

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



Twenty-ninth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 18-22 July 2017

Interpretation and implementation matters

Trade control and traceability

DEFINITION OF THE TERM 'APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE DESTINATIONS'

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following Decisions on *Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'*:

Directed to the Secretariat

17.178 *The Secretariat shall, subject to available resources, report to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee on the history and implementation of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations', and Article III, paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b), regarding findings that recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix-I species are suitably equipped to house and care for them.*

Directed to the Animals Committee

17.179 *The Animals Committee shall, at its 29th meeting:*

- a) *consider the report of the Secretariat regarding Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations', and make recommendations and develop guidance, as appropriate, for consideration of the Standing Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;*
- b) *consider the report of the Secretariat regarding implementation of the requirements in Article III, paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b), regarding findings that recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix-I species are suitably equipped to house and care for them, and make recommendations and prepare guidance, as appropriate, for consideration of the Standing Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

Directed to the Standing Committee

17.180 *At its 69th meeting, the Standing Committee shall:*

- a) *consider the report of the Secretariat, including any information from the Animals Committee, regarding Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations', and make recommendations and develop guidance, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;*

b) *consider the report of the Secretariat, including any information from the Animals Committee, regarding implementation of the requirements in Article III, paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b), regarding findings that recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix-I species are suitably equipped to house and care for them and make recommendations and develop guidance, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

3. The Secretariat did not have sufficient time and resources to be in a position to report to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee as per Decision 17.178. The history of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev CoP17) on *Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'* is currently being documented, and the Secretariat is considering the best ways to: consult Parties about their implementation the Resolution and applying Article III paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b); determine whether they may have encountered any problems in doing so; and document any cases where the provisions of the Resolution are found to be inadequate or abused. The Secretariat will make this information, together with its recommendations, available for consideration by the Animals Committee. In order to make progress on the issue before the next meeting of the Animals Committee (AC30), the Secretariat requests that the Animals Committee consider establishing an intersessional working group to provide comments on the report that will be produced by the Secretariat.

Recommendations

4. The Animals Committee is invited to:
- a) establish an intersessional working group to comment on the report that will be produced by the Secretariat, and
 - b) agree to review the recommendations of the intersessional working group, and make progress on the implementation of Decision 17.179 at AC30.