

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

Compliance

National reports

SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Compliance with annual report submission requirements

2. In Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*, paragraphs 1, 14 and 15, the Conference of the Parties:

1. *URGES all Parties to submit their annual reports required under the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), by 31 October following the year for which they are due and in accordance with the most recent version of the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports distributed by the Secretariat, as approved by the Standing Committee or amended by the Secretariat to include new terms adopted by the Conference of the Parties;*

14. *INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee to determine, on the basis of reports presented by the Secretariat, which Parties have failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution;*

and

15. *RECOMMENDS that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with any Party that the Standing Committee has determined has failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution.*

3. At its 77th meeting (SC77; Geneva, November 2023), the Standing Committee determined that Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Brunei Darussalam, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, the Gambia, Guinea, Myanmar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Somalia and Togo had failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification, and agreed that if they did not provide their missing reports within 60 days of SC77, the Secretariat would issue a Notification recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until the missing reports were provided.<sup>1</sup>
4. After SC77, the Secretariat sent reminders to the Parties mentioned in paragraph 3. As a result, missing reports from Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, the Gambia, Guinea, Myanmar and Togo were received within the deadline of 60 days.

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<sup>1</sup> See agenda item 32.1 of the SC77 Summary Record

5. The Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2024/014, No. 2024/015 and No. 2024/016 on 12 January 2024, informing Parties that, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19), the Standing Committee recommended that they not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Brunei Darussalam, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Somalia until further notice. On 12 January 2024, following receipt of Saint Vincent and the Grenadine's missing reports, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2024/018 withdrawing the recommended trade suspension with immediate effect. On 27 February 2024, following receipt of Brunei Darussalam's missing reports, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2024/039 withdrawing the recommended trade suspension, with immediate effect.
6. At the time of writing this report, Afghanistan (see Notification to the Parties No. 2013/018 of 17 May 2013), Djibouti (see Notification to the Parties No. 2018/015 of 30 January 2018), Grenada (see Notification to the Parties No. 2016/022 of 16 March 2016), Sao Tome and Principe (see Notification to the Parties No. 2022/034 of 13/05/2022) and Somalia (see Notification to the Parties No. 2024/016 of 12 January 2024) remain subject to a recommendation to suspend trade for the non-submission of annual reports.
7. According to paragraph 1 of Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19), the deadline for annual reports is 31 October each year for trade in the previous calendar year (e.g. 31 October 2024 for the 2023 CITES annual report). Pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19), the Secretariat would like to inform the Standing Committee that its records show that, at the time of writing, the following Parties have failed to submit annual reports for three consecutive years without having provided adequate justification: Bahamas, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Paraguay and Samoa.
8. At the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC27; Geneva, July 2024), the Plants Committee invited the Secretariat to bring to the attention of the Standing Committee the issue of missing annual reports from the following Parties (PC27 SR, item 15.4): Burundi (2018 and 2022), Cameroon (relating to flora 2017-2022), Ethiopia (2013), Malaysia (2022), Papua New Guinea (2021) and the United Republic of Tanzania (2021).
9. In this regard, the Secretariat can inform the Standing Committee that it has received the annual reports from Cameroon for the years 2018-2020 (including for flora) and from Malaysia (2022). While other reports are still missing for the years in question, none of them cover three consecutive years.

#### Recommendations

10. The Secretariat recommends that, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19), and on the basis of the present report and any updated information received by the beginning of the present meeting, the Standing Committee instruct the Secretariat to determine whether Parties mentioned in paragraph 7 have failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification. If so determined, the Secretariat will issue a Notification (60 days after the closure of this 78th meeting of the Standing Committee) recommending that Parties not authorize any commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until they have provided the missing reports.