

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



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Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

QUOTAS FOR LEOPARD HUNTING TROPHIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 17th meeting (Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted four interrelated decisions on *Quotas for leopard hunting trophies*, as follows:

***Directed to Parties with quotas established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16)***

17.114 *Parties, which have quotas, established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) on Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use are requested to review these quotas, and consider whether these quotas are still set at levels which are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild, and to share the outcomes of the review and the basis for the determination that the quota is not detrimental, with the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting.*

***Directed to the Animals Committee***

17.115 *The Animals Committee shall consider the information submitted by the relevant range States under Decision 17.114 and any other relevant information, and, if necessary, make any recommendations to the range States and to the Standing Committee relating to the review.*

***Directed to the Secretariat***

17.116 *The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, support the reviews to be undertaken by range States, referred to in Decision 17.114, upon request by a range State.*

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

17.117 *The Standing Committee should consider any recommendations of the Animals Committee made in accordance with Decision 17.115, and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

3. In March 2017, the Secretariat wrote to the 12 Parties that have quotas established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16), *i.e.* Botswana, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Secretariat encouraged these Parties to initiate their reviews of the levels of their national leopard export quotas in the course of 2017 to assess whether they are non-detrimental. It offered its assistance in undertaking these national reviews upon request, and within its financial and technical means.

4. The Secretariat will submit the information received from the range States pursuant to Decision 17.114, as well as any other relevant information, to the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting (2018). In compliance with Decision 17.115, the Animals Committee is to consider this information, and, as necessary, make recommendations to the range States and to the Standing Committee for consideration at its 70th meeting.
5. At the time of writing of this document, the Secretariat had not received information from any of the 12 leopard range States concerned. An oral update will be provided if this would change.

Recommendation

6. The Animals Committee is invited to note this document.