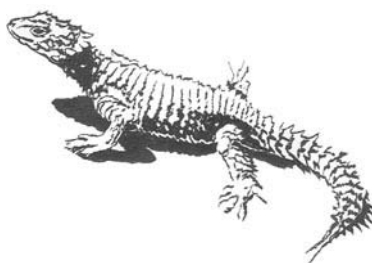


CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

---



Twentieth meeting of the Animals Committee  
Johannesburg (South Africa), 29 March-2 April 2004

Regional reports

ASIA

1. This document has been prepared by Dr Nobuo Ishii in his capacity as alternate regional representative for Asia.
2. A seminar on ASEAN-Japan Cooperation for Sustainable Fisheries through SEAFDEC (Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center) was held from 3 to 5 December 2003 in Tokyo, Japan, and senior officials responsible for fisheries in ASEAN-SEAFDEC member countries attending the seminar adopted a statement.
3. In this statement, the senior officials recommended "formulating joint fisheries positions and policies in close consultation with the ASEAN Expert Group on CITES (AEG-CITES) with the leadership of the Government of Thailand in preparation of the forthcoming 13th meeting of the Conference of Parties to CITES (CoP13) to be held in Thailand in October 2004".