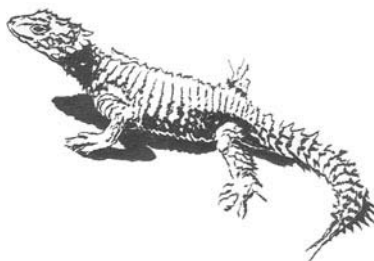


CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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

TRADE IN ALIEN SPECIES (DECISION 10.76)

1. This document has been prepared by the Chairman of the working group on alien species.

Background

2. At its 10th meeting (Harare, 1997), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 10.54 and 10.76 regarding trade in alien species and directed to the Parties and to the Animals Committee (AC) respectively.
3. These Decisions remain in effect and are as follows:

Directed to the Parties

10.54 The Parties should:

- a) recognize that non-indigenous species can pose significant threats to biodiversity, and that fauna and flora species in commercial trade are likely to be introduced to new habitat as a result of international trade;*
- b) consider the problems of invasive species when developing national legislation and regulations that deal with the trade in live animals or plants;*
- c) consult with the Management Authority of a proposed country of import, when possible and when applicable, when considering exports of potentially invasive species, to determine if there are domestic measures regulating such imports; and*
- d) consider the opportunities for synergy between CITES and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and explore appropriate cooperation and collaboration between the two Conventions on the issue of introductions of alien (invasive) species.*

Directed to the Animals Committee

10.76 Cooperation shall be established with the IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group in the implementation of their document IUCN Guidelines for the Prevention of Biodiversity Loss Due to Biological Invasion, of which parts are related to the trade in and transport of live specimens of species of wildlife.

4. No paper was available on this topic for the 19th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC19, Geneva, 2003), though the representative of Oceania, as intermediary between the AC and IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group, noted that there had been slow progress with the preparation of a list of CITES-listed invasive species, but that the IUCN guidelines were now finalized and available in English, French and Spanish. The Committee recommended that a document on this issue be submitted at the present meeting.
5. Although progress has been made on the production of a list of CITES-listed invasive species, resource limitations mean that the draft is not available at the time of writing this document. Work on this list will continue and progress will be reported at the present meeting.
6. The working group on alien species collaborated in the production of IUCN guidelines, which were completed in 2000. They are available at the following website and through a link from the CITES website: <http://www.iucn.org/themes/ssc/pubs/policy/invasivesEng.htm>.

Issues for consideration

7. The AC is invited to consider whether Decision 10.76 has been complied with.
8. The AC is invited to consider what further work, if any, is required, including an analysis of CITES-listed invasive alien species.