

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



Joint sessions of the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and
the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 20-21 July 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
(Friday 20 July 2018)

Opening of the meeting..... *No document*

The Chair of the Plants Committee (PC) and the Chair of the Animals Committee (AC) welcomed the participants to the joint sessions of the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee.

6. Review of Terms of Reference of the Animals and Plants Committees contained in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17)..... AC30 Doc. 6/PC24 Doc. 6

The Committees noted document AC30 Doc. 6/PC24 Doc. 6 and established an in-session working group on the terms of reference of the Animals and Plants Committees with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall discuss and agree the proposed amendments to Annex 2 of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on *Establishment of committees* as set out in the annexes to document AC30 Doc. 6/PC24 Doc. 6 for endorsement by the Animals and Plants Committees. In doing so, the working group shall take into account the discussions in plenary of the joint session and any additional information about the progress of the work in the relevant Standing Committee's intersessional working group.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: the Chair of the Animals Committee (Mr. Lörtscher) and the Chair of the Plants Committee (Ms. Sinclair);

Parties: Austria, Canada, Japan, United States of America and Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: Humane Society International and IWMC-World Conservation Trust.

14. Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA AC30 Doc. 14/PC24 Doc. 14 (Rev. 1)

The Committees noted document AC30 Doc. 14/PC24 Doc. 14 (Rev. 1) and agreed that the title of this subject matter should be changed from "specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA" to "specimens produced through biotechnology".

The Committees agreed that decisions should be drafted and submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting so that the study on specimens produced through biotechnology can be presented to the Animals and Plants Committees at their next joint session in 2020.

8. Appendix I-listed species..... AC30 Doc. 8/PC24 Doc. 8

The Committees noted document AC30 Doc. 14/PC24 Doc. 8 and requested the Secretariat to submit draft decisions to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting in order to continue the work called for in Decisions 17.22 to 17.25, taking into account the steps outlined in paragraph 11 of document AC30 Doc. 8/PC24 Doc. 8.

10. Non-detriment findings

10.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC30 Doc. 10.1/PC24 Doc. 10.1

The Committees noted document AC30 Doc. 10.1/PC24 Doc. 10.1 and established an in-session working group on non-detriment findings with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall review and revise the edits proposed during the plenary by the representative of North America of the Plants Committee and the Chair of the Plants Committee to the set of Decisions presented in document AC30 Doc. 10.1/PC24 Doc. 10.1 to be submitted by the Secretariat to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: the acting representative of North America of the Plants Committee (Mr. Benítez Díaz) and the representative of Africa of the Animals Committee (Mr. Mensah);

Members: the representative of Oceania of the Animals Committee (Mr. Robertson);

Parties: China, Colombia, European Union, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America;

IGOs and NGOs: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Center for Biological Diversity, Environmental Investigation Agency USA, Save our Seas Foundation and Species Survival Network.

12./13. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

12.3/13.3 Country-wide significant trade reviews..... AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3

The Committees noted document AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3 and established an in-session working group on country-wide significant trade reviews with the following mandate:

Pursuant to Decision 17.111, the in-session working group shall, based on document AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3 and its Annex, undertake the following:

- a) consider the outcomes of the report in the Annex to AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3, and any other relevant findings;
- b) draft conclusions and recommendations as appropriate, and
- c) draft a way forward to bring the results of the implementation of Decision 17.111, and its conclusions, to the attention of the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting and/or of the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the representative of Europe of the Animals Committee (Mr. Fleming);

Members: the representative of Africa of the Plants Committee (Ms. Koumba Pambo), the representative of Europe of the Plants Committee (Mr. Carmo) and the botanical nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough);

Parties: Canada, European Union, Hungary, Madagascar, South Africa and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Center for International Environmental Law, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC and World Wildlife Fund.

9. Capacity building and identification materials

9.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC30 Doc. 9.1/PC24 Doc. 9.1

The Committees agreed to submit the following draft decisions to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting:

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

The Animals and Plants Committees shall establish a joint working group on identification materials that are used by Parties to identify CITES-listed species and undertake the following tasks, in consultation with the Secretariat:

- a) review selected identification materials and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions;
- b) review Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) on *Identification Manual* and make recommendations, including possible amendments to this Resolution if appropriate, to promote accuracy and availability of identification materials;
- c) provide input to the Secretariat to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species; and
- d) report on progress with these activities at the next meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees, as well as the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the working group on identification materials by providing to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspection officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.

31./26. Appendix-III listings..... AC30 Doc. 31/PC24 Doc. 26

The Committees requested the AC/PC intersessional working group on Appendix III to transmit its report, as presented in document AC30 Doc. 31/PC24 Doc. 26, to the Standing Committee's intersessional working group on Appendix III after having integrated comments made during the plenary meeting.