

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



Seventy-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 3-8 February 2025

Administrative and financial matters

WORKING PROGRAMME  
(provisional)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Standing Committee.
2. The Secretariat reminds participants that the Chair may decide to adjust the sequence of agenda items on the spot for the current or following session/day, considering factors such as the flow of discussions, remaining time, and others. As a result, some agenda items may be taken up earlier or later than indicated in the working programme. Parties are kindly requested to be prepared to discuss the agenda items as they arise.

**Sunday 2 February 2025**

14h00-17h00                      Registration of participants

**Monday 3 February 2025**

08h00-09h00                      Registration of participants

	Monday 3 February	Tuesday 4 February	Wednesday 5 February
9.00 – 12.00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agenda</li> <li>2. Working programme</li> <li>3. Rules of Procedure</li> <li>4. Credentials</li> <li>5. Admission of observers</li> <li>7. Financial matters</li> <li>8. Report on proposed budget scenarios for 2026-2028</li> <li>9. Administrative matters               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>9.2 Report of UNEP</li> </ol> </li> <li>11. Access to funding</li> <li>12. Arrangements for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12.1 Preparations for CoP20</li> <li>12.2 Draft provisional agenda</li> <li>12.3 Draft provisional working programme</li> <li>12.4 Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties</li> <li>12.5 Selection of nominees for Committee Chairs</li> <li>12.6. SDP and CoP20 sponsored delegates</li> </ol> </li> <li>13. Arrangements for CoP meetings</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33. Compliance matters           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33.1 Implementation of Art. XIII and Res. Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19)</li> </ol> </li> <li>64. Spix's macaw</li> <li>61. Res Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15)           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>61.1 Review of Res. Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15)</li> <li>61.2 Implementation of para. 5 j) of Res. Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15)</li> </ol> </li> <li>47. Legal acquisition findings</li> <li>35. Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35.1 Implementation of Res. Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19)</li> <li>35.2 Review of Res. Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19)</li> </ol> </li> <li>62. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33.13 NIAP process           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33.13.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>33.13.2 Review of NIAP process</li> </ol> </li> <li>48. NDF for specimens of App-II species taken from ABNJ</li> <li>49. Introduction from the sea</li> <li>32. National reports           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32.2 Revised <i>Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports &amp; illegal trade reports</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>60. Trade in stony corals</li> <li>70. Sharks and rays           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70.1 Report of the working group</li> <li>70.2 Report of the Animals Committee</li> <li>70.3 Report of the Secretariat</li> </ol> </li> <li>33. Compliance           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33.6 Art. XIII in Ecuador and Peru               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33.12 Totoabas                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33.12.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>33.12.2 Report of the Trilateral Contact Group</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>
12.15 – 13.45	<b>Closed session of the Finance &amp; Budget Subcommittee</b>	<b>Working groups (as needed)</b>	<b>Working groups (as needed)</b>
14.00 – 17.00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Reports of Chairs of AC and PC</li> <li>15. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence</li> <li>16. Cooperation with MEAs and other international organizations</li> <li>23. Compliance Assistance Programme</li> <li>33. Compliance matters           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33.3 Art. XIII in Bangladesh</li> <li>33.5 Art. XIII in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</li> <li>33.7 Art. XIII in Guinea</li> <li>33.8 Art. XIII in the Lao People's Democratic Republic</li> <li>33.9 Art. XIII in Nigeria</li> <li>33.10 Art. XIII in Viet Nam</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>65. Elephants           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>65.1 Report on Res. Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19)</li> <li>65.2 Implementation of the priority recommendations from the review of the ETIS programme</li> <li>65.3 ETIS categorization of Parties</li> <li>65.4 Domestic ivory markets</li> <li>65.5 Exchange of information between the annual illegal trade report and ETIS</li> <li>65.6 Trade in Asian elephants</li> <li>65.7 Trade in mammoth ivory</li> <li>65.8 CITES dialogue meeting for African elephant range States</li> </ol> </li> <li>84. Taxonomy and nomenclature of African elephants</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>41. Marine turtles</li> <li>69. Eels           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>69.1 Report of WG</li> <li>69.2 Report of the Secretariat</li> </ol> </li> <li>71. Seahorses           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>71.1 Report of AC</li> <li>71.2 Report of the Secretariat</li> </ol> </li> <li>25. CITES Global Youth Network</li> <li>26. CITES gender action plan</li> <li>27. Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities</li> <li>28. Livelihoods</li> <li>17. Cooperation with IPBES</li> <li>31. National laws for implementation of the Convention           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>31.2 Request by Oman</li> </ol> </li> <li>32. National reports           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32.1 Submission of annual reports</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
17.15 – 18.45	<b>Working groups (as needed)</b>	<b>Working groups (as needed)</b>	<b>Working groups (as needed)</b>

	Thursday 6 February	Friday 7 February	Saturday 8 February
9.00 – 12.00	19. CITES and forests 24. CITES Tree Species Programme 33. Compliance matters 33.2 Expedited application of Art. XIII for West African rosewood ( <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i> ) for all range States 33.4 Art. XIII in Cameroon 77. Annotation #15 33. Compliance matters 33.11 Malagasy palisanders, rosewoods and ebonies 38. Enforcement matters 38.3 Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species 73. Brazil wood 80. Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species 34. Review of Significant trade 34.1 Overview of the Review of Significant Trade 34.2 Implementation of recommendations of AC 34.3 Implementation of recommendations of PC 63. Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade	45. Rhinoceroses 46. Tortoises and freshwater turtles 66. Great apes 37. Review of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Compliance and enforcement</i> 38. Enforcement matters 38.1 Report of the Secretariat 38.2 ICCWC 53. Stocks and stockpiles 54. Stocks and stockpiles (elephant ivory) 55. Transport of live specimens 67. Pangolins 67.1 Report of AC 67.2 Report of the Secretariat 68. Saiga antelopes 68.1 Report by Kazakhstan 68.2 Report of the Secretariat	36. Possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I 50. Purpose-of-transaction codes 51. Electronic systems and information technology 52. Risk assessment and analysis for border control of CITES-listed species 56. Rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and musical instruments 57. Specimens produced through biotechnology 58. Disposal of confiscated specimens 59. Labelling system for trade in caviar 29. Demand reduction to combat illegal trade 10. Emerging operational matters of the committees 14. CITES Strategic Vision 21. Capacity-building framework 22. Implementation of Res. Conf. 19.2
12.15 – 13.45	<b>Working groups (as needed)</b>		
14.00 – 17.00	39. Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa 39.1 Report of the intersessional working group 39.2 Report of the Secretariat 40. Illegal trade in cheetahs 42. CITES Big Cats Task Force 43. Asian big cats 43.1 Report of the Secretariat 43.2 Asian big cats in captivity 44. Jaguars 44.1 Report of the intersessional working group 44.2 Report of the Secretariat	72. Products containing specimens of App. II orchids 74. Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species 75. An assessment of the practicalities of the CoP12 decision that the Convention should apply to fungi 76. Annotations 81. Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations 78. Orchid specimens exempted through annotation #4 g) 79. Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another 82. Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings 83. Higher taxon listings in the Appendices	18. World Wildlife Trade Report 20. Language strategy for the Convention 30. Review of Resolutions and Decisions  Report of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee  Reports of in-session working groups  85. Any other business 86. Determination of the time and venue of SC79 & SC80 87. Closing remarks 87.1 Secretary-General 87.2 Chair
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