

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

25. Standard nomenclature [Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16)]

25.1 Report of the specialist on zoological nomenclature (AC27 Doc. 25.1)

The Committee agreed that the Nomenclature specialist (Ms Grimm) should meet the CITES and the Convention on Migratory Species Secretariats to discuss the nomenclature and taxonomy of *Ovis ammon*.

25.2 Revised nomenclature for *Poicephalus robustus* and *Cordylus* (AC27 Doc. 25.2)

The Committee established a working group on agenda item 25 (AC27 WG6) with the following mandate:

Taking account of the presentations and discussions in plenary, the working group shall:

1. Draft recommendations on nomenclature-related issues contained in paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 7-8 and 10-12 of document AC27 Doc. 25.1;
2. Draft recommendations on the implementation of Decision 15.64, a);
3. Provide guidance and advice on developments outlined in paragraphs 13 to 19 of document AC27 Doc. 25.1; and
4. Review document AC27 Doc. 25.2, and draft recommendations on the nomenclature of *Poicephalus robustus* and *Cordylus* spp.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the nomenclature specialist (Ms Grimm);

Parties: Australia, Chile, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa and the United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Convention on Migratory Species, UNEP-WCMC, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Conservation Force, Conservation International and Humane Society International.

22. Conservation and management of sharks [Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16)]

- 22.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16) (AC27 Doc. 22.1)
- 22.2 Non-detriment Findings for CITES-listed sharks and manta rays (AC27 Doc. 22.2)
- 22.3 Guidance for making Non-detriment Findings for CITES-listed sharks..... (AC27 Doc. 22.3)
- 22.4 Report on the development of a Rapid Management-Risk assessment method for fish species through its application to sharks (AC27 Doc. 22.4)

The Committee established a working group on agenda item 22 (AC27 WG7) with the following mandate:

1. In support of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16), the working group shall review the information provided by range States on trade in sharks and provide recommendations and guidance on issues related to the implementation of the shark species listings agreed at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), and in particular on making Non-detriment Findings (NDFs) for these species. In carrying out this work, the working group shall take into account information provided in documents AC27 Doc. 22.1, 22.2, 22.3 and 22.4 and other relevant information, as appropriate;
2. Identify challenges, such as scientific and technical gaps, and provide advice on approaches to making NDFs and implementing the CITES listings for sharks; and
3. Provide advice to Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as requested in documents AC27 Doc. 22.2, 22.3 and 22.4.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: the representative of Oceania (Mr Robertson) and the acting representative of Asia (Mr Ishii);

Parties: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan Mexico, Portugal, Republic of Korea, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Convention on Migratory Species, UNEP-WCMC, European Union, IUCN, Centre for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Fundación Cethus, Humane Society International, Korea Overseas Fisheries Association, Pew Charitable Trust, Swan International, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society and WWF.

23. Freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae spp.) (Decisions 16.131 and 16.132)..... (AC27 Doc. 23)

The Committee established an inter-sessional working group with the following mandate:

Consider all information submitted on freshwater stingrays in response to the request made under Decision 16.130, and:

- a) identify species of priority concern, including those species that meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II of the Convention; and
- b) draft specific recommendations to the range States of freshwater stingrays.

The membership was decided as follows:

Parties: range States of freshwater stingrays (Argentina, Brazil, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela), the United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: FAO, IUCN, Conservation of Nature, Defenders of Wildlife, Humane Society International, Fundación Cethus, Ornamental Fish International, Species Survival Network and Wildlife Conservation Society.

The Committee invited those members of the working group present at AC27 to meet informally.

24. Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II
[Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16)]

24.1 Overview of species under review..... (AC27 Doc. 24.1)

24.2 Selection of species for the Periodic Review..... (AC27 Doc. 24.2)

24.3 Species reviews

24.3.1 Periodic Review of *Cuora galbinifrons*, *Mauremys annamensis* and *Chelodina mccordi* (Decisions 16.124 and 16.125)..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.1)

24.3.2 Periodic Review of Felidae [Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP16)]..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.2)

24.3.3 *Panthera leo* – Report of Kenya and Namibia..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.3)

24.3.4 *Monachus tropicalis* – Report of the United States of America..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.4)

24.3.5 *Pteropus tokudae* – Report of the United States of America..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.5)

24.3.6 *Grus canadensis pulla* – Report of the United States of America..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.6)

24.3.7 *Epicrates inornatus* – Report of the United States of America..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.7)

The Committee established a working group on agenda item 24 (AC27 WG8) with the following mandate:

Taking account of the presentations and discussions in plenary, the working group shall:

1. Identify lessons learnt in the Periodic Review and provide advice on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16);
2. Based on information provided in document AC27 Doc. 24.1, the working group shall draft advice on the review of Felidae under Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP16) and the species selected for review between CoP15 and CoP17 for which reviews are ongoing, but for which a reviewer is required. The working group shall also evaluate if these reviews should be stopped, or otherwise provide guidance on how information, participation and support from range States could be obtained in compliance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16);
3. Make recommendations on the implementation of Decisions 16.124, 16.125 and 16.126 for the Committee to consider; and
4. Review the information and reviews presented in documents 24.3.3 to 24.3.7, and make recommendations to the Committee on the listing in the Appendices of the species concerned, clearly specifying the reference to the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16).

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: the AC Chair (Ms Caceres) and representative of Africa (Mr Kasiki);

Parties: Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Chile, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: International Trade Centre, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Born Free USA, Conservation Force, Conservation International, Humane Society International, IFAW, International Professional Hunter's Association, Safari Club International, Sustainable Users Network, Swan International, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society and WWF.