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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Stocks and stockpiles

1. This document has been submitted by Benin\* regarding SC78 Document 53 on Stocks and Stockpiles.
2. We appreciate the effort to create a clear definition of “stockpile” for use at CITES and for the intersessional work that resulted in improvements to the definition.
3. That said, we believe additional changes would improve the definition. Thus, we suggest the following changes to the proposed definition of stockpiles in paragraph 22 of SC78 Doc. 53 (deletions in ~~strike~~ and additions underlined):

In the context of CITES, 'stockpiles' refer to any quantity of ~~accumulated~~ dead specimens, including parts and derivatives, of CITES-listed species held by public or private entities. Specimens included in permanent collections held by ~~museums~~, scientific institutions for non-commercial purposes, or individuals as personal or household effects ~~for non-commercial purposes~~, are excluded from the definition. In general, provisions related to stockpiles in CITES Resolutions and Decisions are intended to ensure that these are secured, managed and disposed of in such a way that the specimens would not enter or re-enter illegal trade and, for specimens of species listed in Appendix I, not be used commercially.

4. We suggest that SC78 amend the definition of stockpiles in SC78 Doc. 53, paragraph 22, to include these changes.

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