

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



Twenty-eighth meeting of the Animals Committee
Tel Aviv (Israel), 30 August-3 September 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of executive summary AC28 Sum. 1

The Committee adopted executive summary AC28 Sum. 1 with the following amendments:

- Correction of the names of the following organizations: Wildlife Conservation Society and Natural Resources Defense Council.
- Agenda item 9: Addition of China as a member of the working group on the Review of Significant Trade of Appendix-II species.
- Agenda item 9: Replace where mentioned “draft decision 17.XB” by “draft decision 17.XA”.

Adoption of executive summary AC28 Sum. 2

The Committee adopted executive summary AC28 Sum. 2 with the following amendments:

- Correction of the names of the following organizations: Wildlife Conservation Society and Natural Resources Defense Council.
- Agenda item 14: Addition of Animal Welfare Institute as a member of the working group on snake trade and conservation management.
- Agenda item 17.1.1: Replace “17.1” by “17.1.1” in the first sentence.
- Agenda item 17.2: Insert “and” between “Germany,” and “to report back...”.
- Agenda item 8: Addition of China as member of the working group on extinct and possibly extinct species.

Adoption of executive summary AC28 Sum. 3

The Committee adopted executive summary AC28 Sum. 3.

8. Extinct or possibly extinct species (Decision 16.164)^{*} AC28 Doc. 8

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 1 with the following amendments:

- Recommendation 1: Addition of the words: "for onward transmission to the Plants Committee and subsequently to the Standing Committee".

9. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species [Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)]

9.1 Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade [Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP14)]^{*} AC28 Doc. 9.1

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 4 with the following amendment:

- In paragraph d), subparagraph ii) of Annex 3 (page 8): insert "relevant" between "any" and "information".

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9.3 Species selected following CoP13, CoP14 and CoP15 AC28 Doc. 9.3 (Rev. 2)

and

9.4 Species selected following CoP16 AC28 Doc. 9.4

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 8 with the following amendments:

- Correction of the numbering of the paragraphs on page 4[†].
- In paragraph 1 of the recommendation on *Hippopotamus amphibius* (page 2): replace "presented" by "from the studies referred to", and in the same sentence replace "Animals Committee" by "Secretariat".
- In paragraph 1 of the recommendation on *Macaca fascicularis* (page 2): replace the first "Animals Committee" by "Secretariat".
- In paragraph 5 of the recommendation on *Macaca fascicularis* (page 3): add the words "through the Secretariat" after "Standing Committee".
- In paragraph 3 under the section "Concerning agenda item 9.4" (page 3): replace "Canada" by "polar bear range States".
- After paragraph 4 under the section "Concerning agenda item 9.4" (page 4), add a new paragraph as follows: "The working group noted that trade in *Tricercus montium*, which is an endemic species to Cameroon, has been reported by Equatorial Guinea. Since this may not be an issue related to implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2(a), 3 or 6(a), the working group recommends that the Secretariat brings this issue to the attention of the Standing Committee."
- In the current paragraph 5 under the section "Concerning agenda item 9.4" (page 4): replace "AC" by "Secretariat", and in the same sentence insert "may therefore" after "national legislation and". Add the following last sentence: "The Secretariat shall finalize the selection of range States for a detailed review in consultation with the Animals Committee."
- For *Malayemys subtrijuga* in Annex A (page 6): move "Thailand" from the category 'Range States to be retained' to the category 'Range States to be deleted'.

^{*} This agenda item is addressed to the Animals and Plants Committees.

[†] Note from the Secretariat: the numbering of the paragraphs under "Recommendations" was revised after the meeting.

12. Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species (Decision 15.53)* AC28 Doc. 12

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 7.

13. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens (Decision 16.65)

13.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC28 Doc. 13.1

and

13.2 Report of the intersessional working group..... AC28 Doc. 13.2

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 5 with the following amendments:

- In the second paragraph of the section “Item 13.1” (page 2), insert “because it is not yet available.” at the end of the sentence.
- In the second paragraph of the section “Item 13.2” (page 2), replace the second sentence with the following text: “The group recommends that the Animals Committee agrees that the provisional resolution in Annex 1 is a good starting point, and to provide the provisional text to the Standing Committee for its consideration.”
- In the fourth paragraph of the section “Item 13.2” (page 2), delete the second “species”.

14. Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.)

14.1 Review of studies [Decision 16.103, paragraphs a) and d)]..... AC28 Doc. 14.1

14.2 Reptile sourcing and traceability systems [Decision 16.103, paragraphs b) to d)]

14.2.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC28 Doc. 14.2.1

14.2.2 Identification carrier for a global traceability information system for reptile skins AC28 Doc. 14.2.2

and

14.3 IUCN Red List assessments of Asian snake species (Decision 16.104)..... AC28 Doc. 14.3

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 6 with the following amendments:

- Under the second “Concerning” (page 2) in paragraph c), add “as necessary” after “this new information”.
- Under the third “Concerning” (top of page 3), replace in the third paragraph “recommends” by “encourages”.
- Under the third “Concerning” (top of page 3), add in the fifth paragraph ““improve enforcement of existing laws and” after “invites Indonesia to”.
- Under the third “Concerning” (top of page 3), replace in the sixth paragraph “recommends that” by “invites”, and insert “to” before “report”.
- Under the fourth “Concerning” (page 3), replace in the final sentence “Standing Committee” by “Animals Committee”.
- Under the fifth “Concerning” (page 3), add the following sentence: “The Animals Committee should draw the attention of the Standing Committee to Annex 4 of document AC28 Doc. 14.1, as it may be important from an implementation and enforcement perspective.”
- Under the sixth “Concerning” (page 4), replace “resolution” by “decision”.

- Under the eight “Concerning” (page 4), replace the last paragraph with the following sentence: “The Working Group recommends to the Animals Committee to categorize two species in Table 1, *Acrochordus arafurae* and *Acrochordus granulatus*, as unlikely to be impacted by international trade, and requests IUCN to revise document AC28 Doc. 14.3 accordingly”.

16. Sturgeons and paddlefish [Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16)]

16.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC28 Doc. 16.1

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 16.1, and the intention of the Secretariat to seek further clarifications from the Parties concerning footnote 2 of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16).

16.2 Implementation by the Animals Committee of relevant provisions in Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16) AC28 Doc. 16.2

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 16.2.

The Committee further agreed to report to the Standing Committee its discussion on the role of the Animals Committee as currently mandated in Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16), and request views on how the Animals Committee could support the conservation and management of sturgeons and paddlefish in the context of a changing fishery.

16.3 Sturgeon management in the Russian Federation AC28 Doc. 16.3

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 16.3.

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

17.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. Cop16)

17.1.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC28 Doc. 17.1.1

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 9 with the following amendments:

- In the section "Non-detriment findings and conservation issues" (page 2), add in the fourth paragraph: ", and further notes that examples of the application of this methodology are available [e.g. in document AC28 Inf. 27 (Rev.)]."
- In the section "Collaboration with other relevant UN Bodies" (page 2), in the first sentence of the second paragraph, replace "reminds Parties" with "asks the Standing Committee to remind Parties", and insert “normally” before “not be able”; and replace in the following sentence "Furthermore, the Animals Committee reminds Parties" with "The Standing Committee should remind Parties".
- In the section "Species-specific issues" (page 4), replace "CITES CoP17" with "Standing Committee".

18. Freshwater stingrays (Family Potamotrygonidae) (Decisions 16.131 and 16.132)..... AC28 Doc. 18

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 2, recognizing that corrections were required in the Spanish version of document AC28 Com. 2, and adding Wildlife Conservation Society among the members of the working group.

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

20.2 Report of the intersessional working group* AC28 Doc. 20.2

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 3 with the following amendments:

- Replace the paragraphs numbered “1” and “2” (page 2) by the text: “The Animals Committee agrees to the following modifications to Resolution Conf. 14.8(Rev. CoP16) (*Periodic review of species included in Appendices I and II*), and recommends its transmission to the Plants Committee and submission to the 17th Conference of Parties for adoption.”
- Insert a new paragraph between paragraphs e) and f) in the “Proposed revisions to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. Cop16)” (page 4), stating: “f) The Animals or Plants Committees may also evaluate reviews undertaken independently by Parties and submitted for their consideration,”. The following paragraphs should be renumbered accordingly.

21. Standard nomenclature [Resolution 12.11 (Rev. CoP16)]

21.1 Report of the specialist on zoological nomenclature AC28 Doc. 21.1

and

21.2 Revised nomenclature for four species of birds of paradise (Paradisaeidae) AC28 Doc. 21.2

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 10.

22. Proposals for possible consideration at CoP17

22.1 Assessment of three bird species included in Appendix III (*Crax rubra*, *Meleagris ocellata* and *Penelope purpurascens*) based on the criteria of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) AC28 Doc. 22.1

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 22.1.

22.2 Draft proposal to remove the zero quota for trade in wild specimens of the Mexican population of Morelet’s crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*) for commercial purposes AC28 Doc. 22.2

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 22.2.

22.3 Proposal for the transfer from Appendices I to II of *Crocodylus porosus* in Malaysia AC28 Doc. 22.3

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 22.3.

22.4 Status of conservation, use, management of and trade in the species of the genus *Abronia* AC28 Doc. 22.4

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 22.4.

22.5 Proposal to list *Lanthanotus borneensis* in Appendix I in Malaysia AC28 Doc. 22.5

The Committee noted document AC28 Doc. 22.5.

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23. Regional reports
- 23.1 Africa No document
- The Committee noted that, upon its completion, the representative of Africa (Mr. Kasiki) had agreed to send the regional report of Africa to the Secretariat for publication on the CITES website.
- 23.2 Asia AC28 Doc. 23.2
- The Committee noted the report in document AC28 Doc. 23.2.
- 23.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean AC28 Doc. 23.3
- The Committee noted the report in document AC28 Doc. 23.3.
- 23.4 Europe AC28 Doc. 23.4
- The Committee noted the report in document AC28 Doc. 23.4.
- 23.5 North America..... AC28 Doc. 23.5
- The Committee noted the report in document AC28 Doc. 23.5.
- 23.6 Oceania AC28 Doc. 23.6
- The Committee noted the report in document AC28 Doc. 23.6.
- The Animals Committee noted that the recent appointment of Dr. Rod Hay, Alternate Representative of Oceania, as lead of the Management Authority of New Zealand, did not constitute a conflict of interest in the context of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16).
24. Any other business No document
- Mexico informed the Committee that it intended to submit a document on vaquita (*Phocoena sinus*) and totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*) for consideration at the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee.
25. Time and venue of the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee No document
- The Committee noted that the Secretariat had provisionally booked a venue to hold back-to-back meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees (their 29th and 23rd meetings respectively) from 24 July to 3 August 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland.
26. Closing remarks No document
- The Chair thanked the Committee members, and in particular the nomenclature specialist, Party observers, IGO and NGO observers, the interpreters, Israel and the Secretariat, and closed the meeting.