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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

14. Criteria for the inclusion of species in Appendices I and II
(Decision 15.29) – Report of the working group.....(AC26 WG2 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG2 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- a) The membership of the working group should include the representative of Oceania (Mr Robertson), and the list of IGOs and NGOs should read "European Union, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Fundación Cethus, Humane Society International, , International Environmental Law Project, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, Pew Environment Group, SEAFDEC – Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Species Management Specialists, SWAN International, TRAFFIC International and WWF";
- b) In Recommendation 4, in Spanish, correct the translation to read:
 - in subparagraph a): "... adoptar un enfoque ~~basado en una especie específica que es sensible a la vulnerabilidad de la especie~~ de análisis por especies sensible a su vulnerabilidad y ..."; and
 - in subparagraph b): "... tomar en consideración los ~~de~~ factores relacionados ...";
- c) In Recommendation 5, amend the end of the paragraph to read "... and how the taxon qualifies for inclusion in Appendix II the proposed amendment"; and
- d) In Recommendation 7, amend the text to read "... notes that FAO documentation ~~includes a definition that states~~ indicates that commercially-exploited aquatic species ~~are~~ refer to fish and invertebrates species ...".

20. Nomenclatural matters(AC26 WG9 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG9 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- a) In Recommendation 2, under "Decision 15.62, paragraph a)", correct the author's name "Kluge" in subparagraph c). In subparagraph d), change "Madagassian" to "Malagasy" in English and the Spanish should read "... en ~~Madagassian~~ Chamaeleonidae de Madagascar ...";
- b) In Recommendation 2, replace the text under "Decision 15.63" with "Recommends that the Conference of the Parties consider Decision 15.63 concluded";
- c) In Recommendation 3, replace the text under "Decision 15.63" with:

"The Animals Committee undertook the analysis to identify species listed in the Appendices that might be included under the name of a higher taxon (document AC26 Doc. 20, Annex 5). The Committee

determined that it could not, with certainty, identify changes that would not alter the scope of the original listings.

It turned out that shifting to a higher taxon always bears the potential of widening the scope of the original proposal in cases where species newly described are true species and not split from listed ones.

The Animals Committee therefore recommends that the Conference of the Parties consider Decision 15.63 concluded."; and

- d) In Recommendation 3, under "Decision 15.64, paragraph a)", correct the Spanish translation to read "... referencias normalizadas ~~abaradoras~~ exhaustivas..." in subparagraph a). In subparagraph c), amend the text to read "... to revise the ~~list~~ aforementioned standard reference ...".

The Committee also agreed that its nomenclature specialist would work with the Secretariat when drafting its report for the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to present the proposed changes in a way that would help the Conference grasp their magnitude and practical impact.

21. Identification of CITES-listed corals in trade [Decision 15.64 b)] – Report of the working group (AC26 WG10 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG10 Doc. 1.

25. Review of objections to the registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes(AC26 WG8 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG8 Doc. 1 with the deletion of Recommendation 6 and the renumbering of the following paragraphs. It also recommended that the Standing Committee consider in detail the issue of the legality of the founding parental stock.

19. Sea cucumbers [Decision 14.100 (Rev. CoP15)] – Report of the working group (AC26 DG1 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 DG1 Doc. 1 with corrections to the membership of the drafting group to replace "alternate representative of North America (Ms Gnam)" with "United States of America" as co-chair and to add China in the list of Parties.

12. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species.....(AC26 WG7 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG7 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- a) Under Recommendations, Agenda item 12.2 (page 3 in the English):

- paragraph 1. e): add "the Islamic Republic of Iran"; and
- paragraph 2: correct species name from *Calumna* to *Calumma*;

- b) Under *Balearica pavonina*:

- for Guinea (page 5 in the English), correct paragraph numbering; and
- for Sudan and South Sudan, last line (page 6 in the English), add "... the species and were in compliance ...";

- c) Under *Balearica regulorum*, for Uganda (page 7 in the English), correct paragraph numbering;

- d) Under *Mantella aurantiaca*, for Madagascar (page 7 in the English), amend paragraph d) to read "... it has established that ~~any revised~~ the export quota ...";

- e) Under *Huso huso*, for Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation (page 7 in the English), amend the text as follows:
- paragraph a): "... written confirmation that the ~~taking from the wild~~ commercial catch of *Huso huso* ..."; and
 - paragraph a): "If planning to resume the commercial catch and export ...";
- f) Under *Hippocampus kellogi*, *H. kuda* and *H. spinosissimus*, for Thailand (page 8 in the English):
- replace "spp." with "species" everywhere; and
 - Delete the footnote and include a new paragraph g) under "Within one year" with the following text: "Develop and implement adequate control measures and inspection to enhance the enforcement of the reported ban on trawling within 3-5 km of the coast, as the main means of reducing incidental capture of these *Hippocampus* species;"; and renumber following paragraphs; and
- g) Under *Pandinus imperator*, for Ghana (page 10 in the English), standardize the wording so that it reads "Within 2 years, the Management Authority ~~shall~~ should: ...".

Further minor formatting or editorial corrections were also passed on directly to the Secretariat.

The Committee also took note of the confirmation by Madagascar that the annual export quota for *Mantella bernhardi* in 2010, 2011 and 2012 was 150 specimens, and not 650 as erroneously indicated in document AC26 Inf. 13.

Adoption of executive summary AC26 Sum. 1 (Rev. 1)

The Committee adopted executive summary AC26 Sum. 1 (Rev. 1) with the following amendments:

- Item 18, working group membership: delete the word "Asia" under "Co-Chairs"; and
- Item 19, working group membership: replace "alternate representative of North America (Ms Gnam)" with "United States".

13. Periodic review of animal species included in the CITES Appendices.....(AC26 WG1 Doc. 2)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG1 Doc. 2 with the following amendments:

- a) Under "Membership / Parties", add "South Africa"; and
- b) Under "Other recommendations of the Working Group", add the word "not" in "... contact range States that did not respond to the request ...".

18. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Decision 15.79).....(AC26 WG6 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG6 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- a) In the membership, delete the word "Asia" under "Co-Chairs";
- b) In Recommendation 1:
 - Draft decision a): amend the text to read "... including (but not limited to) tortoises and turtle population ...";
 - Merge draft decisions a) and b) and amend the latter to read "... make the results of the study available to the Animals Committee ~~and Standing Committee~~ for their its consideration."; and
 - Draft decision d): amend the wording to read "The Standing Committee should review the study undertaken in accordance with Decision 16.XX and the Animals Committee recommendations,

and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the Parties or for consideration at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties."; and

- c) In Recommendations 2, first paragraph, and 3, replace "[insert WCS web page URL once document is available]" with "[insert CITES web page URL referring to document AC26 Inf. 17]" .

16. Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP15) on Conservation and management of sharks (Class Chondrichthyes)

and

26.2 Draft proposal to include *Lamna nasus* in Appendix II (AC26 WG4 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document AC26 WG4 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- a) In Membership, under IGOs and NGOs, add the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and Shark Advocates International;
- b) In Recommendation 1:
- paragraph 1: delete "when reviewing species of concern from the Class Chondrichthyes,"; and
 - paragraph 2: delete "/Entities";
- c) In Recommendations 1-6, in Spanish, conjugate the verbs in the subjunctive mood instead of using the form "debería/n" plus infinitive, i.e. "tomen nota" instead of "deberían tomar nota", "informe" instead of "debería informar", etc.;
- d) Under "Draft decisions", Section 1):
- Add the heading "**Directed to the Secretariat**";
 - First paragraph: delete the square brackets in "[where applicable,]" and delete "[as appropriate,]"; and
 - Second paragraph: merge with the first paragraph and amend the wording to read "**REQUESTS the Animals Committee to ask the Standing Committee to request the Conference of the Parties directs the Secretariat to**";
- e) Under "Draft decisions", Section 2):
- Add the heading "**Directed to the Parties**"; and
 - delete "RECOGNIZING/"; and
- f) Under "Draft amendment to Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP15)", add a recommendation to amend the second operative paragraph as follows: "DIRECTS the Animals Committee to examine new information provided by range States on trade and other available relevant data and information, and report their analyses at ~~the 16th~~ meetings of the Conference of the Parties;" .

29. Any other business *no document*

The Chair read out a statement by Spain announcing the forthcoming 11th edition of the Master's course on *Management, Access and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework* at the International University of Andalusia.

Ireland stated that it looked forward to welcoming the participants at the joint session in Dublin on Thursday 22 March.

The Chair thanked all the participants, congratulating in particular the interpreters, and closed the Geneva sessions.