

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



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Geneva (Switzerland), 6–10 November 2023

Regulation of trade

DISPOSAL OF CONFISCATED SPECIMENS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Introduction

2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following Decisions:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**19.169**      *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *continue to collect information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals and make it available to Parties on the CITES website;*
- b) *subject to the availability external funding, develop and make available materials that may assist Parties in implementing Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) on Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species, as needed; and*
- c) *report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision.*

***Directed to Parties***

**19.170**      *Parties are encouraged to make use of the information and materials made available by the Secretariat on the CITES webpage dedicated to the disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens.*

***Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders***

**19.171**      *Parties and relevant stakeholders that have not already done so are invited to share with the Secretariat information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals in place in their country, including any action plans, protocols, regulatory measures, standard operating procedures developed to coordinate actions among public authorities, and guidelines for the management of specific species or genera.*

**19.172**      *Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial and/or technical assistance, as relevant, for the implementation of Decision 19.169, paragraph b).*

### **Directed to the Standing Committee**

- 19.173**      *The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 19.169 and make recommendations, as appropriate.*
- 19.174**      *The Standing Committee shall review Question 7 of the “Decision Tree Analysis – Captivity” in Annex 1 to Resolution Conf. 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) with attention to ensuring there are no grounds for concern that any transfer of Appendix I species will stimulate further illegal or irregular trade or benefit those involved in the illegal or irregular transaction that gave rise to confiscation and recommend revisions to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.*

### Implementation of Decisions 19.169 to 19.174

3. Regarding Decision 19.169, the Secretariat has updated the dedicated webpage on disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens on the CITES website. The webpage ([https://cites.org/eng/imp/Disposal\\_of\\_confiscated\\_specimen](https://cites.org/eng/imp/Disposal_of_confiscated_specimen)) collects information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals and makes it available to Parties.
4. With regard to Decision 19.171, the Secretariat has not received the information requested from Parties or relevant stakeholders and they are therefore encouraged to provide new information to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience.
5. Concerning Decision 19.172, in document [CoP19 Doc. 50](#), Annex 2, the Secretariat estimated the cost of developing new materials consistent with Annex 3 to Resolution Conf 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species*. The total cost amounts to USD 40,000 which includes the materials development cost of USD 25,000 and a translation cost of USD 15,000. The Secretariat has secured an initial amount of USD 15,000 and requests Parties to consider providing the funding still lacking for this activity. The Secretariat expresses its appreciation to the European Union for the contribution of the initial amount.

### Recommendations

6. The Standing Committee is invited to take note of the update provided on the implementation of Decisions 19.169 to 19.174.