

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



Seventy-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 3-8 February 2025

Administrative and financial matters

Arrangements for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20)

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat has prepared, for the approval of the Standing Committee, a first draft of the provisional agenda for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20). This is annexed to the present document.
3. It should be noted that the right-hand column of the draft agenda currently indicates the Resolutions and Decisions that are relevant to the agenda item and the source from which a report is expected. In the provisional agenda to be issued for the meeting, however, this column will instead indicate the document numbers.
4. The current draft of the agenda contains only items for which a discussion is expected by virtue of the text of the Convention or an instruction in a Resolution or Decision. The draft agenda is subject to change, depending on the documents (and, hence, agenda items) that are submitted by Parties, the CITES Committees or the Secretariat. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP19) on *Submission of draft resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the deadline for communicating documents to the Secretariat is 150 days before the meeting, i.e. in the case of CoP20 the relevant date is 27 June 2025. This date has already been conveyed to Parties through Notification to the Parties No. 2024/117 of 22 October 2024.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - a) provide its comments on the draft provisional agenda in the Annex to the present document; and
 - b) approve that document, with any amendments made during the present meeting, as the basis for the preparation of the provisional agenda for CoP20.

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Twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Samarkand (Uzbekistan), 24 November – 5 December 2025

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AGENDA
(provisional)

Opening of the meeting

- Opening ceremony.....(no document)
Welcoming addresses..... [SC Chair, UNEP Executive Director or representative,
CITES Secretary-General, Host Country]

Administrative and financial matters

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting
and of Chairs of Committees I and II(no document)
XX. Agenda.....[Secretariat]
XX. Working programme[Secretariat]
XX. Rules of Procedure..... [SC, Dec. 18.1 (Rev. CoP19)]
XX. Credentials Committee
XX.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee(no document)
XX.2 Report of the Credentials Committee.....(no document)
XX. Admission of observers[Secretariat]
XX. Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat
and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties
XX.1 Administration of the Secretariat [Secretariat, Conf. 19.1]
XX.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP
on administrative matters [UNEP, Conf. 19.1]
XX.3 Financial reports for 2023-2025 [Secretariat, Conf. 19.1]
Annex 1: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2023
Annex 2: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions
as of 31 December 2023
Annex 3: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions
as of 31 December 2023
Annex 4: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2024
Annex 5: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions
as of 31 December 2024

- Annex 6: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 31 December 2024
- Annex 7: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2024
- Annex 8: Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserve and fund balance for the period 2022-2023
- Annex 9: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2025
- Annex 10: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 30 September 2025
- Annex 11: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 30 September 2025
- Annex 12: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 30 September 2025
- Annex 13: Statement of income and expenditure for the year 2024
- XX.4 Budget and work programme for 2026 to 2028 [Secretariat, Conf. 19.1]
 - Annex: Draft resolution on Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2026-2028
- XX.5 Arrangements for meetings of the Conference of the Parties [Secretariat, Conf. 19.1]
- XX. Terms of reference of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee [SC, Dec. 18.2]
- XX. Emerging operational issues of the Committees [SC, Dec. 19.3]
- XX. Access to funding [SC, Dec. 19.9]
- XX. Sponsored delegates project [Secretariat, Conf. 17.3 (Rev. CoP19) and Dec. 18.12 & 19.10]

Strategic matters

- XX. Committee reports and recommendations
 - XX.1 Standing Committee
 - XX.1.1 Report of the Chair [SC Chair, Conf. 18.2]
 - XX.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members (no document)
 - XX.2 Animals Committee
 - XX.2.1 Report of the Chair [AC Chair, Conf. 18.2]
 - XX.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members (no document)
 - XX.3 Plants Committee
 - XX.3.1 Report of the Chair [PC Chair, Conf. 18.2]
 - XX.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members (no document)
- XX. *CITES Strategic Vision* [SC, Dec. 19.13 & 19.14]
- XX. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade [SC, Dec. 19.17]
- XX. Cooperation
 - XX.1 Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizations [SC, Dec. 17.56 (Rev. CoP18) & 19.21]
 - XX.2 Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation [SC, Dec. 19.23]
 - XX.3 Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative [SC]
 - XX.4 International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19)]

XX.5 Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services:

IPBES Assessment report on the sustainable use of wild species [SC, Conf. 18.4, Dec. 19.29]

XX. World Wildlife Trade Report [SC, Dec. 19.31]

XX. CITES and forests [SC, Dec. 19.34]

XX. Financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programmes [SC, Dec. 19.37]

XX. Language strategy for the Convention [SC, Dec. 19.39]

Capacity-building

XX. Capacity building [SC, Dec. 19.41]

XX. Compliance Assistance Programme [SC, Dec. 19.46]

XX. Country-wide Review of Significant Trade [SC, Dec. 19.48]

XX. CITES Tree Species Programme [Secretariat, Dec. 19.50]

CITES and people

XX. United Nations World Wildlife Day [Secretariat]

XX. CITES gender action plan [SC, Dec. 19.52]

XX. Youth engagement [Secretariat]

XX. Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities [SC, Dec. 17.57 (Rev. CoP19), 18.31 (Rev. CoP19)]

XX. Livelihoods [SC, Dec. 18.34 (Rev. CoP19)]

XX. Demand reduction to combat illegal trade [SC, Dec. 19.56]

Existing Resolutions and Decisions

XX. Review of Resolutions [Secretariat/SC, Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP19)]

XX. Review of Decisions [Secretariat, Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP19)]

Compliance

XX. National laws for implementation of the Convention [Secretariat, Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) & Dec. 19.62]

XX. Compliance matters

XX.1 Implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures* [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19), Dec. 19.71 to 19.73]

XX.2 National ivory action plans process [Secretariat, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19); SC, Dec. 19.70]

XX.3 *Totoaba (Totoaba macdonaldi)* [Secretariat/SC]

XX. Review of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* [SC, Dec. 19.65]

XX. Possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I [SC, Dec. 19.67]

Illegal trade and enforcement

XX. Review of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement* [SC, Dec. 19.66]

XX. Enforcement matters [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19), Conf. 17.6 (Rev. CoP19), Dec. 19.77 to 19.79 & 19.91]

XX. Annual illegal trade reports [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) & Dec. 19.80]

XX. Wildlife crime linked to the Internet [Secretariat, Dec. 19.82]

XX. Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa [SC, Dec. 19.88]

- XX. CITES Big Cats Task Force [SC, Dec. 19.93]
- XX. Implementation of the priority recommendations
from the review of the ETIS Programme [SC, Dec. 19.96]
- XX. ETIS categorization of Parties..... [SC, Dec. 19.98]
- XX. Closure of domestic ivory markets..... [SC, Dec. 18.119 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Ivory seizures and domestic ivory markets.....[Secretariat, Dec. 19.99]
- XX. Trade in mammoth ivory..... [SC, Dec. 19.103]
- XX. Trade in Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) [SC, Dec. 19.108]
- XX. Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) [SC, Dec. 19.106]
- XX. Marine turtles
(Cheloniidae spp. and Dermochelyidae spp.)[AC/SC, Conf. 19.5, Dec. 18.217 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)..... [Secretariat, Dec. 19.124; SC, Dec. 19.127]

Regulation of trade

- XX. Legal acquisition findings [SC, Dec. 19.131]
- XX. Non-detriment findings [AC/PC, Dec. 19.132; Secretariat, Dec. 19.133]
- XX. Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species
taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction [SC, Dec. 19.138]
- XX. Introduction from the sea..... [SC, Dec. 19.141]
- XX. Materials for the identification
of specimens of CITES-listed species [Secretariat, Conf. 19.4, Dec. 19.143]
- XX. Identification of timber and other wood products [PC, Dec. 19.147; SC, Dec. 19.148]
- XX. Purpose-of-transaction-codes..... [SC, Dec. 19.149]
- XX. Electronic systems and information technologies [SC, Dec. 19.151]
- XX. Review of Resolution Conf. 8.13 (Rev. CoP17) on
Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade [AC]
- XX. Stocks and stockpiles [SC, Dec. 17.170 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Stocks and stockpiles (elephant ivory) [Secretariat]
- XX. Transport of live specimens [Secretariat]
- XX. Rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and musical instruments..... [SC, Dec. 19.160]
- XX. Specimens produced through biotechnology [SC, Dec. 19.161]
- XX. Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations' [SC, Dec. 19.166]
- XX. Disposal of confiscated specimens..... [SC, Dec. 19.174]
- XX. Labelling system for trade in caviar [SC, Dec. 19.176]
- XX. Trade in stony corals [AC, Dec. 19.177; SC, Dec. 19.178]

Exemptions and special trade provisions

- XX. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals
and plants not of wild source..... [SC, Dec. 19.179]
- XX. Review of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on *Registration of operations
that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*..... [SC, Dec. 19.181]
- XX. Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated' [PC]

Species conservation and trade¹

- XX. Assessment of Appendix-I listed species [AC/PC, Dec. 19.185]
- XX. Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade [SC]

Fauna

- XX. West African vultures (*Accipitridae* spp.) [SC, Dec. 19.196]
- XX. Conservation of amphibians (*Amphibia* spp.)..... [AC, Dec. 19.198; SC, Dec 19.199]
- XX. Elephants (*Elephantidae* spp.)
 - XX.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade in elephant specimens* [Secretariat, SC, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19)]
 - XX.2 Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19)]
 - XX.3 Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Asian big cats (*Felidae* spp.)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP19), Dec. 14.69, etc.]
- XX. Great apes (*Hominidae* spp.)..... [SC, Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP18)]
- XX. Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 17.10 (Rev. CoP19), Dec. 19.203; SC, Dec. 19.204]
- XX. African lions (*Panthera leo*) [Secretariat, Dec. 19.205; SC, Dec. 19.207]
- XX. Jaguars (*Panthera onca*)..... [Secretariat, Dec. 19.112]
- XX. Tibetan antelopes (*Pantholops hodgsonii*) [SC, Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP17)]
- XX. Songbird trade and conservation management (*Passeriformes* spp.) [AC, Dec. 18.257 (Rev. CoP19), SC, Dec. 18.258 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Rhinoceroses (*Rhinocerotidae* spp.)
 - XX.1 Report of the Standing Committee..... [SC, Dec. 19.121]
 - XX.2 Report of the Secretariat [Secretariat, Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Saiga antelopes (*Saiga* spp.) [Secretariat]

Aquatic species

- XX. Aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices..... [SC, Dec. 19.191]
- XX. Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)..... [AC, Dec. 19.220; SC, Dec. 19.221]
- XX. Sharks and rays (*Elasmobranchii* spp.)..... [AC/SC, Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP18), Dec. 19.225 to 19.227]
- XX. Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.) [SC, Dec. 19.232]
- XX. Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) [SC, Dec. 19.236]
- XX. Marine ornamental fishes..... [AC, Dec. 19.238]

Flora

- XX. Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.) [SC, Dec. 19.240]
- XX. Boswellia trees (*Boswellia* spp.) [PC]
- XX. Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (*Fabaceae*)]..... [PC, Dec. 19.244; SC, 19.245]
- XX. Products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids (*Orchidaceae* spp.)..... [PC, Dec. 19.247; SC, Dec. 19.248]
- XX. Brazil wood (*Paubrasilia echinata*) [SC, 19.253]
- XX. African tree species [PC, Dec. 19.254; SC, Dec. 19.256]

¹ List in alphabetical order of scientific names.

- XX. Neotropical tree species..... [PC, Dec. 19.257; SC, Dec. 19.260]
- XX. Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species [PC, Dec. 19.263; SC, Dec. 19.264]

Appendices of the Convention

- XX. Result of the African elephant dialogue meeting [SC, Conf. 14.5, Dec. 19.167 & 19.168]
- XX. Appendix-I species subject to export quotas [if any request is made to amend a quota under Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP18)]

Annotations

- XX. Annotations [SC, Dec. 16.162 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Annotation #15 [SC, Dec. 18.322 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another [SC, Dec. 18.151 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species [SC, Dec. 18.317 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations [SC, Dec. 19.267]
- XX. Orchids specimens exempted through annotation #4g) [SC, Dec. 19.271]
- XX. Annotation of Cape aloe (*Aloe ferox*) [PC, Dec. 18.325 (Rev. CoP19)]

Nomenclature matters

- XX. Standard nomenclature [AC/PC, Conf. 18.2 and Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19), Dec. 19.274, 18.310 (Rev. CoP19), 18.312 (Rev. CoP19), 19.276, 19.278, 19.280, 18.306 (Rev. CoP19), 18.308 (Rev. CoP19), 19.282, 19.283, 19.284, 19.286, 19.288, 19.291; SC, Dec. 19.277]
- XX. Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings [SC, Dec. 18.314 (Rev. CoP19)]
- XX. Higher taxon listings in the Appendices [SC, Dec. 19.273]

Proposals to amend the Appendices

- XX. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II [Parties]
 - XX.1 Secretariat's assessment of the proposals to amend Appendices I and II [Secretariat]
 - XX.2 Comments from Parties [Parties]
 - XX.3 Comments from statutory consultees [Observers]

Conclusion of the meeting

- XX. Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (no document)
- XX. Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary-General, Host Government). (no document)