

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



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RANCHING AND TRADE IN RANCHED SPECIMENS OF SPECIES TRANSFERRED  
FROM APPENDIX I TO APPENDIX II (DECISION 15.51)  
(Agenda item 12)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Co-Chairs: Representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr Calvar Agrelo and Mr Álvarez Lemus)
- Party observers: Brazil, China, the Czech Republic, Indonesia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; and
- IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), Association of Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Humane Society of the United States and IWMC – World Conservation Trust.

Mandate

Taking into consideration the Annex to document AC25 Doc. 12 and, if appropriate, document AC25 Inf. 9:

- a) Evaluate the merit of reinstating the ability to transfer suitably qualified populations that continue to meet the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 1, for transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) or Resolution Conf. 9.20 (Rev.); and
- b) If merit is found, draft a revision of paragraph A. 2 in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) to eliminate the requirement that downlisting proposals pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) or Resolution Conf. 9.20 (Rev.) must also meet the criteria in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15).

Recommendations

1. The Working Group agreed with paragraph a) of the mandate. With respect to paragraph b) of the mandate the following revised text to paragraph A. 2. in Annex 4 was agreed by the WG.

**Annex 4 – Precautionary measures**

When considering proposals to amend Appendix I or II, the Parties shall, by virtue of the precautionary approach and in case of uncertainty either as regards the status of a species or the impact of trade on the conservation of a species, act in the best interest of the conservation of the species concerned and adopt measures that are proportionate to the anticipated risks to the species.

- A. 1. No species listed in Appendix I shall be removed from the Appendices unless it has been first transferred to Appendix II, with monitoring of any impact of trade on the species for at least two intervals between meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

2. Species included in Appendix I should only be transferred to Appendix II:
    - a) If they do not satisfy the relevant criteria in Annex 1 and when one of the following precautionary safeguards is met:
      - i) the species is not in demand for international trade, nor is its transfer to Appendix II likely to stimulate trade in, or cause enforcement problems for, any other species included in Appendix I; or
      - ii) the species is likely to be in demand for trade, but its management is such that the Conference of the Parties is satisfied with:
        - A) implementation by the range States of the requirements of the Convention, in particular Article IV; and
        - B) appropriate enforcement controls and compliance with the requirements of the Convention; or
      - iii) an integral part of the amendment proposal is an export quota or other special measure approved by the Conference of the Parties, based on management measures described in the supporting statement of the amendment proposal, provided that effective enforcement controls are in place;
    - b) Or, if they satisfy the relevant criteria of Annex 1, and when a ranching proposal is submitted in accordance with an applicable resolution and is adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
  3. No proposal for transfer of a species from Appendix I to Appendix II shall be considered from a Party that has entered a reservation for the species in question, unless that Party agrees to remove the reservation within 90 days of the adoption of the amendment.
  4. No species should be deleted from Appendix II if such deletion would be likely to result in it qualifying for inclusion in the Appendices in the near future.
  5. No species should be deleted from Appendix II if, within the last two intervals between meetings of the Conference of the Parties, it has been subject to a recommendation under the provisions of the Review of Significant Trade to improve its conservation status.
2. In addition to the proposal referenced above, the WG recognizes that it would be useful to identify the relevant parts of Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf 9.20 (Rev.) and either include those parts as an annex to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) or address them in a separate resolution submitted to the Conference of Parties.