

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

Species specific matters

Terrestrial species

SNAKES
(RESOLUTION CONF. 17.12 AND DECISION 17.279)
(agenda item 31)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the AC Chair (Mr. Lörtscher);

Parties: Austria, Canada, China, European Union, France, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC; IUCN; Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Association of Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies; German Society of Herpetology (DGHT), GS1 Switzerland, Humane Society International, IWMC World Conservation Trust, Species Survival Network, Sustainable Users Network, SWAN International, TRAFFIC, VERDEVELENO SL, and World Animal Protection.

Mandate

Concerning agenda item 31.1:

- a) review the guidance concerning the making of non-detriment findings for trade in Appendix-II listed snakes in the Annex to document AC29 Doc. 31.1; and
- b) make recommendations to the Standing Committee as appropriate.

Concerning agenda item 31.3:

In compliance with Decision 17.279, directing the Animals Committee to “review new information on the trade in, and sustainable use and conservation of snakes, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee as appropriate”.

- a) review the information contained in document AC29 Doc. 31.3; and
- b) make recommendations to the Standing Committee as appropriate.

Recommendations

Regarding agenda item 31.1:

The Committee welcomed the guidance on making non-detriment findings for snakes and asked the Secretariat to make the guidance available to Parties on its website.

Regarding agenda item 31.3:

The Committee encouraged Switzerland to submit document AC29 Doc. 31.3 to the Standing Committee working group on traceability for its consideration.