

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



Thirtieth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 16-21 July 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2018

23. Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*) AC30 Doc. 23

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 23 and agreed to submit the following draft decision to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting (CoP18):

Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall continue its collaboration with the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS) for effective conservation of CITES-listed species of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea, in the context of, and in accordance with Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and Synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)*.

17. Sturgeons and paddlefish (*Acipenseriformes spp.*)

17.1 Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish AC30 Doc. 17.1

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 17.1 and noted that the Secretariat will only provide written reports to meetings of the Animals Committee in cases where range States of shared wild stocks of species of *Acipenseriformes spp.*, as indicated in Annex 3 of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish*, have agreed in the previous year on export quotas for caviar or meat of wild origins from such stocks.

17.2 Identification of sturgeons and paddlefish specimens in trade AC30 Doc. 17.2

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 17.2 and recommended that Decisions 16.136 (Rev. CoP17) to 16.138 (Rev. CoP17) be renewed by the Conference of the Parties. The Committee invited the Secretariat to consult with Parties trading in caviar to better identify their needs in order to propose revisions to Decisions 16.136 (Rev. CoP17) to 16.138 (Rev. CoP17), if necessary.

22. Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) AC30 Doc. 22

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 22 and noted the progress that Honduras made in implementing its commitments regarding the management of and trade in Queen conch and considered that Honduras has fulfilled the commitments made at the 22nd meeting of the Animals Committee.

The Committee noted that there are no such things as “scientific” quotas, and that all export quotas for wild specimens of Appendix II species (as is the case of *Strombus gigas*) are to be supported by a non-detriment finding formulated by the Scientific Authority of the exporting range State, and based on the best technical and scientific information available, regardless of the purpose of the transaction (whether scientific “S”, commercial “T”, medical “M”, educational “E”, or any other code recognized by CITES).

27. Snakes (Serpentes spp.)

27.1 Conservation, sustainable use of and trade in snakes AC30 Doc. 27.1

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 27.1 and the activities conducted by the Secretariat in compliance with Decision 17.284.