

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



Thirtieth meeting of the Animals Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 16-21 July 2018

BANGGAI CARDINALFISH

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-Chairs: the representative of Asia (Mr. Mobaraki) and the alternate representative of Europe (Ms. Zikova);

Parties: Austria, China, Hungary, Indonesia and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: FAO, IUCN, Animal Welfare Institute, Foundation Franz Weber, Ornamental Fish International, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, TRAFFIC and Zoological Society of London.

Mandate

Taking into account documents AC30 Doc. 21.1 and Doc. 21.2, the study contained in information document AC30 Inf. 16, as well as the discussion in plenary and any other pertinent information, the in-session working group shall:

- a) review the progress report submitted by Indonesia (AC30 Doc. 21.2);
- b) review the results of the study (AC30 Inf. 16), in particular any advice on suitable conservation and management measures it contains; and
- c) develop draft recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Recommendations

1. The Working Group invites the Animals Committee to appreciate the detailed and informative document provided by Indonesia (document AC30 Doc 21.2).
2. Taking note of the information provided by Indonesia that the anticipated outcomes or impact of proposed activities on Banggai Cardinalfish populations is to prevent further decline and ideally to rebuild the populations, the in-session working group on Banggai Cardinalfish recommends the following to be agreed by the Animals Committee for transmission to Indonesia and to the Secretariat:
  - a) Indonesia is encouraged to consider the recommendations from the study by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in information document AC30 Inf. 16 in further development and implementation of National Plan of Action for the Banggai Cardinalfish, and report on progress to the Animals Committee at its 31st meeting (AC31).
  - b) It was noted that Indonesia intends to extend the area of marine protected areas to become up to 869.059 ha. Indonesia was encouraged to enhance designation of identified marine protected areas and to report on implementation, including enforcement, of the Banggai Marine Protected Areas to

AC31. The report should *inter alia* provide information on the population trends and on the effectiveness of the management methods applied in different zones of the marine protected areas and outside these areas.

- c) It was recommended that Indonesia build on the T0 survey making sure that data obtained in future surveys are comparable with T0. It was further recommended that recording the number of sea urchins during monitoring at transects, as well as having control sites outside protected areas may be beneficial.
  - d) Indonesia informed the in-session working group that it will carefully consider all releases of the species, including unintentional releases from captive-breeding facilities, in particular with the view of avoiding genetic mixing, transfer of pathogens or other negative impacts on the species and ecosystems. It was suggested that any releases of specimens of Banggai Cardinalfish are reported to AC31 (number of specimens, sites of release, and purpose of release).
  - e) Indonesia is encouraged to adopt site-specific harvest quota according to the National Plan of Action and report to AC31 on the methodology for setting the quota and on the quota adopted. In establishing the harvest quota, Indonesia is invited to consider the recommendations provided in information document AC30 Inf. 16.
  - f) Subject to available funding, and as described in the National Plan of Action, Indonesia is encouraged to carry out a genetic study, and a trade survey reflecting the geographic origin of the traded specimens and describing the trade routes.
  - g) Indonesia is encouraged to work with relevant technical partners on implementing the National Plan of Action.
3. The in-session working group on Banggai Cardinalfish encourages IUCN to update the Red List assessment of the species.

**It is recommended that the Animals Committee submit the following draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.**

***Directed to Indonesia***

- 18.AA Indonesia should continue its conservation and management measures to ensure the sustainability of international trade in *Pterapogon kauderni*, and report progress on these measures, in particular on the implementation of recommendations adopted by the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting, to the Animals Committee at its 31st meeting.

***Directed to Parties***

- 18.BB The Conference of the Parties encourages the Parties to consider supporting Indonesia in implementing decision 18.AA.

***Directed to the Animals Committee***

- 18.CC The Animals Committee shall, at its 31st meeting, review the progress report submitted by Indonesia as referred to under Decision 18.AA, and make recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.