CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA
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SEA CUCUMBERS [DECISION 14.100 (REV. COP15)]
(Agenda item 19)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-Chairs: representative of Oceania and alternate representative of North America (Ms Gnam);

Parties: Australia and Japan; and

IGO: FAO.

Mandate

Draft a Notification to the Parties drawing attention to the report from the CITES workshop in 2003 (see document CoP14 Doc. 62), the FAO documents on these species and any other relevant publications, and encouraging range States to use this and other information to manage their fisheries.

Recommendations

1. Recommend that the Secretariat issue a notification to the Parties drawing their attention to FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper 516 and 520 arising from the FAO Workshop on the Sustainable Use and Management of Sea Cucumber Fisheries, conducted in 2007. And furthermore draw attention to the abridged version of Technical Paper 520, entitled "Putting into practice an ecosystem approach to managing sea cucumber fisheries", and drawing their attention to the forthcoming publication of an FAO catalogue "Commercially important sea cucumbers of the World".

2. Encourages range countries to promote conservation and management of sea cucumbers which occur in their own jurisdiction, taking advantage of the information in these and other documents available from FAO, the report from the CITES workshop in 2003 (CoP14 Doc. 62), and other publications, and taking into account the status of stocks, fisheries and use of sea cucumber as well as social, economic and historical factors of each region, and where appropriate, with the help of FAO and/or regional fishery-related bodies, manage their sea cucumber fisheries in a sustainable way.

3. Recommend that these recommendations fulfill the mandate of Decision 14.100 (Rev CoP15), and so the work of the Sea Cucumber WG is complete.