

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 7) with the following membership:

Chair: Representative of Africa (Mr Bagine) and the representative of Asia (Ms Prijono);

AC alternate member: Alternate representative of Europe (Mr O’Criodain);

Parties: Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Commission, UNEP-WCMC, Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, FACE, Humane Society of the United States, International Environmental Resources, Safari Club International Foundation, TRAFFIC and VC International.

The mandate for this working group would be as follows:

Regarding agenda item 9: *International expert workshop on non-detriment findings*:

- a) Review the proceedings resulting from the International expert workshop on non-detriment findings (paragraph 43 of document AC24 Doc. 9); and
- b) Using the work already done by PC18 (AC24 Doc. 9 Addendum), complete a discussion paper and, if considered appropriate, a draft Resolution on the making of non-detriment findings, so that this may be agreed with the PC for presentation at CoP15.

15. Transport of live animals .....AC24 Doc. 15.1 and 15.2

15.2 National Legislation Project - Analysis of the Parties’ legislative provisions and draft legislative guidance..... AC24 Doc. 15.2

The Secretariat introduced the document and made a correction to the wording of paragraph 100, which would now read: “The CITES *Guidelines* served a useful purpose for many years by providing simple, practical guidance for the transport of live specimens by means other than air. They are now outdated and should be replaced by the IATA *Live Animals and Perishable Cargo Regulations* and any additional guidance that might be needed for the transport of live specimens by land and sea or inland waterways.”

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 8) to address items 15.1 and 15.2, with the following membership:

Chair: Chair of the TWG;

Parties: Chile, Germany, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, Animal Welfare Institute, Born Free USA, Defenders of Wildlife, FACE, Humane Society of the United States, International Environmental Resources, Ornamental Fish International, Pan African Sanctuary Alliance, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, VC International and WAZA.

The mandate for this working group would be as follows:

Regarding agenda item 15.1: *Activities of the Transport Working Group and information on cases of high mortality of specimens:*

- Consider AC24 Doc. 15.1 and make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

Regarding agenda item 15.2: *National Legislation Project - Analysis of the Parties' legislative provisions and draft legislative guidance:*

- a) Review the document AC24 Doc. 15.2; and
- b) Report to the Committee on the implementation of the Decision 14.59 including, where appropriate, proposals to amend the Resolution on Transport of live specimens.

15.3 Activities of the Transport Working Group and information on cases of high mortality of specimens ..... AC24 Doc. 15.3

This document was noted by the Committee.

13. Nomenclatural matters ..... AC24 Doc. 13 (Rev. 1)

The specialist on zoological nomenclature introduced document AC24 Doc. 13 (Rev. 1) and requested to add further items for discussion, including adoption of the published version of the turtle and tortoise checklist, and some very recent nomenclatural changes in CITES-listed species.

13.1 Revision and publication of CITES Appendices..... AC24 Doc. 13.1

and

13.2 Harmonization of nomenclature and taxonomy with other multilateral environmental agreements ..... AC24 Doc. 13.2

The Committee established a working group (Working Group 9) to address items 13, 13.1 and 13.2, with the following membership:

Chair: specialist on zoological nomenclature (Ms Grimm);

AC member: Representative of North America (Mr Medellin);

Parties: Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, Conservation International and Humane Society International.

The mandate for this working group would be as follows:

Discuss the following issues and develop recommendations for the AC on how to deal with them:

- a) Revision and publication of the CITES appendices (AC24 Doc. 13.1)
  - Recommendations of the Secretariat under point 12 and 13
- b) Nomenclatural matters [AC24 Doc. 13 (Rev. 1)]
  - *Glaucidium mooreorum*, *Micrastur mintoni*, *Pionopsitta aurantiocephala*
  - *Puma concolor* (AC24 Doc. 18.2)
  - *Canis lupus* and domesticated forms of dogs and dingos
  - Identified recent nomenclatural changes in CITES-listed animal species
- c) Harmonization of nomenclature and taxonomy with other multilateral environmental agreements
  - Recommendations of the Secretariat under point 9
  - Recommendations on the published Turtles and tortoises checklist

18.1 Possible deletion of *Anas oustaleti* from Appendix I..... AC24 Doc. 18.1

It was agreed that a proposal to delete this taxon from the Appendices would be prepared and that the depositary government would be requested to submit it to CoP15 9 on behalf of the Committee.

18.2 Proposal to reconcile the CITES appendices for *Puma concolor* with the standard nomenclature reference for mammals agreed to in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP14) ..... AC24 Doc. 18.2

Canada introduced document AC24 Doc. 18.2 and it was referred to the working group on nomenclatural matters for further discussion.

5. Regional reports

5.2 Asia..... AC24 Doc. 5.2

The representative for Asia introduced document AC24 Doc. 5.2 and it was noted by the Committee. China requested an amendment to the wording on the fifth line of paragraph 11. The words “China and Taiwan” should be replaced by “China (including Taiwan Province)”.

5.6 Oceania..... AC24 Doc. 5.6

The representative of Oceania (Mr Hay) introduced the document and noted that in paragraph 4 Tonga should be added to the list of non-Parties in the region, which totals 9 countries, not 10 as stated.

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

The mandate for the working group on these issues would be as follows:

Regarding agenda item 7.1: *Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade*:

- a) Agree on the Parties and experts listed in paragraph 5 of AC 24 Doc. 7.1 to be invited to form the advisory working group; and
- b) Identify and prioritize the case studies referred to in paragraph 7 b) of the terms of reference and endorse the *modus operandi* for conducting the evaluation set out in Annex 2 to Doc. 7.1.

Regarding agenda item 7.2: *Overview of the species-based Review of Significant Trade*:

- a) Review the information provided in the Annex to document AC24 Doc. 7.2;
- b) Re-evaluate recommendations concerning the Malagasy chameleons and day geckos; and

- c) Determine whether the provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3 of the Convention are being complied with.

Regarding agenda item 7.3: *Species selected following CoP13*:

- a) Revise the preliminary categorization of species from genus *Mantella* proposed by IUCN and, in doing so, either eliminate the species from the review, or formulate recommendations to address problems related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, differentiating between short-term and long-term actions and setting deadlines; and
- b) Identify any problems in the course of the review that are not related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, that should be addressed by the Secretariat.

Regarding agenda item 7.4: *Selection of species following CoP14*:

- a) Consider replies received from affected Parties and eliminate species where it appears that Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3 are being correctly implemented; and
- b) Decide whether or not to include *Balearica* spp. in the Review of Significant Trade

Regarding agenda item 7.5: *Scientific information from the range States of Huso huso*:

- a) Review the information from the range States; and
- b) Decide whether or not to include the species *Huso huso* in the Review of Significant Trade in accordance with paragraph c) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13).

Regarding agenda item 7.6: *Activities with regard to the population of Tursiops aduncus of the Solomon Islands*:

- Decide whether or not to include the species *Tursiops aduncus* in the Review of Significant Trade in accordance with paragraph c) of Resolution Conf. 12.9 (Rev. CoP13).

## 8. Ranching

The mandate for the working group on these issues would be as follows:

Regarding agenda item 8.1: *Review of the use of source code 'R'*:

- a) Discuss the following options for the use of source code R related to animals:
  - i) Delete source code R completely. 'Ranched' specimens should be exported as wild with a proper NDF;
  - ii) Maintain source code R only for crocodylian and sea turtle species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II, in conformity with Resolutions Conf. 9.20 and Conf. 11.16; or
  - iii) Use source code R for animal species of Appendix II and develop criteria for the use of this source code; and
- b) Propose a definition of ranching and the use of source code R, as directed by Decision 14.52 to the Committee.

Regarding agenda item 8.2: *Revision of Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14)*:

- a) Consider the following suggestions by the Secretariat:
  - i) Repeal (most parts of) Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) and Resolution Conf. 9.20 (Rev.) as they are rendered purposeless by paragraphs A.2. b) and c) in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14); or

- ii) Simplify the conditions for making an amendment proposal to revise the two ranching Resolutions in order to bring them on a par with the provisions in paragraphs A. 2. b) and c) in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14), thereby removing any disincentive to follow this approach; and
- b) Advise the Committee whether to propose revisions to the Resolution for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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

The mandate for the working group on these issues would be as follows:

- a) Regarding agenda item 10.1: *Periodic review of species selected before CoP13*:
  - i) Discuss the review on *Callithrix jacchus* submitted by Brazil; and
  - ii) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.
- b) Regarding agenda item 10.2: *Periodic review of species selected between CoP13 and CoP15*, the Working Group had the following mandate:
  - i) Discuss the reviews of *Ambystoma dumerilii* and *Andrias japonicus* submitted by Mexico and Japan, respectively; and
  - ii) Make recommendations to urge the Parties that are undertaking reviews to complete them as soon as possible, and encourage them to make the pending reviews.
- c) Evaluate PC18 recommendations on the budget and the process of the Periodic Review of the Appendices.

#### 12. Sturgeons and paddlefish

The mandate for the working group on these issues would be as follows:

Regarding agenda item 12.2: *Assessment and monitoring methodologies used for shared stocks of Acipenseriformes species*, the Working Group had the following mandate:

- a) Consider the outcome of the *Technical Workshop on Stock Assessment and TAC Methodologies*; and
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

#### 14. Conservation and management of sharks and stingrays

The mandate for the working group on these issues would be as follows:

Regarding agenda item 14.1: *Activities concerning shark species of concern (Decision 14.107)*:

- a) Examine the report of the shark intersessional group on the implementation of decision 14.107 in Annex 1 to AC24 Doc. 14.1 and the comments in Annex 2 to AC24 Doc. 14.1;
- b) Work further on refinement of the list of shark species of concern;
- c) Discuss the progress made in the implementation of Decision 14.107 and decide on future activities; and
- d) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

Regarding agenda item 14.2: *Regional workshop on South American freshwater stingrays*:

- a) Consider the outputs of the South American freshwater stingray workshop; and

- b) Make any necessary species-specific recommendations to the Committee on improving the conservation status and regulation of international trade in these taxa.

Regarding agenda item 14.3: *Linkages between international trade in shark fins and meat, and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing:*

- a) Consider the report on linkages between the international trade in shark fins and meat and IUU shark fishing activities;
- b) Discuss the progress made and propose follow-up actions to the Committee as appropriate; and
- c) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

Regarding agenda item 14.4: *Other Animals Committee tasks related to Conservation and management of sharks:*

- a) Examine:
  - i) The responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2008/058;
  - ii) The outcome of the *International expert workshop on non-detriment findings; and*
  - iii) Outputs of the *FAO Technical Workshop on the Status, Limitations and Opportunities for Improving the Monitoring of Shark Fisheries and Trade; and*
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

#### 16. Sustainable use and management of sea cucumber fisheries

The mandate for the working group on these issues would be as follows:

Regarding agenda item 9: *Sustainable use and management of sea cucumber fisheries:*

- a) Evaluate the outcomes of the FAO Workshop on Sustainable Use and Management of Sea Cucumber Fisheries; and
- b) Recommend appropriate follow-up actions at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### 8. Ranching

It was agreed that Turkey would be a member of the Ranching Working Group. It was agreed that Brazil would be transferred from the Significant Trade Working Group to the Ranching Working Group.

#### 12. Sturgeons and paddlefish

It was agreed that China would be a member of the Sturgeons and paddlefishes Working Group.

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

It was agreed that Brazil would be transferred from the Significant Trade Working Group to the Ranching Working Group.