC77 Doc. 22
- The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 22 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.
26. CITES gender action plan SC77 Doc. 26
- The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 26 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.
28. Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities
- 28.1 Report of the working group SC77 Doc. 28.1
- The Committee noted the progress and next steps for the working group on engagement on indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as the comments made on the floor.
- The Committee invited the intersessional working group to take into account in its discussion the topics raised in information document CoP19 Inf. 29 on *Engaging Indigenous peoples and local communities in international policy- and decision-making: Lessons for CITES from multilateral environmental and human rights processes*, as appropriate.
- 28.2 Report of the Secretariat SC77 Doc. 28.2
- The Committee:
- a) noted document SC77 Doc. 28.2, in particular the consolidated summary of the responses from Parties on their experiences and lessons learned in engaging indigenous peoples and local communities in the CITES processes in both 2020 and 2023, contained in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 28.2;
 - b) agreed to include the task in Decision 17.57 (Rev. CoP19) concerning the examination of the terminology used in the CITES context when referring to “indigenous peoples”, “local communities” or “rural communities” in the mandate of the intersessional working group on IPLC engagement; and
 - c) noted the comments made on the floor.
29. Livelihoods SC77 Doc. 29
- The Committee noted the progress and next steps for the working group on livelihoods, taking into consideration the comment made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland about the possibility to include livelihood considerations in making non-detriment findings.
37. Possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I SC77 Doc. 37
- The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 37 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.
11. Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties SC77 Doc. 11
- The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 11 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.
12. Emerging operational matters of the committees SC77 Doc. 12
- The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 12 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

46. Legal acquisition findings SC77 Doc. 46

The Committee:

- a) encouraged Parties to implement Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) and use the “Rapid guide for making legal acquisition findings”, as appropriate, when preparing their legal acquisition findings; and
- b) invited Parties to, where possible, share their legal acquisition findings to build knowledge and share best practices regarding the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Legal acquisition findings* and requested the Secretariat to make any shared legal acquisition findings available on the CITES webpage, as appropriate.

48. Purpose-of-transaction codes *No document*

The Committee noted that comments on this agenda item would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

49. Electronic systems and information technology SC77 Doc. 49

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 49 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

52. Transport of live specimens SC77 Doc. 52

The Committee:

- a) agreed to the following changes to the draft Terms of Reference for the virtual workshop on transport of live specimens in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 52; and

Content:

- b) *Understanding the process for amending and revising the current methods in the LAR to meet safer transport methods, ~~including crate design~~; amending ambiguous texts;*
- c) *understanding the principles of live animal container design and the guidelines for evaluating the number of animals that can be transported together;*

Expected deliverables:

- 3. *Compilation of experiences and best practices of the Parties related to the transport of live animals and plants.*

- b) invited the Secretariat to organize the workshop in accordance with the terms of reference and to collaborate with experts from Parties, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders as resource persons.

53. Rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and musical instruments SC77 Doc. 53

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 53 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

54. Specimens produced through biotechnology SC77 Doc. 54

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 54 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

57. Labelling system for trade in caviar *No document*

The Committee noted that comments on this agenda item would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

60. Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade SC77 Doc. 60

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 60 and further noted that comments on this document would be requested by Notification to the Parties.

Adoption of executive summaries

The executive summary of the first session in document SC77 Sum. 1 was adopted.

The executive summary of the second session in document SC77 Sum. 2 was adopted with the following amendments:

- Under agenda item 33.2, delete “from Nigeria” in the first recommendation; and
- Under agenda item 33.2, for the country-specific recommendations, ensure that references to the RST recommendations are referred to consistently as “short- and long-term RST recommendations” with the relevant paragraph numbers.