

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

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Strategic planning

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS DIRECTED OR RELATED TO THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat has compiled in Annex 1 to this document the list of all instructions directed to the Animals Committee or that may require consulting or informing it that can be found in the currently valid Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties.
3. Annex 2 to this document lists all currently valid Decisions of the Conference of the Parties directed to the Animals Committee or that may require its assistance.
4. The Animals Committee is invited to include the above mentioned Resolutions and Decisions in its working programme for 2005-2007, to determine priorities and to consider how best to achieve their effective implementation (see document AC21 Doc. 6.3).

VALID RESOLUTIONS DIRECTED TO THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
8.13 (Rev.)	Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>DIRECTS:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c) the Animals Committee to monitor developments in microchip-implant technology and application techniques and to advise the Secretariat about such developments, for the information of the Parties.</p>
9.24 (Rev. CoP13)	Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>RESOLVES that, to monitor the effectiveness of protection offered by the Convention, the status of species included in Appendices I and II should be regularly reviewed by the range States and proponents, in collaboration with the Animals Committee or the Plants Committee, subject to the availability of funds;</p> <p>...</p> <p>Annex 4</p> <p>...</p> <p>B. The following review procedures shall apply when a species is transferred to Appendix II pursuant to paragraph A. 2. c) above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where the Plants Committee, the Animals Committee or a Party becomes aware of problems in compliance with the management measures and export quotas of another Party, the Secretariat shall be informed and, if the Secretariat fails to resolve the matter satisfactorily, it shall inform the Standing Committee which may, after consultation with the Party concerned, recommend to all Parties that they suspend trade with that Party in specimens of CITES-listed species, and/or request the Depository Government to prepare a proposal to transfer the population back to Appendix I.</li> <li>2. If, on review of a quota and its supporting management measures, the Animals or Plants Committee encounters any problems with compliance or potential detriment to a species, the relevant Committee shall request the Depository Government to prepare a proposal for appropriate remedial action.</li> </ol>

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
10.21	Transport of live animals	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals Committee to deal with matters related to the transport of live animals;</p> <p>...</p> <p>DIRECTS further the Animals Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to establish the format for the presentation of data on mortality and injury or damage to health in transport; and</li> <li>b) to conduct a systematic review of the scope and causes of the mortality and injury or damage to health of animals during the shipment and transport process and of means of reducing such mortality and injury or damage to health; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the review should include a process for making recommendations to the Parties designed to minimize mortality, on the basis of consultation with exporting, importing, re-exporting and transit countries, IATA and AATA, and additional information from scientists, veterinarians, zoological institutions, trade representatives, carriers, freight forwarders and other experts; and</li> <li>ii) these recommendations should be focused on individual species and countries of export, import, re-export or transit where appropriate, particularly those that have significant high mortality rates in transport, and should be designed to provide positive solutions to identified problems;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>DIRECTS the Secretariat:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) in consultation with the Animals and Standing Committees, to monitor the implementation of these recommendations and of other aspects of this Resolution and report its findings and recommendations at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</li> </ul>
11.1 (Rev. CoP13)	Establishment of Committees	<p><b>Regarding the establishment of committees;</b></p> <p><b>Regarding regional representation in the Animals and Plants Committees; and</b></p> <p><b>Annex 2</b></p>

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
12.6	Conservation and management of sharks	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>...</p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals Committee to continue activities specified under Decision 11.94 beyond the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to report on progress at the 13th meeting of the Conference of Parties;</p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals Committee to critically review progress towards IPOA-Sharks implementation (NPOA-Sharks) by major fishing and trading nations, by a date one year before the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES;</p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals Committee to examine information provided by range States in shark assessment reports and other available relevant documents, with a view to identifying key species and examining these for consideration and possible listing under CITES;</p> <p>.....</p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals Committee to make species-specific recommendations at the 13th meeting and subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties if necessary on improving the conservation status of sharks and the regulation of international trade in these species;</p>
12.8 (Rev. CoP13)	Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species	<p>The Conference of the Parties...</p> <p><b><i>Regarding conduct of the Review of Significant Trade</i></b></p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals and Plants Committees, in cooperation with the Secretariat and experts, and in consultation with range States, to review the biological, trade and other relevant information on Appendix-II species subject to significant levels of trade, to identify problems and solutions concerning the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a), in accordance with the following procedure: ...</p>
13.1	Financing and budgeting of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>AGREES that ...</p> <p>b) all meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees should be held back-to-back and in the same place, and every other meeting should be convened in Geneva unless a candidate host country pays the difference in costs between its proposed venue and Geneva; and</p> <p>c) no more than two regular meetings of the Standing Committee and no more than two meetings each of the Animals and Plants Committees should be convened between meetings of the Conference of the Parties;</p>
13.4	Conservation of and trade in great apes	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>URGES the Secretariat, the Standing Committee and the Animals Committee to work closely with GRASP, and to explore and implement other measures through which the Convention can contribute to the conservation of great apes and to the promotion of public awareness of the threat posed to great ape populations by illegal trade;</p>

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
13.10	Trade in alien invasive species	The Conference of the Parties ... INSTRUCTS the CITES Secretariat, in conjunction with the Animals and Plants Committees, to establish cooperation with the CBD Secretariat and the IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group in their important work in relation to alien invasive species.

VALID RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE  
CONSULTING OR INFORMING THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
9.25 (Rev.)	Inclusion of species in Appendix III	The Conference of the Parties ... RECOMMENDS that, when considering the inclusion of a species in Appendix III, a Party:  ... c) inform the Management Authorities of other range States, the known major importing countries, the Secretariat and the Animals Committee or the Plants Committee that it is considering the inclusion of the species in Appendix III and seek their opinion on the potential effects of such inclusion;  ... REQUESTS the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee to assist Parties if necessary in reviewing the status of species in Appendix III, subject to available funding; URGES Parties having included species in Appendix III to periodically review the status of these species and, taking into account these guidelines and any recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees, to consider the necessity to maintain them in that Appendix;
11.12	Universal tagging system for the identification of crocodylian skins	The Conference of the Parties ... DIRECTS the Secretariat to report deficiencies of the system or specific instances of concern to the Animals Committee and the relevant Parties, as appropriate; and

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
11.16	Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p><b>Regarding proposals to transfer populations from Appendix I to Appendix II for ranching</b></p> <p>RECOMMENDS that:...</p> <p>e) in order to be discussed at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, any proposal for amendment of the Appendices pursuant to this Resolution be received by the Secretariat at least 330 days before that meeting. In consultation with the Animals Committee, the Secretariat shall seek appropriate scientific and technical advice to verify that the criteria specified in paragraph d) above under 'RECOMMENDS' have been met and to review the information and assurances in the proposal that are specified in paragraph d) above. If in the opinion of the Secretariat further information concerning the criteria is required, the Secretariat shall request information from the proposing Party within 150 days after receipt. Thereafter, the Secretariat shall communicate with the Parties in accordance with Article XV of the Convention;</p> <p>...</p> <p>h) any Party with an approved ranching proposal submit any changes to the information supplied in paragraph c) above under 'RECOMMENDS' to the Secretariat. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Animals Committee, should determine whether the changes proposed substantially alter the original ranching programme, and undermine or jeopardize the conservation of the wild population. The Secretariat should advise the Party of its determination accordingly; and</p> <p>i) in cases where the Secretariat, in consultation with the Animals Committee, concludes that changes to the ranching programme that are proposed in accordance with paragraph h) would result in substantial changes to management of the species, the proposed management be treated as a new proposal, requiring the submission of a proposal pursuant to this Resolution and to the requirements of Article XV of the Convention;</p>
11.19	Identification Manual	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p>DIRECTS the Secretariat to:...</p> <p>g) inform each meeting of the Standing, Animals and Plants Committees on the progress made;</p>
12.2 Annex 1	Procedure for approval of externally funded projects	<p>...</p> <p>b) The Secretariat shall review species-related projects that are proposed by Parties seeking funding and those developed as a result of recommendations made by the Animals and Plants Committees in the review of significant trade.</p> <p>c) The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees where necessary, approve and prioritize projects to be implemented.</p>

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
12.6	Conservation and management of sharks	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>ENCOURAGES Parties to obtain information on implementation of IPOA-Sharks from their fisheries departments, and report directly on progress to the CITES Secretariat and at future meetings of the Animals Committee;</p>
12.7 (Rev. CoP13)	Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>CALLS UPON range States, importing countries and other appropriate experts and organizations such as the IUCN/SSC Sturgeon Specialist Group, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Animals Committee, to explore the development of a uniform DNA-based identification system for parts and derivatives and aquaculture stocks of Acipenseriformes species to assist in the subsequent identification of the origin of specimens in trade;</p>
12.8 (Rev. CoP13)	Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p><b><i>Regarding monitoring, reporting and reintroduction of species into the review process</i></b></p> <p>DIRECTS the Secretariat, for the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of this Resolution and the relevant paragraphs of Article IV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to report at each meeting of the Animals or Plants Committee on the implementation by the range States concerned of the recommendations made by the Committee; and</li> <li>b) to maintain a register of species that are included in the review process set out in this Resolution and a record of progress with the implementation of recommendations; and</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Regarding coordination of field studies</i></b></p> <p>DIRECTS the Secretariat, where appropriate, in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals or Plants Committee, to contract IUCN or other appropriate experts to coordinate, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, the conduct of the field studies required for Appendix-II species identified as being subject to significant levels of trade, and to raise the funds necessary for such studies;</p>

Resolution No.	Title	Relevant part
12.10 (Rev. CoP13)	Guidelines for a procedure to register and monitor operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes	<p>The Conference of the Parties ...</p> <p>RESOLVES that:</p> <p>...</p> <p>g) the Management Authority, in collaboration with the Scientific Authority, shall monitor the management of each registered captive-breeding operation under its jurisdiction and advise the Secretariat in the event of any major change in the nature of an operation or in the type(s) of products being produced for export, in which case the Animals Committee shall review the operation to determine whether it should remain registered;</p> <p>...</p> <p>Annex 2</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. If any Party objects to the registration, or expresses concern about the application, the Secretariat shall refer the documentation to the Animals Committee, which shall respond to these objections within 60 days. Then, the Secretariat shall facilitate a dialogue between the Management Authority of the Party submitting the application and the Party or Parties objecting to the registration, and shall provide the recommendations of the Animals Committee, and allow a further 60 days for resolution of the identified problem(s).</p>



## VALID DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE

### Strategic Vision

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13.1 The Conference of the Parties decides:

- a) to extend until the end of 2007 the time validity of the *Strategic Vision* and its Action Plan, which were adopted with Decision 11.1 at its 11th meeting (Gigiri, 2000) (attached as Annex 1 to these Decisions);
- b) to establish a Strategic Plan Working Group as a subcommittee of the Standing Committee, with representation from all regions and of the Animals and Plants Committees, with the task to develop, with the cooperation of the Secretariat, a proposal for a Strategic Vision and Action Plan through 2013, in particular in order to contribute to the achievement of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) targets of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010;
- c) to invite input from relevant intergovernmental organizations to the work of the Strategic Plan Working Group with respect to possible synergies;
- d) to urge all Parties and to instruct the Secretariat and the permanent Committees to evaluate their efforts in relation to the implementation of the existing Strategic Vision and Action Plan and to submit the outcome thereof to the Strategic Plan Working Group through their representatives on that working group;
- e) that the Strategic Plan Working Group shall submit its proposal to the Standing Committee for approval at its annual meeting prior to the deadline for the submission of proposals for consideration at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which is to be held in 2007; and
- f) that the Standing Committee shall submit the proposal for a Strategic Vision and Action Plan through 2013 for adoption at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

### Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity

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#### *Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees*

13.6 The Animals and Plants Committees shall identify those principles and guidelines of most relevance to CITES, taking account of case studies provided by the Parties on how these could be used in specific cases of exports of specimens of Appendix-II species, and report at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

### Review of the scientific committees

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#### *Directed to the Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees*

13.9 The Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees shall draft terms of reference for a review, with the objective of improving and facilitating the performance of their functions. The Committees shall submit the draft terms of reference before the end of 2005 to the Standing Committee.

## Improving regional communication and representation

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### *Directed to the Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees*

- 13.12 The Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees shall review at their meetings the conditions under which their members and alternate members perform their duties to ensure continuity and effective regional representation, and report their findings to the Standing Committee.
- 13.13 The Plants and Animals Committees shall form a joint email working group comprising two representatives of each Committee and an appointed chairman to develop a manual for regional representatives in 2005 that explains the roles and duties of the representatives, provides practical advice on how to accomplish the mandate, is applicable under different cultural conditions, and contains information for the Management and Scientific Authorities of Parties to explain the role and duties of regional representatives, and the relevant obligations by Parties towards regional representatives. External funding is to be sought for printing of the manual.

## Sharks

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### *Directed to the Animals Committee*

- 13.43 The Animals Committee, taking account of the work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the conservation and management of sharks and on CITES implementation issues relating to listed marine species, shall:
- a) review implementation issues related to sharks listed in the CITES Appendices with a view *inter alia* to sharing experiences that may have arisen and solutions that may have been found;
  - b) identify specific cases where trade is having an adverse impact on sharks, in particular those key shark species threatened in this way;
  - c) prepare a report on trade-related measures adopted and implemented by Parties that are aimed at improving the conservation status of sharks; and
  - d) report on the above at the 14th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

## Sea cucumbers

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### *Directed to the Animals Committee*

- 13.48 The Animals Committee shall:
- a) review the proceedings of the International technical workshop on the conservation of sea cucumbers in the families Holothuriidae and Stichopodidae (March 2004, Kuala Lumpur), as well as those of the forum on Advances in Sea Cucumber Aquaculture and Management (ASCAM) convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (October 2003; Dalian); and
  - b) prepare, for consideration at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a discussion paper on the biological and trade status of sea cucumbers in the above families to provide scientific guidance on the actions needed to secure their conservation status.

## Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species

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### *Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees*

- 13.68 The Animals and Plants Committees shall establish an intersessional joint working group with the following Terms of Reference:
- a) the working group shall be composed of members and observer Parties within the Animals and Plants Committees, from as many of the six different CITES regions as possible, with expertise in determining and defining the existing production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species of animals and plants;
  - b) the working group shall:
    - i) focus on clearly defining key elements of the different production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species of animals and plants, and, if appropriate, developing as far as possible a list of specific production systems currently being utilized by Parties;
    - ii) determine under which existing CITES permit source code each production system appropriately fits and whether the addition of any new source codes is necessary; and
    - iii) consider the definition of 'ranching' within the context of existing CITES Resolutions;
  - c) to avoid duplication of work, the working group should use, as a basis for its discussions, the following documents on production systems from previous meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees:
    - i) AC20 WG6 Doc. 1 – Report of the AC20 working group on Control of captive breeding, ranching and wild harvest production systems for Appendix-II species;
    - ii) AC20 Inf. 18 – Plant and animal production systems and CITES source codes (prepared by the United States);
    - iii) AC20 Inf. 15 – Draft review of production systems – Report to CITES Secretariat (prepared by the IUCN/SSC Wildlife Trade Programme);
    - iv) PC12 Doc. 23.1 – CITES plant production systems (prepared by the Vice-Chairman of the Plants Committee);
    - v) AC19 WG4 Doc. 1 (Rev. 1) – Report of the AC19 working group on Control of captive breeding, ranching and wild harvest production systems for Appendix-II species;
    - vi) Annex 8.2 of the Summary record of the 18th meeting of the Animals Committee – Report of the Coral Working Group on coral production systems;
    - vii) AC17 Inf. 12 – Wild fauna management and production systems: Their description, conservation implications and treatment by CITES (prepared by Dr Hank Jenkins of Creative Conservation Solutions); and
    - viii) AC17 Doc. 14 (Rev. 1) – Control of captive breeding, ranching and wild harvest production systems for Appendix-II species (prepared by Dr Hank Jenkins of Creative Conservation Solutions);
  - d) in evaluating production systems and determining under which source code each production system fits, the working group should take into account that both the Animals and Plants Committees have agreed that source codes should not be used to replace non-detriment findings by Scientific Authorities;

- e) the working group should provide interim reports on its progress toward the achievement of its goals at each Animals and Plants Committee meeting between the 13th and 14th meetings of the Conference of the Parties;
- f) after incorporating suggestions from both the Animals and Plants Committees, the working group should submit a final report, which may include a draft resolution of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and
- g) the working group should carry out the majority of its work via email to keep costs to a minimum.

## Transport of live specimens

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### *Directed to the Animals Committee*

- 13.88 The Animals Committee, in collaboration with interested non-governmental organizations and the Secretariat, shall:
- a) develop recommendations regarding transport of live animals by road, rail or ship, and regarding cost-effective options for containers and packing materials for all means of transport to supplement, where necessary, the *IATA Live Animals Regulations*;
  - b) assist in identifying model practices concerning the transport and preparation for shipment of live wild animals, and develop recommendations to the Parties regarding the proper preparation, proper handling and transportation of live animals, particularly in exporting countries; and
  - c) report at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of this Decision.
- 13.89 The Animals Committee, in consultation with the Plants Committee and the Secretariat, shall:
- a) undertake a review of Resolution Conf. 10.21 on Transport of live animals, in order to *inter alia*:
    - i) revise the requirements regarding the collection, submission and analysis of data on mortality and injury or damage to health in transport of live animals, domestic measures directed to Parties, and reporting obligations;
    - ii) incorporate references to the transport of live plants; and
    - iii) clarify how IATA manuals and regulations can be mechanisms through which up-to-date guidance on the transport of live animals and plants of CITES-listed species can be provided, replacing the *CITES Guidelines for transport and preparation for shipment of live wild animals and plants*; and
  - b) report at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of this Decision.

## Review of the Appendices

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### *Directed to the Animals Committee*

- 13.93 The Animals Committee shall, immediately following the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, include the Felidae in its Review of the Appendices. This review shall initially focus on the listing of the *Lynx* species complex, which includes species that are listed because of similarity of appearance, such as *Lynx rufus*. In addition to evaluating the listings of these

species against the criteria for inclusion of species in Appendices I and II contained in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP13), the Animals Committee shall assess the management and enforcement measures available to achieve effective control of trade in these species so as to resolve the continued need for look-alike listings. This assessment should also include a review of trade information to determine whether these species are actually confused in trade or whether the look-alike problem is merely hypothetical. The Animals Committee shall provide a report at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress of the review of all Felidae and particularly on their review of *Lynx* spp. and look-alike issues.

## **Fossil corals**

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### ***Directed to the Animals Committee***

- 13.96 The Animals Committee shall proceed with an analysis of the Parties' interpretation of the annotation on fossil corals and other tasks necessary to undertake a review of Resolution Conf. 11.10 (Rev. CoP12) and report to the Secretariat by the end of 2006.

## **VALID DECISIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE CONSULTATION WITH OR ASSISTANCE FROM THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE**

## **Synergy between CITES and CBD**

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### ***Directed to the Secretariat***

- 13.4 The Secretariat shall, in collaboration with the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees, review the findings and recommendations of the Vilm report in order to identify its most relevant aspects.
- 13.5 The Secretariat shall make its conclusions available to the Parties at least 90 days before the 53rd meeting of the Standing Committee, in order to enable Parties to submit comments for consideration by the Standing Committee.

## **Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity**

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### ***Directed to the Secretariat***

- 13.7 The Secretariat shall:
- a) distribute the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity to all CITES Management and Scientific Authorities;
  - b) invite the Parties to provide the Animals and Plants Committees with case studies of how these Principles and Guidelines could be used in specific cases of exports of specimens of Appendix-II species;
  - c) incorporate consideration of these Principles and Guidelines into its work plan, with reference to CITES non-detriment findings and capacity building, in particular for Scientific Authorities; and
  - d) following completion of the work of the Animals and Plants Committees, and in cooperation with the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees, incorporate relevant principles

and guidelines as identified by those Committees into its capacity-building programme for Scientific Authorities.

### Improving regional communication and representation

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#### *Directed to Parties*

13.11 The Parties shall provide to the Secretariat by 1 April 2005 a contact focal point for the Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees, including email, telephone and fax details. This information will be available on the CITES website.

#### *Directed to the Secretariat*

13.14 The Secretariat shall ensure that any vacancies in the Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees are brought immediately to the attention of the Standing Committee, in order to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.

13.15 The Secretariat shall publish on the CITES website forthcoming deadlines relevant to the work of the Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees.

13.16 The Secretariat shall explore funding options to ensure that the regional representatives to the Animals and Plants Committees and the Co-Chairmen of the Nomenclature Committee from developing countries and countries with economies in transition can attend the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and fully participate in the committee work.

13.17 The Secretariat shall look for funding to support the holding of regional meetings in association with regional seminars or other related meetings organized by the Secretariat. The regional representatives should prepare the agenda and chair the meeting.

### Musk deer

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#### *Directed to Parties*

11.57 Parties that authorize export of raw musk should consider reductions in their export quotas, if biologically appropriate, until the Animals Committee has completed its consideration of musk deer in the Review of Significant Trade.

### Sharks

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#### *Directed to Parties*

13.42 Parties:

- a) should request, through their delegations to the 26th meeting of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) that FAO consider convening a workshop or consultation on the conservation and management of sharks, in time for output to be considered at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia* to:
  - i) consider and review progress with the implementation of the IPOA-Sharks; and
  - ii) assess the effectiveness and efficiency of current conservation and management measures for sharks and identify any improvements needed;
- b) are encouraged to improve their data collection and reporting to FAO of catches and landings of and trade in sharks, at the species level where possible, recognizing that *inter*

- alia* this may be a first step towards the development and implementation of Shark Assessment Reports and National Plans of Action or other relevant national instruments;
- c) that require assistance to build capacity to manage their shark fisheries are encouraged to seek such assistance from FAO or other appropriate organizations; and
  - d) should take note of the species-specific recommendations in document CoP13 Doc. 35 Annex 2 with a view to ensuring that international trade is not detrimental to the status of these species.

## Sea cucumbers

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### *Directed to the Secretariat*

- 13.49 The Secretariat shall assist in obtaining funds to support the preparation of the Animals Committee discussion paper on the biological and trade status of sea cucumbers in the families Holothuriidae and Stichopodidae.

## Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species

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### *Directed to the Secretariat*

- 12.91 The Secretariat is encouraged to continue to develop and refine its capacity-building programme dealing with the scientific basis for development, establishment, and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species, and shall, as appropriate, consult with the Animals Committee and Plants Committee on this programme. This consultation may include:
- a) solicitation of input from the Committees regarding materials used in the capacity-building programme for voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species; and
  - b) a request for new information from the Committees on methods used for establishing quotas and for relevant case studies on the establishment of quotas.

## Fossil corals

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### *Directed to Parties*

- 13.95 The Parties that are involved in the trade in stony corals should, by the end of 2005, determine how they will interpret the annotation exempting fossil corals from the provisions of the Convention and provide this interpretation to the Secretariat for distribution to the Parties.

### *Directed to the Secretariat*

- 13.97 The Secretariat shall communicate the report of the Animals Committee regarding the interpretation of the annotation exempting fossil corals to the Parties via a notification before the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.