

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



Seventy-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee
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Regulation of trade

Exemption and species trade provisions

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON SPECIES AT RISK OF EXTINCTION
AFFECTED BY INTERNATIONAL TRADE

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Standing Committee on the basis of document SC78 Doc. 63.

Recommendations:

1. The Standing Committee is invited to consider the amendments to the draft decisions contained in the Annex to document SC78 Doc. 63:

DRAFT DECISIONS ON IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON SPECIES
AT RISK OF EXTINCTION AFFECTED BY INTERNATIONAL TRADE

New text is underlined; deleted text is in strikethrough.

Directed to the Secretariat

20.BBAA (Belgium) The Secretariat shall, subject to external resources:

- a) update and expand the materials in the Virtual College relating to the preparation and submission of proposals to amend the CITES Appendices as a capacity building measure with the goal of providing more comprehensive and useful advice to Parties who may wish to prepare such proposals (NAR).
- b) develop a dedicated page, where Parties can upload material such as ~~with a link to a restricted section on the CITES website accessible to Parties to make the following information submitted by Parties, by non-Party observers through Parties, and by the United Nations and its specialized agencies through either a Party or the Secretariat available to Parties~~ (Belgium):
 - i) methodologies used for identifying ~~and / or selecting~~ (NAR) species at risk of extinction that ~~might merit consideration to be included in the CITES Appendices~~ (NAR) are or may be threatened by international trade and are either not yet regulated under CITES or may receive insufficient CITES regulation (NAR);
 - ii) information or analyses on the status of species (or other taxonomic groups) at risk of extinction that are or may be threatened by international trade and are not yet included in the Appendices which might merit such an inclusion either not yet regulated under CITES or may receive insufficient CITES regulation (NAR); and

- iii) information in regards to (NAR) Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), specifically in Annex 2.b, on species (or other taxonomic groups) that may be considered as look-alikes of taxa referenced in paragraph b)ii.
- c) update the page described in paragraph b) with information:
 - i) ~~provided by Parties, including the name of the Party(s) that submitted the information and the date of submission; and (Belgium)~~
 - ii) derived from activities implemented by the Secretariat based on Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
- d) ~~assess the feasibility of developing a functionality for Parties to upload material directly to the page described in paragraph b); and (Belgium)~~
- ed) report on progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) to d) above to the Standing Committee when appropriate (NAR).

Directed to Parties

20.AABB (Belgium) Parties are invited to:

- a) ~~submit upload (Belgium)~~ information for inclusion on the dedicated page described in Decision 20.BBAA (Belgium) paragraph b) relating to methodologies, information or analyses on species or other taxonomic groups at risk of extinction that are or may be threatened by international trade, plus their look-alikes; ~~and~~
- b) ~~recognise and thereby~~ (Belgium) prioritise the best available scientific data and technical information, including peer-reviewed materials or publications, government reports or reports from other official bodies and relevant stakeholders and state whether the information has been peer-reviewed. Parties are encouraged to consider utilising the IPBES four-box model for the qualitative communication of confidence or other appropriate methods where possible; ~~and~~
- c) provide feedback to the Secretariat on their experiences with the approaches in Decisions 20.AA and 20.BB, once implemented (NAR).

Directed to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other experts

20.CC Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other experts are invited to ~~work with~~ share with (Belgium) Parties ~~to identify, develop or submit~~ (Belgium) the information referred to in Decision 20.AABB (Belgium).

Directed to the Standing Committee

20.DD The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committee, is requested to as appropriate, will review the progress on the implementation of Decisions 20.AA to 20.CC as reported by the Secretariat. (NAR):-

- a) ~~review the implementation and effectiveness of Decisions 20.AA to 20.CC;~~
- b) ~~consider any other actions or mechanisms that may be necessary to identify species at risk of extinction that are or may be threatened by international trade and develop listing proposals; and~~
- c) ~~provide any recommendations relating to paragraphs a) and b) to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties for consideration.-(NAR)~~