

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



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PERIODIC REVIEW OF ANIMAL SPECIES INCLUDED IN THE CITES APPENDICES
(agenda items 15.1, 15.2.1, 15.2.2, 15.2.3, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5 and 15.6)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Co-Chairs: Alternate representative of North America (Ms Gnam) and the Chair of the Animals Committee (Mr Ibero Solana);
- Party observers: Canada, China, Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Namibia, Poland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States, Zimbabwe; and
- IGOs and NGOs: the European Union, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Northeast Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Born Free USA, Defenders of Wildlife, Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), Pan African Sanctuary Alliance, Pet Care Trust, Pet Industry Advisory Council, Species Survival Network.

Mandate

With regard to agenda item 15.1

- a) make recommendations concerning ways and means of speeding up the Periodic Review of the Appendices

With regard to agenda item 15.2.1

- a) Determine whether the US-proposed way forward for concluding the review of Felidae is acceptable; and
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

With regard to agenda item 15.2.2

- a) Discuss the review on *Lynx rufus* submitted by the United States in document AC25 Doc. 15.2.2; and
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

With regard to agenda item 15.2.3

- a) Discuss the review on *Panthera onca* submitted by Mexico in document AC25 Doc. 15.2.3; and
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

With regard to agenda item 15.3

- a) Discuss the review on *Colinus virginianus ridgwayi* submitted by the United States in document AC25 Doc. 15.3; and
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

With regard to agenda item 15.4

- a) Discuss the review on *Tympanuchus cupido attwateri* submitted by the United States in document AC25 Doc. 15.4; and
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

With regard to agenda item 15.5

- a) Discuss the review on *Crocodylus amazonicus* submitted by the United States in document AC25 Doc. 15.5; and
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

With regard to agenda item 15.6

- a) Review Annex 1 (Output 1: Appendix-I species traded from wild sources for commercial purposes over the period 1999-2009), and determine whether further investigation is appropriate as transactions are potentially in contravention of the Convention;
- b) If so, propose recommendations to the Committee to be presented to the Secretariat / Standing Committee;
- c) Review Annex 2 (Output 3: Appendix-I species traded from wild sources for commercial purposes over the period 1999-2009) and Annex 3 [Output 4: Appendix-II species with minimal (<=5 trade records) or no trade over the period 1999-2009], to determine whether taxa in these annexes may merit further consideration, with a view to possibly lowering their level of protection (for Appendix-I species) or delisting them (for Appendix-II species);
- d) Establish a schedule for the Periodic Review of the Appendices for animal species; and
- e) Identify a draft list of taxa for review during the next two intersessional periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

Recommendations

1. The Working group explored ways to improve performance of the Periodic Review of the Appendices and recommends the Animals Committee consider the following:
 - a) Collaborating with graduate students and incorporating Periodic Reviews in the CITES Masters Program;
 - b) Collaborating with other non-Party reviewers including taxon experts such as IUCN Specialist Groups;
 - c) Utilizing information on species' conservation status that is readily available from the IUCN;
 - d) Seeking financial support for reviews, including from importing / consumer countries, and paying for reviews as appropriate;
 - e) Completing all Periodic Reviews agreed by Animals Committee, recognizing that reviews for some species may be easier or less costly to complete than others;
 - f) Encouraging Regional Representatives to contact Range States to encourage volunteers for reviews;
 - g) Identifying countries where species are endemic and asking those Range States to conduct reviews;

- h) Contacting the Plants Committee Periodic Review Working group Chair to inform them of AC work and suggest coordination with Range States where Parties are reviewing plant and animal species from the same country.
2. The Working group recommends that the Animals Committee ask the Secretariat to draft and issue a Notification to invite Parties to volunteer to complete the outstanding Reviews. This Notification should include the information contained in document AC25 Doc. 15.1, Annex revised to include:
 - a) Listing Range States for each species;
 - b) Clarifying “In Progress” to indicate which country is already reviewing a species and list “Volunteer Needed” where a reviewer has not yet been identified;
 - c) Adding a column that links to the IUCN Red List account of the species and the contact information for the species’ Specialist Group.
 3. The Working group requests that the Animals Committee create an inter-sessional Working group to look at Galliformes as a test case to conclude between now and AC 26 (see document AC25 Doc. 15.1).
 4. Recommendations specific to Felidae, document AC25 Doc. 15.2.1, Annex:
 - a) The Working group requests that a Notification for Periodic Review of Felidae species (from AC23) be drafted by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals Committee for distribution asking Parties to volunteer to conduct the remaining reviews.
 - b) *Prionailurus*: The Working group agreed with the recommendation that a Periodic review was a High Priority for *Prionailurus* and requests that the Animals Committee invite India to consider including this review in its NDF Workshop.
 - c) *Panthera leo*: The Working group agreed that Kenya and Namibia should conduct the review as a high priority with range State consultation.
 - d) *P. concolor cougar* and *P. concolor coryi*: The Working group acknowledges that the United States and Canada would conduct the Periodic Review for the two North American subspecies included in Appendix I. The Working group recommends that the regional representatives for Central and South America and the Caribbean assist in identifying volunteers for the remaining subspecies in their region.
 - e) The Working group accepted the United States’ recommendation to maintain certain felidae species as lower priority species for review (document AC25 Doc. 15.1, Annex 1).
 5. 15.2.2: The Working group accepted the United States’ recommendation to retain *Lynx rufus*, *Lynx canadensis* and *Lynx lynx* in Appendix II and *Lynx pardinus* in Appendix I.
 6. 15.3: The Working group accepted the United States’ recommendation to maintain *Colinus virginianus ridgwayi* in Appendix I.
 7. 15.4: The Working group agreed to follow Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 and recommend *Tympanuchus cupido attwateri* for downlisting to Appendix II rather than delisting from the Appendices altogether. The Working group recommends that the Animals Committee ask the Depository Government to prepare such a proposal for consideration at CoP16.
 8. 15.5: The Working group accepted the United States’ recommendation that *Crocodilurus amazonicus* be retained in Appendix II.
 9. 15.6: Output 1: (Appendix-I species traded for commercial purposes). The Working group recommends that further investigation is appropriate for the following species as transactions are possibly in contravention of the Convention:
 - a) *Saguinus oedipus*
 - b) *Pygathrix nemaeus*
 - c) *Chlamydotis undulata*

- d) *Psittacula echo*
- e) *Crocodylus intermedius*
- f) *Pterocnemia pennata*
- g) *Struthio camelus*
- h) *Brachylophus fasciatus*
- i) *Brachylophus vitiensis*
- j) All Cheloniidae

The Working group requests the Chair of the Animals Committee to report this recommendation to the Standing Committee.

Output 3: The Working group recommends that for those species identified in Output 3 (Appendix-I species with minimal or no trade over the period 1999-2009) (document AC25 Doc. 15.6, Annex 2) as "LC" (Least Concern) or "LR/lc" (Low Risk / Least Concern) or "EX" (Extinct) in the IUCN category, Range States for these taxa be contacted and requested to comment within 90 days on the need to review the taxa and express their interest in undertaking the review [in accordance with paragraph e) of Resolution Conf. 14.8].

Output 4: The Working group recommends that for species identified in Output 4 (Appendix-II species with minimal or no trade over the period 1999-2009) as "EX" in the IUCN category, Range States for these taxa be contacted and requested to comment within 90 days on the need to review the taxa and express their interest in undertaking the review [in accordance with paragraph e) of Resolution Conf. 14.8)]

10. Schedule for Periodic Review: The Working group recommends that the Animals Committee ask the Secretariat for a Notification to go out as soon as the Executive Summaries for AC 25 are agreed and adopted and that further review and scheduling occur in line with the process established in Resolution Conf. 14.8.
11. In order to complete the work related to Output 2 (document AC25 Doc.15.6) and in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.8, the Working group recommends that the Animals Committee request by AC26 a list of Appendix II-species that are categorized by IUCN as "EN" (Endangered) or "CR" (Critically Endangered) to enable the Animals Committee to make recommendations, as appropriate, for evaluating whether these species warrant a Review.
13. The Working group recommends that the Animals Committee agree to consider necessary amendments to improve Resolution Conf. 14.8 and decide on such proposed amendment recommendations by the close of AC26 (whether by inter-sessional discussions or a Working group discussion at AC 26).