

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



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-20 March 2012 and Dublin (Ireland), 22-24 March 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

26. Proposals to amend the Appendices

26.1 Draft proposal to transfer *Trichechus senegalensis* from Appendix II to Appendix I (AC26 Doc. 26.1)

The Committee considered that there were doubts as to whether the draft proposal met the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I. In particular, it seemed that there was little or no international trade. More specific information on the type and volume of international trade proving its impact on the species would strengthen the proposal. Additionally, not enough information was provided on population trends, and historical and current population sizes. On the basis of the document provided, measures taken at the national level seemed better suited to address the conservation concerns.

26.3 Draft proposal to delete *Campephilus imperialis* from the Appendices (AC26 Doc. 26.3)

The Committee considered that the draft proposal by Mexico to remove *Campephilus imperialis* from Appendix I met the criteria for such a deletion and commended Mexico for the quality of the proposal.

27. Reports on the actions taken by regional representatives and additional information from Parties, relevant to regional cooperation and the work of the Animals Committee.....(AC26 Docs. 27.1-27.6)

The Committee noted the regional reports. It acknowledged with gratitude the substantial funding that the European Commission had directed to the implementation of the Decisions adopted at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to capacity-building projects, as reported in document AC26 Doc. 27.5, Addendum.

Adoption of executive summary AC26 Sum. 1

The Committee requested a number of amendments to summary record AC26 Sum. 1, namely to items 2 (verb used to record the decision), 13.1 (addition of missing information), 13.3 (name of the species), 14 (working group membership) and 19 (drafting group membership). It requested the Secretariat to produce a revised version of the summary and postponed adoption until its submission.

Adoption of executive summary AC26 Sum. 2

The Committee adopted executive summary AC26 Sum. 2 with the following amendments:

- item 12, working group membership: addition of Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research and correction of their name (the latter also under item 20); and
- item 23: replacing "instances" with organizations.

13. Periodic review of animal species included in the CITES Appendices.....(AC26 WG1 Doc. 1)

The Committee requested a number of amendments to document AC26 WG1 Doc. 1, namely to the membership (actual participants in the working group), the table (headings, addition of reviewers' names, standardization of information, corrections to taxonomic names), recommendation 1 (addition of countries and of a request to the Secretariat), recommendations 1-4 (addition of a reference to "proposals" after "reviews") and recommendation 3 (correction to the wording in Spanish). It requested the Secretariat to produce a revised version of the report and postponed adoption until its submission.

15. Sturgeons and paddlefish.....(AC26 WG3 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG3 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- addition of the Russian Federation in the working group membership;
- Point 1, regarding the amendment to paragraph g): deletion and addition, respectively, of a final "s" to the word "year", as follows: "... the end of the quota years (1 March – last day of February) ... processed in the preceding quota years";
- Point 1, regarding the amendment to paragraph b): deletion of the final "s" at the end of "label", as follows: "In Annex 1, in paragraph b: the definition of non-reusable labels should ..."; and
- Point 2, last line: replace the final part of the sentence as follows: "... consider ways to ~~ensure that these recommendations are implemented~~ facilitate the implementation of these recommendations".

17. Snake trade and conservation management
(Decision 15.76) – Report of the working group.....(AC26 WG5 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG5 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- Deletion of "The membership was decided as follows:" before "Recommendations";
- Recommendation 1. a): change the wording as follows: "Compile a list of existing identification materials for Asian live snakes, skins and products made of snake leather ~~from the Asian Regions~~, including ...";
- Draft decision directed to the Animals Committee: delete the word "incorporate" as follows: "The Animals Committee shall at its 27th meeting consider the final IUCN red list assessments for Asian snake species and, if available, ~~incorporate~~ new information ..."; and
- Recommendation 4: change the wording as follows: "The Animals Committee recommends that the Standing Committee's Working Group on Asian snakes, ~~shall~~ in its deliberations and recommendations, consider ...".