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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

Observers: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), IUCN Species Survival Commission African Elephant Specialist Group, Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Born Free Foundation, Born Free USA, Cheetah Conservation Fund, Conservation Analytics, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), Fondation Franz Weber, Four Paws International, German Society of Herpetology (DGHT), Global Guardian Trust, Humane Society International (HSI), International Elephant Foundation, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), IWMC-World Conservation Trust, ProWildlife, Safari Club International, Sahara Conservation Fund, South African Taxidermy and Tannery Association, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), Zoological Society of London and Zoological Society of San Diego.

### **Mandate:**

- a) 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;
- b) 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
- c) 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 Appolinaire Mensah (representative for Africa), Ashgar Mobaraki (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
- Observers: Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), United Nations Environment Programme- World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), BirdLife International, Born Free USA, Humane Society International (HSI), Sahara Conservation Fund, Species Survival Network (SSN), TRAFFIC and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).

**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:

- a) reviewing the information on West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.) submitted under Notification No. 2020/034, and any additional relevant information submitted by the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre and the International Union for Conservation of Nature – Species Survival Commission Vulture Specialist Group;
- 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; 13 Observers)**

Co-chairs: Mauro Eduardo Gongora (representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean) 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

Observers: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme / Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (UNEP/RAC-SPA), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Association of Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Assocoral, European Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EAZA), Global Guardian Trust, Humane Society International (HSI), IWMC-World Conservation Trust, South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), Wildlife Conservation Society and World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

**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
- Observers: Convention on Migratory Species, CIC – International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Born Free Foundation, Centre for Biological Diversity, Cheetah Conservation Fund, Conservation Force, Dallas Safari Club, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, Global Guardian Trust, Humane Society International, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, ProWildlife, Safari Club International Foundation, Sahara Conservation Fund, South African Taxidermy and Tannery Association, The European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation (FACE), TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Zoological Society of London.

**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

Observers: United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), United Nations Environment Programme / Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (UNEP/RAC-SPA), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), BirdLife International, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, German Society of Herpetology (DGHT), Humane Society International (HSI) and South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP).

**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

Observers: United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Born Free USA, Chambre Syndicale de la Façture Instrumentale (CSFI), Forest Based Solutions, German Society of Herpetology (DGHT), Humane Society International (HSI), International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), League of American Orchestras, TRAFFIC and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).

**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.