

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



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 18-22 July 2011

SEA CUCUMBERS [DECISION 14.100 (REV. COP15)]

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In Decision 14.100, the Animals Committee was instructed to evaluate the outcomes of the FAO Workshop on Sustainable Use and Management of Sea Cucumber Fisheries and to recommend appropriate follow-up actions at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to support this initiative.
3. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper No. 516 *Sea cucumbers: A global review of fisheries and trade* was made available at the 24th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC24, Geneva, 2009). This publication is part of the outcomes of the FAO Technical Workshop which was held in Ecuador from 19 to 23 November 2007. The full report in PDF format is available on the FAO website (<http://www.fao.org/docrep/011/i0375e/i0375e00.htm>).
4. At AC24, the Committee considered the information in the FAO document, and made the following recommendations:
 - a) *The Secretariat should prepare a report containing the executive summary of the FAO Technical Paper and the "Evaluation of the pros and cons of a CITES listing" contained in the Galapagos case study and these should serve as the working group's evaluation of the FAO report for submission to CoP15;*
 - b) *The Secretariat should request from FAO their technical guidelines on Sustainable management of sea cucumber fisheries and inform the Parties of the website link for the document, along with the website link for the workshop report, in a Notification to the Parties.*
5. The Chair of the Animals Committee, considered with the Secretariat the implementation of the recommendations made at AC24 and came to the conclusion that the report mentioned in paragraph 4 a) above was not necessary since the executive summary and the "Evaluation of the pros and cons of a CITES listing" contained in the Galapagos case study were already contained in the FAO technical paper (see the URL under paragraph 3).
6. At its 15th meeting (CoP15, Doha 2010), the Conference of the Parties considered the information on sea cucumbers contained in the report of the Chair of the Animals Committee (document CoP15 Doc. 7.2.1). It congratulated the Animals Committee on the detailed work undertaken and the positive collaboration with the FAO, and highlighted the need for these efforts to continue. The Conference of the Parties revised Decision 14.100, as follows:

Directed to the Animals Committee

14.100 (Rev. CoP15) *The Animals Committee shall evaluate the outcomes of the FAO Workshop on Sustainable Use and Management of Sea Cucumber Fisheries, conducted in 2007, and recommend appropriate follow-up actions at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to support this initiative.*

7. The Secretariat contacted FAO about the progress they have made in publishing the remaining publications on sea cucumbers on their website. FAO advised the Secretariat to delay the implementation of recommendation Animals Committee under paragraph 4 b) above until the remaining publications are made available online in early 2011.
8. The list of publications that were available by FAO at the time of writing of this document (February 2011) is provided in FAO pamphlet in the Annex to the present document.
9. The Committee is invited to evaluate outcomes the FAO workshop and recommend appropriate follow-up actions.