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Assessment of Appendix-I listed species

Membership: (23 Members and Parties; 12 Observers)

Co-Chairs for AC: representative for Asia (Mr. Hamidy) and alternate representative for Oceania (Ms. McIntyre);

Chair for PC: representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);

AC Members: representative for Africa (Ms. Maha);

PC Members: representative for North America (Mr. Boles);

Parties: China, Colombia, European Union, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nation Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, BirdLife International, Conservation Force, European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, ForestBased Solutions, German Society of Herpetology, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Safari Club International, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate:

- a) review the results of the rapid assessment in information document AC31 Inf. 6/ PC25 Inf. 8 on *Rapid assessment of Appendix-I taxa that could potentially benefit from further CITES action*, the suggestions in document AC31/PC25 Com. 1 (Rev. by Sec.), the Annex to the present document, the case studies and responses from range States on the 10 species selected for detailed assessments;
- b) refine the methodology and its criteria for carrying out an assessment of species listed in Appendix I that might benefit from measures adopted by the Conference of the Parties; and
- c) formulate draft recommendations for consideration at the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee.

Country-wide Review of Significant Trade

Membership: (13 Members and Parties; 8 Observers)

Co-Chairs for AC: Chair of the Animals Committee (Mr. Lörtscher) and alternative representative for North America (Mr. Leuteritz);

Chair for PC: representative for Europe (Ms. Smyth);

AC Members: representative of Oceania (Mr. Robertson)

Parties: Canada, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Germany, Madagascar, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, ForestBased Solutions, Humane Society International, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate:

- a) review the progress updates on the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) in document SC74 Doc. 29, document CoP19 Doc. 30 and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*; and capacity-building activities in documents SC74 Doc. 22, document CoP19 Doc. 16 and Resolution Conf. 19.2 on *Capacity-building*;
- b) consider whether scientific and management issues identified in the country-wide Review of Significant Trade for Madagascar and outlined in document AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3 are sufficiently addressed through existing mechanisms or, if appropriate, propose amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) or other existing resolutions, develop a new resolution, or propose a new mechanism to undertake such reviews; and
- c) present its findings and recommendations to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee in 2024.

IPBES Report on the Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species

Membership: (21 Members and Parties; 19 Observers)

- Chair for AC: Chair of the Animals Committee (Mr. Lörtscher);
- Chair for PC: alternate representative for North America (Mr. Benítez Diaz);
- AC Members: representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Ramadori);
- Parties: Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and
- IGOs and NGO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Conservation Force, German Society of Herpetology, Humane Society International, Indonesian Coral, Shell and Ornamental Fish Association, International Fur Federation, International Wood Products Association, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Natural Resources Defense Council, Pro Wildlife, Save our Seas Foundation, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Resources Institute, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate:

- a) review the scientific aspects of the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) relevant to CITES implementation as highlighted in the Annexes to document PC26 Doc. 12 / AC32 Doc. 12 and other aspects as agreed by the working group;
- b) identify aspects relevant to CITES implementation that are not adequately covered in existing Resolutions and Decisions and may require further consideration by the Animals and Plants Committees or the Standing Committee;
- c) prepare a draft report of the results of the review and possible recommendations for consideration by the joint sessions of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee scheduled to take place in 2024; and
- d) prepare a document for consideration of the Animals and Plants Committees containing the outcome of the review and recommendations to be submitted for consideration by the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species

Membership: (17 Members and Parties; 13 Observers)

Chair for AC: representative for Oceania (Mr. Robertson);

Chair for PC: alternate representative for Asia (Mr. Chong);

PC Members: representative for Africa (Mr. Balama);

Parties: Argentina, Canada, China, European Union, Germany, India, Kuwait, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, American Herbal Products Association, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, European Pet Organisation, ForestBased Solutions, German Society of Herpetology, Humane Society International, International Wood Products Association, South African Taxidermy and Tannery Association, Species Survival Network, SUCO-SA, Wildlife Conservation Society.

Mandate:

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 or Resolutions as well as materials received in response to the Notification to the Parties No. 2023/051, and other relevant information, such as that compiled during previous discussions of joint intersessional working groups established since CoP16 (Bangkok, 2013);
- b) take into consideration other items on the agendas of the Animals and Plants Committees related to the development of identification material to support coordination and avoid duplication of effort;
- c) when assessing gaps in identification materials, take into account those taxa that have been included in the Appendices at higher taxon levels solely due to look-alike issues, as well as the need for frontline and forensic identification tools;
- d) consider ways to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species, including considerations and implications of linking identification materials directly in the *Checklist of CITES Species* (checklist.cites.org/#/en); and
- e) report on the progress with these activities to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee.

Nomenclature

Membership: (22 Members and Parties; 11 Observers)

Chair for AC: nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);

Chair for PC: nomenclature specialist (Ms. Klopper);

PC Members: representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);

Parties: Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, France, Georgia, Germany, India, Japan, Madagascar, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, BirdLife International, Center for Biological Diversity, Humane Society International, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Pro Wildlife, South African Taxidermy and Tannery Association, Species Survival Network, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate:

- a) review the scientific implications and impacts of existing and future higher taxon listings in the Appendices, taking into consideration the aspects raised in document PC26 Doc. 42.2 / AC32 Doc. 45.2; and
- b) review and revise document PC26 Doc. 42.1 / AC32 Doc. 45.1; and
- c) develop draft recommendations and guidance for consideration at the joint session of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee and the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee scheduled to take place in 2024.

Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source

Membership: (19 Members and Parties; 14 Observers)

Chair for AC: representative for North America (Mr. Benítez Diaz);

Chair for PC: representative for Oceania (Mr. Wrigley);

AC Members: representative for Europe (Ms. Zikova);

Parties: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, European Union, Germany, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Euromed, European Pet Organisation, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Organization of Professional Aviculturists, Ornamental Fish International, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Species Survival Network, Sustainable Users Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate:

Work separately and jointly with the mandate to:

- a) consider the key elements in the current implementation of Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 for animals and plants, respectively, in the current applicable Resolutions;
- b) determine if there is a need to implement Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 differently for either animal specimens from species bred in captivity or plant specimens that are artificially propagated than what is outlined in existing Resolutions, and provide their recommendations to the Standing Committee in time for its 78th meeting;
- c) provide any other scientific advice and guidance on CITES provisions concerning trade in non-wild specimens of CITES-listed animal and plant species to the Standing Committee upon request and as appropriate; and
- d) report on progress to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee.

Species at risk of extinction affected by international trade

Membership: (24 Members and Parties; 21 Observers)

Co-Chairs for AC: Chair of the Animals Committee (Mr. Lörtscher) and nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);

Chair for PC: representative for North America (Mr. Boles);

PC Members: Chair of the Plants Committee (representative for Africa, Ms. Koumba Pambo) and representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);

Parties: Benin, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Russian Federation, Senegal, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, BirdLife International, Center for Biological Diversity, Conservation Force, Defenders of Wildlife, European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation, European Pet Organisation, German Society of Herpetology, Humane Society International, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Natural Resources Defense Council, OCEANA, Organization of Professional Aviculturists, Safari Club International, Species Survival Network, SUCO-SA, TRAFFIC, Zoological Society of London.

Mandate:

Develop draft recommendations on:

- a) a possible process or mechanism under Resolution Conf. 19.2 on *Capacity-building* to provide Parties with information to be considered in the preparation of listing proposals when Parties request information such as:
 - i) relevant studies, analyses or other sources of information on the identification of species at risk of extinction that are not yet regulated under CITES and may be affected by international trade, or
 - ii) relevant studies, analyses or other sources of information on the identification of species that may receive insufficient CITES regulation and may be affected by international trade;
- b) possible processes/ mechanisms for providing support or guidance to Parties in the development of listing proposals in addition to the process or mechanism referred to under a) above;
- c) coordination with the CITES Secretariat, CITES Parties, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, FAO, regional competent authorities, and relevant experts, as appropriate as part of a possible process/es or mechanism/s to provide Parties with information to be considered in the preparation of listing proposals when Parties request information; and
- d) report back with its recommendations to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committees.