

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



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Draft amendments to SC78 Doc. 63

1. This document has been submitted by the European Union (EU) and its Member States* in relation to Document SC78 Doc. 63 on Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade.

2. The EU and its Member States submit for the consideration of the Standing Committee (SC) amendments to the draft decisions contained in in the Annex to document SC78 Doc. 63, as set out in the present document:

Directed to the Secretariat

20.AABB 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.
- 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:~~
 - i) methodologies used for identifying and / or selecting species at risk of extinction that might merit consideration to be included in the CITES Appendices;
 - ii) information or analyses on the status of species (or other taxonomic groups) not yet included in the Appendices which might merit such an inclusion; and
 - iii) information in regards 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~~

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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).~~

Directed to Parties

20.BBAA Parties are invited to:

- a) ~~submit~~ **upload** information for inclusion on the dedicated page described in Decision 20.AABB 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) ~~thereby recognise and~~ 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.

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** Parties ~~to identify, develop or submit~~ the information referred to in Decision 20.BBAA.

Directed to the Standing Committee

20.DD The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committee, is requested to:

- 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.