

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



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Compliance

Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on  
Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity

REVIEW OF RESOLUTION CONF. 17.7 (REV. COP19)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Animals Committee.

Background

2. Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* concerns trade in specimens traded under source codes C, D, F or R, as defined in paragraph 3 r) of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates*. The Animals Committee, together with the Standing Committee and in cooperation with the Secretariat, is directed to play a key role in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19).
3. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties also adopted Decisions 19.63 to 19.65 on *Review of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity*, as follows:

***Directed to the Secretariat, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme - World Conservation Monitoring Centre***

**19.63** *The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), produce a comparative analysis of the objectives and processes outlined in Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity and Resolution Conf 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species, and draft recommendations on how these two Resolutions could become more streamlined and better aligned with each other, including possible amendments to one or both Resolutions, for consideration by the Animals and Standing Committees.*

***Directed to the Animals Committee***

**19.64** *The Animals Committee shall review the report and draft recommendations from the Secretariat under Decision 19.63; and make its own recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.*

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

**19.65** *The Standing Committee shall consider the report and draft recommendations of the Secretariat, the recommendations from the Animals Committee, and make its own recommendations, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

4. At the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC33; Geneva, July 2024), a comparative analysis of the objectives and processes outlined in Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) and Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), as called for in Decision 19.63, was presented by the Secretariat on behalf also of the Chair of the Animals Committee and UNEP-WCMC in document [AC33 Doc. 15.3](#).
5. The comparative analysis of the two CITES processes was made possible thanks to a generous contribution from Switzerland. The Secretariat appreciates the support provided in this regard.
6. The results of the analysis were presented in the Annexes to document AC33 Doc. 15.3. Annex 1 highlighted key similarities and differences in the Resolutions in terms of objectives and processes, including the criteria and methods used to select species and the issues relating to drafting of recommendations directed to range States. Annex 2 contained for reference a table of the species selected for the review of animal specimens reported as produced in captivity at the 29th and 32nd meetings of the Animals Committee.
7. The analysis focused on source codes R (ranch) and F (born in captivity); exceptional cases; short and long-term recommendations; timelines and deadlines; compliance and determination of whether recommendations are met; and differences in 'selection criteria'.
8. The Secretariat concluded that the comparative analysis demonstrates that the two processes are different in terms of their scope, purpose and methodologies. In addition, experience with the captive-breeding review process is still relatively limited, while the RST process has been established for over two decades. The Secretariat was of the view that there was no need to submit substantial recommendations on streamlining the two resolutions to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) at this stage. The Secretariat also concluded that there was no need to continue with the process of reviewing Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) and Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).
9. *At AC33, the representative for Europe (Mr. Benyr) noted that there was potential for improvements of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19), but that those could wait considering the existing workload of the Animals Committee. The representative for North America (Mr. Benítez Díaz) and the United States of America agreed with the conclusions of the Secretariat and noted that the two processes in the two resolutions were different. Germany also agreed and noted that the difference in selection criteria was logical since the scope of the two resolutions differ. As a consequence, no further streamlining was needed. Germany further informed the Committee that it was working on species specific factsheets for reptiles. The Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species suggested that the criteria for the selection of species for the review should consider whether or not a species is under Appendix I of CMS since take from the wild is not allowed for those species.*
10. The Secretariat proposed a minor amendment to paragraph 2 d) of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) to amend an incorrect reference to a paragraph in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), which was agreed to by the Animals Committee, as follows:
  - d) *Where the Animals Committee finds that a species/country combination raises concerns better dealt within the process of the Review of Significant Trade, it can introduce that combination into stage 2 of the process in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), paragraph ~~4~~ 1 c) as an exceptional case; and*
11. In conclusion, at AC33, the Animals Committee:
  - a) agreed to propose to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to amend paragraph 2 d) of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* as outlined above;
  - b) agreed that Decisions 19.63 and 19.64 have been implemented and can be proposed for deletion at CoP20; and
  - c) noted the comments made in plenary and invited the Secretariat to take those comments into consideration in its report to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.
12. Based on the comments made in plenary at AC33 as summarized in paragraph 9 above, the Secretariat concludes once again that there is no need to continue with the process of reviewing Resolution Conf. 17.7

(Rev. CoP19) and Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) to streamline and align these Resolutions because the two processes are different in scope, purpose and methodologies.

### Recommendations

13. The Standing Committee is invited to:

- a) consider the analysis of the objectives and processes outlined in Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* and Resolution Conf 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* contained in document [AC33 Doc. 15.3](#) and the comments in paragraph 9;
- b) agree to the recommendations from the Animals Committee;
- c) make its own recommendations, for consideration at CoP20; and
- d) agree that Decisions 19.63 to 19.65 have been implemented and can be proposed for deletion at CoP20.