# List of 2020-2021 intersessional working groups established by the Animals Committee

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Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'

**Membership:** (28 Members and Parties; 27 Observers)

Co-chairs: Mathias Lörtscher (AC Chair) and Dagmar Zíková (representative for Europe);

Members: Daniel Ramadori (representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean), Saeko Terada (alternate representative for Asia), Shirley Ramirez Carvajal (alternate representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean), Sarah McIntyre (alternate representative for Oceania) and Peter Paul Van Dijk (nomenclature specialist);

Parties: Argentina, Australia, Botswana, China, European Union, Georgia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Namibia, Peru, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zimbabwe; and


**Mandate:**

- prepare draft non-binding best practice guidance on how to determine whether “the trade would promote in situ conservation”, in line with the provisions of paragraph 2 b) of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18), in consultation with the Secretariat;
- building on the existing non-binding guidance contained in document CoP18 Doc. 44.1, prepare more detailed species-specific guidance for living specimens of African elephants and southern white rhinoceros, in consultation with relevant experts (including species and zoological facility experts) and the Secretariat; and
- report on the outcomes of their work at the next meeting of the Animals Committee.
West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.)

**Membership:** (14 Members and Parties; 12 Observers)

**Co-chairs:** Guy Appollinaire Mensah (representative for Africa), Ashgar Mobarakí (representative for Asia) and Ngalié Maha (alternative representative for Africa);

**Members:** Hugh Robertson (representative for Oceania) and Saeko Terada (alternate representative for Asia);

**Parties:** Burkina Faso, European Union, Hungary, Italy, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and


**Mandate:**

address key gaps in knowledge as it relates to the biological and trade issues highlighted in the Vulture Multispecies Action Plan (Vulture MsAP), with particular attention for the six species mentioned in Decision 18.188 and the West African region, and including but not limited to trade in vulture parts of belief-based use (Objective 4), sentinel poisoning by poachers (Objective 5), cross-cutting actions that contribute to addressing knowledge gaps (Objective 11), and contribute to effective implementation of the Vulture MsAP (Objective 12), by:


b) conducting a detailed assessment on the scale and impact of legal and illegal trade in live birds, eggs, and vulture body parts across the range of the Vulture MsAP with the assistance of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other relevant stakeholders; and

c) providing findings and recommendations to the Animals Committee for consideration at its next meeting.
Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae)

Membership: (13 Members and Parties; 11 Observers)

Co-chairs: Ruslan Novitsky (alternate representative for Europe) and Saeko Terada (alternate representative for Asia);

Members: Giyanto (representative for Asia);

Parties: Chile, China, Georgia, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and


Mandate:

a) review the study by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), focusing on the following aspects:

i) verifying if the preliminary recommendations of the Animals Committee, adopted at AC30, are still valid, and updating them as appropriate;

ii) making recommendations on actions needed to enhance the conservation and sustainable harvest and use of all precious corals in international trade, where appropriate; and

iii) considering the possibility of additional CITES listings of precious corals in the family Coralliidae; and

b) report on the outcomes of its work at the next meeting of the Animals Committee.
African lions (*Panthera leo*)

**Membership:** (23 Members and Parties; 23 Observers)

**Co-chairs:** Guy Appolinaire Mensah (representative for Africa), Pantaleon Kasoma (representative for Africa) and Shirley Ramirez Carvajal (alternate representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean);

**Members:** Saeko Terada (alternate representative for Asia) and Gerald Benyr (alternate representative for Europe);

**Parties:** Botswana, China, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zimbabwe; and


**Mandate:**

a) review the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa*;

b) review relevant information provided by the Secretariat regarding its implementation of Decision 18.244, paragraphs a), b) and c), and Decision 18.246, paragraphs a), c) and d); and

c) draft recommendations directed to the Secretariat, the Standing Committee and African lion range States, as appropriate, for consideration by the Animals Committee at its next meeting.
Zoological nomenclature

Membership: (14 Members and Parties; 8 Observers)

Chair: Peter Paul Van Dijk (nomenclature specialist);

Members: Hugh Robertson (representative for Oceania) and Ronell Kepler (PC nomenclature specialist);

Parties: Australia, China, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and


Mandate:

taking into account document AC31 Doc. 37 and its Annexes:

a) review the findings of the report presented in Annex 5 of document CoP18 Doc. 99 on Bird Nomenclature;

b) provide guidance to the Secretariat as to what further actions it could undertake to implement Decision 18.309 regarding time-specific versions of online databases, having considered the results of consultations to-date;

c) review the information to be provided concerning nomenclature and identification of corals;

d) review the proposed standard references for species newly included in the Appendices;

e) review and supplement the list of proposed updates to nomenclature of species listed in the Appendices;

f) consider options to update the higher taxonomy of lizards and snakes;

g) further consider the documents submitted separately with regard to Decision 18.313 on Nomenclature of Appendix III listings (document AC31 Doc. 39/PC25 Doc. 33) and Decision 18.315 on Pangolins (document AC31 Doc. 38); and

h) report on the outcomes of its work at the next meeting of the Animals Committee.
Identification materials
(joint working group with the Plants Committee)

**Membership:** (20 Members and Parties; 11 Observers)

Co-chairs: Hugh Robertson (AC representative for Oceania); Rosemarie Gnam (PC representative for North America), Yan Zeng (PC alternate representative for Asia), and Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo (PC Chair);

Parties: Argentina, Botswana, China, Colombia, Georgia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and


**Mandate:**

a) review selected identification materials, including material compiled as per Decision 18.136, paragraph a), 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;

b) review Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) on Identification Manual, taking into account the proposals of the Secretariat in paragraphs 6 and 7 of document AC31 Doc. 15/PC25 Doc. 18, and the reviews outlined in paragraphs a) and c) of Decision 18.137;

c) consider ways 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.