

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

21. Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)..... AC29 Doc. 21

The Committee established an intersessional working group on eels with the following mandate:

Noting Decision 17.188 directed to the Animals Committee:

*The Animals Committee shall:*

- a) *consider, at its 29th and 30th meetings, the reports produced under Decision 17.186, as well as the information submitted by European Eel range States and other eel range States pursuant to Decision 17.187, and any other relevant information on conservation of and trade in *Anguilla* species; and*
- b) *provide recommendations to ensure the sustainable trade in *Anguilla* species, to Parties for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

Also taking into account Decisions 17.186-187, directed to the Secretariat and States and Parties involved in the trade in *Anguilla* spp., this working group will work by email between the 29th and 30th meetings of the Animals Committee. It shall have the following tasks:

- a) to review the studies produced by the Secretariat under Decision 17.186 paragraphs a) and b), as and when they become available, and any other relevant information;
- b) to consider the outcome of any technical workshops organised in relation to Decision 17.186 paragraph d) and e) and to provide any provisional recommendations and views that could be reflected in the workshops; and
- c) to report to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee with its provisional recommendations for consideration by the Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the representative of Europe (Mr. Fleming);

Parties: Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, European Union, France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC); Association of Northeast Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Humane Society International, Japan Wildlife Conservation Society, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), and Zoological Society of London.

27. Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*) ..... AC29 Doc. 27

The Committee noted document AC29 Doc. 27.

32. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (*Testudines spp.*) ..... AC29 Doc. 32

The Committee noted document AC29 Doc. 32 and agreed to consider at its next meeting possible additional guidance suggested by the United States of America and Humane Society International on suggested survey methodologies, and the age and size of specimens to be traded.

29. African lion (*Panthera leo*) ..... AC29 Doc. 29

The Committee noted document AC29 Doc. 29 and the comments made during the plenary.