

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



Twenty-fourth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva, (Switzerland), 20-24 April 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Opening of the meeting

The CITES Secretariat welcomed participants on behalf of the Secretary-General. The Chair also welcomed participants and made some preliminary comments.

2. Rules of Procedure..... AC24 Doc. 2

An amendment was suggested to Rule 22 to harmonize it with that adopted by the Plants Committee. In the third line after '10 days after', replace the words "they have been technically agreed upon by both sides" with "the deadline for the submission of documents"

An amendment to the Spanish version of Rule 23 was suggested to change the sense of the wording to conform with the English version.

With these amendments, the Committee adopted Rules of Procedure in the Annex to document AC24 Doc. 2.

3. Adoption of the agenda and working programme

3.1 Agenda AC24 Doc. 3.1

A proposal was made to include *Balearica* spp. in the Review of Significant Trade working group as an urgent case under agenda item 7.4. With this amendment, the agenda in document AC24 Doc. 3.1 was agreed.

3.2 Working programme AC24 Doc. 3.2

The Secretariat clarified that agenda item 9.1 would be discussed under item 9 and that item 18.2 would be discussed under item 18. With these amendments, the working programme in document AC24 Doc. 3.2 was agreed.

4. Admission of observers AC24 Doc. 4

The list of observers was accepted.

7. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

7.1 Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade AC24 Doc. 7.1 and AC24 Doc. 7.1 Addendum
and

7.2 Overview of the species-based Review of Significant Trade AC24 Doc. 7.2

The Committee noted that *Cuora amboinensis* and *Cuora galbinifrons* would be passed to the Standing Committee for action because no responses had been received from the Lao People's Democratic Republic or Viet Nam, and that *Lissemys punctata* should be removed from the Review of Significant Trade because Bangladesh had clarified that export of the species had been banned.

The Committee noted that the Secretariat would address the fact that, in a number of cases, zero export quotas instructed by the Standing Committee were not included in the CITES website. The Committee also noted that the Secretariat would investigate reports of trade in captive-bred specimens of *Psittacus erithacus* from the Central African Republic.

7.3 Species selected following CoP13 AC24 Doc. 7.3

7.4 Selection of species following CoP14..... AC24 Doc. 7.4 (Rev. 1)

The Committee agreed to retain in the review all cases in the Annex to document AC24 Doc. 7.4 (Rev. 1) where the relevant Party had not responded to communications. This also applied to *Orlitia borneensis* where no responses had been received from the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam.

7.5 Scientific information from the range States of *Huso huso*..... AC24 Doc. 7.5

7.6 Activities with regard to the population of *Tursiops aduncus* of the Solomon Islands..... AC24 Doc. 7.6

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 1) to discuss agenda items 7.1 to 7.6 with the following membership:

Chairman: AC Chair

Parties: Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Community, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, Alliance of Marine Parks and Aquariums, Animal Welfare Institute, Conservation International, Defenders of Wildlife, Humane Society International, Institute for Ocean Conservation Science, International Caviar Importers Association, International Environmental Resources, IWMC World Conservation Trust, Pet Care Trust, Pro Wildlife, Safari Club International Foundation, Species Management Specialists, Swan International, TRAFFIC, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, and WWF.

8. Ranching AC24 Doc. 8.1-8.2

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 2) with the following membership:

Chairs: The representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr Marcel Calvar Agrelo and Mr Jose Alberto Alvarez Lemus) and the Netherlands;

AC alternate member: Alternate representative of Asia (Mr Giam);

Parties: Canada, China, France, Germany, Mexico, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, Animal Welfare Institute, Humane Society of the United States, IWMC World Conservation Trust, Pro Wildlife and Species Management Specialists.

10. Periodic review of animal species included in the CITES Appendices

10.1 Periodic review of species selected before CoP13..... AC24 Doc. 10.1

The Committee agreed to delete *Cephalophus silvicultor*, *Mirounga leonina* and *Pteropus macrotis* from the Periodic Review.

10.2 Periodic review of species selected between CoP13 and CoP15..... AC24 Doc. 10.2

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 3) with the following membership:

Chair: Representative of Europe (Mr Ibero)

Parties: Brazil, China, Japan and Mexico; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, Humane Society of the United States

10.3 Periodic review of Felidae – Lynx spp. and look-alike issues (outcome of the workshop) AC24 Doc. 10.3

It was noted that no contributions had been received from Parties to undertake a review of Felidae spp. and it was agreed that agenda item would be closed.

12. Sturgeons and paddlefish

12.1 Secretariat's report..... AC24 Doc. 12.1

The Committee noted the report.

12.2 Assessment and monitoring methodologies used for shared stocks of Acipenseriformes species AC24 Doc. 12.2

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 4) with a mandate to consider the outcome of the FAO and CITES technical workshop, review possible further work and discuss the use of funding provided by the European Union.

The membership was agreed as follows:

Chair: Representative of Asia (Mr Ishii);

Parties: Azerbaijan, Canada, Germany, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: Association of Northeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Institute for Ocean Conservation Science, International Caviar Importers Association and IWMC World Conservation Trust.

14. Conservation and management of sharks and stingrays.....AC24 Doc. 14.1-14.4

It was noted that a report on the FAO Technical Workshop was now available as information document AC24 Inf. 6.

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 5) with the following membership:

Chair: Representative of Oceania (Mr Hay);

AC alternate members: Alternate representative of Asia (Mr Giam), Alternate representative of Europe (Mr O'Cruidain).

Parties: Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain and the United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: Convention on Migratory Species, European Community, IUCN, Earthtrust, Ocean Conservancy, Ornamental Fish International, Species Management Specialists, Swan International, TRAFFIC and WWF.

16. Sustainable use and management of sea cucumber fisheries AC24 Doc. 16

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 6) and suggested that the group decide on a Chair.

The membership was agreed as follows:

Parties: Canada, China, Japan, Saudi Arabia and the United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Community, Earthtrust, Swan International and TRAFFIC.

9. International expert workshop on non-detriment findings AC24 Doc. 9-9.1

The Committee deferred further discussion of this item until later in the meeting.