

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

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BLACK SEA BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN  
IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

This information document has been submitted by the Russian Federation in relation to agenda item 23, *Black Sea bottlenose dolphin* (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*).\*

Dear colleagues!

Regarding the decision 17.299 on the Black Sea bottlenose dolphin *Tursiops truncatus ponticus*, adopted at COP 17 (Johannesburg, 2016) we can inform as following.

Black Sea bottlenose dolphin is listed in the Red Book of the Russian Federation and its economic use is restricted. Extraction of single specimens of the Black Sea bottlenose dolphin is allowed only in exceptional cases for the purposes of scientific research and reproduction. The order of extraction of aquatic biological resources listed in the Red Book of the Russian Federation, including the Black Sea bottlenose dolphin, was approved by the Russian Federation Government decree № 1017 of 24.12.2008. It should also be mentioned, that in accordance to the decision of the Government of the Russian Federation № 400 of 30.07.2004 CITES Management Authority of the Russian Federation (except sturgeons) is the Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resources Management of the Russian Federation. This Service, taking into account the abovementioned order, independently makes decisions on the export of live Black Sea bottlenose dolphins from Russia, issues the CITES export permits, keeps record of the issued permits and contacts the CITES Secretariat if needed.

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According to the data provided by the CITES Management Authority of the Russian Federation, no permits were issued for the export of Black Sea bottlenose dolphins for commercial purposes. Moreover, in accordance with the decision of the Board of the Eurasian economic Commission of 21.04.2015 № 30 a zero annual quota has been established for live specimens from the Black sea population of *Tursiops truncatus* extracted from the wild for the commercial purposes.

As for establishing of repositories of relevant genetic identification data. The repositories certainly exist in system of Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation. The data are partly analysed within 'barcoding' program and have to be accessible on-line. Availability of other repositories and data bases have to be clarified.

I'll inform you immediately if new information will appear.