

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



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REGARDING PROPOSALS AND DRAFT DECISIONS ON LIVELIHOODS (SC78 DOC. 28)

This document has been submitted by Senegal\* regarding the Proposals and draft Decisions on Livelihoods in SC78 Doc 28.

Recommendations

1. With regard to the Strategies for maximizing the benefits to indigenous peoples and local communities from trade in CITES-listed species contained in Annex 1 of SC78 Doc. 28, we recommend that Standing Committee should REJECT proposals to amend Resolution Conference 16.6 (Rev. CoP18) to include reference to the strategies or to post them on the CITES website. We also propose the DELETION of the draft additional text in the preamble of Resolution Conf. 16.6 (Rev. CoP18) contained in Annex 2 of SC78 Doc. 28.
2. Should the Standing Committee decide to move forward with proposals to publish and reference the strategies in Annex 1, we propose the text amendments contained below.
3. We also recommend amendments to the Decisions in Annex 3 of the document. Proposed additional text is underlined and text proposed for deletion is ~~struck through~~.
4. The suggested amendments would:
  - i. Better reflect the responses of a number of Parties who were members of the Standing Committee's intersessional working group on Livelihoods.
  - ii. Ensure the maintenance of the right of Parties under the Convention to implement stricter domestic measures concerning the trade in CITES-listed species.
  - iii. Help to ensure that resources available to the Secretariat can be focussed on core work as mandated by the Parties.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STRATEGIES IN ANNEX 1 OF SC78 Doc 28**

STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS TO  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND AS APPROPRIATE LOCAL COMMUNITIES  
~~FROM TRADE IN OF CITES-LISTED SPECIES IMPLEMENTATION~~

1. Ensure a domestic policy and legal environment in range countries that recognize the rights of Indigenous peoples and local communities to either own or access and manage wildlife resources and to benefit equitably, for both men and women, from legal and sustainable management of CITES-listed species, taking advantage of their traditional knowledge as appropriate, and subject to national legislation.
2. Ensure an enabling environment in range countries that specifically supports the participation of Indigenous peoples and local communities in international commercial trade in protection and management of CITES-listed species that are important to such communities, including through the following measures, as appropriate:
  - a. Build the capacity of Indigenous peoples and local communities in understanding how CITES operates, the importance of ensuring that trade is legal, sustainable and non-detrimental, and the implications of listing decisions on the conservation and management of associated species and how this might affect the communities concerned.
  - b. Acknowledge ~~Ensure~~ domestic wildlife trade policy includes ~~should not inadvertently close off~~ opportunities for involvement of Indigenous peoples, and local communities.
  - c. Endeavour ~~Ensure~~ that CITES permitting and licensing and reporting processes are simple, affordable, equitable and facilitatory of the involvement of Indigenous peoples and local communities while fulfilling all relevant CITES and national requirements.
  - d. ~~Build the capacity of Indigenous peoples and local communities in understanding regulatory requirements as well as markets and pricing structures of value chain.~~
- ~~3. Ensure the transparency in pricing in order to support the involvement of and fair benefits to Indigenous peoples and local communities in trade in CITES-listed species.~~
- ~~4. Identify culturally appropriate and ecologically sustainable business opportunities for Indigenous peoples and local communities and build their technical, business and financial capacity to benefit from such opportunities.~~
- ~~5. Strengthen the organization and governance of Indigenous peoples and local communities to facilitate their participation in sustainable management and trade in CITES-listed species and CITES decision making and their integration along the value chain.~~
- ~~6. Build awareness amongst Indigenous peoples and local communities of legal and sustainable wildlife trade as a key contributor to resilient, nature-positive development.~~

**THE DRAFT ADDITIONAL TEXT IN THE PREAMBLE OF RESOLUTION CONF. 16.6 (REV. COP18)  
CONTAINED IN ANNEX 2 OF SC78 DOC. 28 SHOULD BE DELETED**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT DECISIONS ON LIVELIHOODS CONTAINED IN ANNEX 3 OF  
SC78 Doc 28**

***Directed to Parties***

20.AA Parties are invited to:

- a) initiate or strengthen participatory policy at national level, recognizing the rights of Indigenous and local communities to either own or access and manage wildlife resources, and benefit equitably, for both men and women, from legal and sustainable management and trade in CITES-listed species, taking advantage of their traditional knowledge as appropriate, and subject to national legislation; and
- b) share experiences, best practices and lessons learned in the use of certification and labelling systems for products of CITES-listed species from indigenous peoples and local communities, document best practices as case studies, and share such experiences with other Parties and the Secretariat.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

20.BB ~~Subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, t~~The Secretariat shall:

- a) ~~compile and analyse~~ make available via notifications information received from Parties under Decision 20.AA, paragraph b).
- b) ~~support the development of case studies on the use of certification and labelling systems for products from Indigenous peoples and local communities in international trade to explore feasibility and identify best practices;~~
- c) ~~organize a technical workshop to review case studies on the use of the certification and labelling systems for products from Indigenous peoples and local communities; and~~
- d) ~~report to the Standing Committee on progress made with regard to the implementation of paragraphs a), b) and c) and make recommendations on possible next steps, as appropriate.~~

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

20.CC ~~The Standing Committee shall:~~

- a) ~~establish an intersessional working group on livelihoods to:~~
  - i) ~~review case studies on the use of certification and labelling systems for products from Indigenous peoples and local communities and make recommendations to the Standing Committee;~~
  - ii) ~~review new case studies on CITES and livelihoods, if available and~~
- b) ~~review the report of the working group on livelihoods and the report of the Secretariat on progress made under Decision 20.BB and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.~~