

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



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TRADE IN HARD CORALS [RESOLUTION CONF. 11.10 (REV. COP12) AND DECISION 12.62]

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 18th meeting (San José, April 2002), the Animals Committee considered a report presented by the United Kingdom that aimed to define fossilized corals (which are exempt from the provisions of the Convention), and to provide a practical assessment of how such corals could be distinguished from non-fossilized corals in trade. Although the approach suggested in the report was favourably received, it was agreed that the issue of defining fossilized corals should continue to be discussed beyond the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Santiago, 2002).
3. At its 12th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 12.62 as follows:

Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall consider and recommend a practical means of distinguishing fossilized corals from non-fossilized corals in international trade, and provide a report at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

4. The Animals Committee is invited to consider how to implement Decision 12.62, and may decide to re-constitute the Coral Working Group to that effect.