

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



Thirtieth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 16-19 July 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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21. Banggai cardinalfish (*Pterapogon kauderni*)

21.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC30 Doc. 21.1

and

21.2 Indonesia's progress report AC30 Doc. 21.2

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 1 with the following amendments:

- In recommendation 3, include “the Animals Committee to invite” after “encourages” as follows: “The in-session working group on Banggai Cardinalfish encourages the Animals Committee to invite IUCN to update the Red List assessment of the species.”
- Changes to Decisions AA and CC as follows:

Directed to Indonesia

18.AA Indonesia ~~should~~ is encouraged to continue its conservation and management measures to ensure the sustainability of international trade in *Pterapogon kauderni*, and is invited to report progress on these measures, in particular on the implementation of recommendations adopted by the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting, to the Animals Committee at its 31th meeting.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.CC The Animals Committee shall, at its 31st meeting, review the progress report submitted by Indonesia as referred to under Decision 18.AA, and make recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

26. Great apes (Hominidae spp.)..... AC30 Doc. 26

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 2 with the following amendments:

- inclusion of Hungary as a member of the in-session working group and replacement of Environmental Investigation Agency UK by Environmental Investigation Agency US as members of the working group.

27. Snakes (Serpentes spp.)

27.2 Information from Benin, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia and Togo..... AC30 Doc. 27.2

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 27.2 and the information provided by Indonesia.

The Committee requested the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to pay particular attention to *Boa constrictor imperator* from Honduras, *Python regius* from Benin, and *Calabaria reinhardtii* from Benin, Ghana and Togo when performing after the next Conference of the Parties its initial analysis of trade data in the context of the Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species, and the review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity.

The Committee expressed its concern with processes that are parallel to the process of the Review of Significant Trade (RST), without the RST structure.

28. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.) AC30 Doc. 28

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 28 and considered Decision 17.293 as fulfilled.

24. African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*) AC30 Doc. 24

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 24.

9. Capacity building and identification materials

9.2 Update of the identification guide for CITES-listed alligator lizards (*Abronia* spp.) AC30 Doc. 9.2

The Committee noted Mexico's progress in the development of identification material for the genus *Abronia* in information document Inf. 2 and requested the Secretariat to publish the Identification Guide for CITES-listed alligator lizards on the CITES website.

The Committee invited Parties and other stakeholders to review the different formats of the Guide and send feedback, including photographs of *Abronia matudai* and *Abronia salvadorensis*, to the Scientific Authority of Mexico: ac-cites@conabio.gob.mx.

13. Captive-bred and ranched specimens

13.4 Publication of a ranching protocol for Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*) in Mexico AC30 Doc. 13.4

The Committee noted the ranching protocol for Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*) in Mexico in information document AC30 Inf. 3 and requested the Secretariat to publish the ranching protocol in the section on non-detriment findings on the CITES website.

The Committee invited Parties and other relevant stakeholders to review the ranching protocol in information document AC30 Inf. 3, and provide feedback to the Mexican Scientific Authority: ac-cites@conabio.gob.mx.

30. Proposals for possible consideration at CoP18

30.1 Draft proposal for the inclusion of the subgenus *Holothuria* (*Microthele*) in Appendix II AC30 Doc. 30.1

The Committee noted document AC30 Doc. 30.1 and encouraged those Parties and organisations that had any comments or useful information to send it directly to the proponents.

Adoption of executive summary AC30 Sum. 1

The Committee adopted executive summary AC30 Sum. 1 with the following amendments:

- under agenda item 12.2, include the following recommendation: “The Committee agreed to the recommendation in paragraph 12 b) in document AC30 Doc. 12.2 with the amendment by Canada for the Secretariat to also follow-up with the importing countries.”
- under agenda item 29.2, amend the recommendation as follows: “The Committee determined that ~~it would be appropriate~~, in accordance with subparagraphs 2 g) and h) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17), to

transfer the six species reviewed by Australia (~~see documents AC30 Doc. 29.2.1 to 29.2.6~~) meet the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II as outlined in documents AC30 Doc. 29.2.1 to 29.2.6. The Committee asked the Secretariat to invite Australia to submit these proposals to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.”

34. Regional reports

34.1 Africa AC30 Doc. 34.1

The Committee noted the report in document AC30 Doc. 34.1.

34.2 Asia..... AC30 Doc. 34.2 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted the report in document AC30 Doc. 34.2 (Rev. 1).

34.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean AC30 Doc. 34.3

The Committee noted the report in document AC30 Doc. 34.3.

34.4 Europe AC30 Doc. 34.4

The Committee noted the report in document AC30 Doc. 34.4.

34.5 North America AC30 Doc. 34.5

The Committee noted the report in document AC30 Doc. 34.5.

34.6 Oceania AC30 Doc. 34.6

The Committee noted the report in document AC30 Doc. 34.6.

32. Report of the specialist on zoological nomenclature..... AC30 Doc. 32

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 3 with the following amendment:

- include the representative of Oceania (Mr. Robertson) as a member of the working group; and
- any occurrence of the term “working group” in the recommendations should be replaced by “the Animals Committee”.

19. Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae) AC30 Doc. 19

The Committee established a drafting group composed of the co-Chairs of the intersessional working group and the Secretariat to revise the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 4.

18. Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)

18.1 Report of the Secretariat..... AC30 Doc. 18.1

18.2 Report of the workshop of range States of the American eel..... AC30 Doc. 18.2

and

18.3 Report from the 2nd meeting of the range States for the European eel (*Anguilla Anguilla*) under the Convention of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) AC30 Doc. 18.3

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 5 with the following amendments:

- delete the Czech Republic as a member of the in-session working group;

- under the recommendation “On reporting trade in European eels”, include “and in the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual illegal trade reports*” after “*Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports*” twice on page 2;
- under Decision 18.AA: amend paragraph a) as follows:
 - “a) share and publish any non-detriment finding studies on European eel they have undertaken, explore the different approaches that would be needed for making non-detriment findings for European eels traded as fingerlings (FIG) and those traded as other live eels (LIV), seek peer review where appropriate, collaborate and share information with other Parties regarding such studies and their outcome, especially where they share catchments or water bodies;”
- clearly separate Decision 18.BB from the recommendation of the Animals Committee on page 3;
- under Decision 18.CC, amend paragraphs c) and f) as follows:
 - “c) establish monitoring programmes and develop abundance indices in range States where none exist. For ongoing programmes, identifying opportunities for expanding to new locations and/or life stages would be favourable;”
 - “f) report progress on these measures to the Animals Committee at its 31st and 32nd meetings.”
- amend Decision 18.DD as follows:

“The Secretariat shall invite Parties, through a Notification, to report on their progress in implementing Decision 18.CC and prepare a summary report with draft recommendations in time for submission to the 31st and 32nd meetings of the Animals Committee.
- amend Decision 18.EE as follows:

“The Animals Committee shall, at its 31st and 32nd meetings, consider the progress reports provided by Parties and the report by the Secretariat with respect to Decisions 18.CC and 18.DD and make any recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.”

16. Definition of the term ‘appropriate and acceptable destinations’ AC30 Doc. 16

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 6 with the following amendments:

- amend Decision 18.BB as follows:

“Parties are invited to:

 - a) use the non-binding guidance [contained in Document CoP18 Doc. XX] on how to assess whether proposed recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix I listed species are suitably equipped to house and care for them; and ~~are further encouraged to~~
 - b) submit relevant information for the webpage created under Decision 18.~~xx~~AA paragraph a).”
- replace “Decision 18.XX” by “Decision 18.AA” in paragraph d) of Decision 18.CC and paragraph b) of Decision 18.DD;
- amend Decision 18.DD as follows:
 - “a) consider the report of the Animals Committee, regarding ~~guidance on “in situ conservation” and existing non-binding guidance using the new~~ the non-binding guidance developed in accordance with Decision 18.CC, paragraphs a) and b) and the guidance [contained in Document CoP18 Doc. XX] and make recommendations, as appropriate, including possible revisions to Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) and any other relevant resolution, for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and”

13. Captive-bred and ranched specimens

13.1 Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity..... AC30 Doc. 13.1

and

13.2 Observations and recommendations on the first iteration of Resolution Conf. 17..... AC30 Doc. 13.2

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 7 with the following amendments:

- include the Czech Republic and Hungary as members of the in-session working group;
- on page 2 for *Vulpes zerda* from Sudan, on page 4 for *Centrochelys sulcata* from Sudan, and on page 5 for *Testudo hermanni* from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the last sentence should read as follows: “Should a response be received, the ~~Chair of the~~ Animals Committee, through its Chair, and the Secretariat should confer to make any appropriate recommendations to the Standing Committee.”
- on page 2, at the end of the paragraph on “*Cacatua alba* from Indonesia” and on page 5, at the end of the paragraph on “*Ornithoptera croesus* from Indonesia”, insert “The working group notes that Indonesia has suspended all trade in this species since 2017.”;
- on page 5, the first paragraph should read as follows: “information on the ability of the facilities in Jordan to produce F1 and/or F2 in an amount that corresponds to the number of specimens exported by this facility or manage the species in a manner demonstrated to be capable of doing so.”
- the paragraph under “*Ornithoptera croesus* from Indonesia” should read as follows:

“~~Recommendation: Retain the species-country combination in the process. The working group recommends to the Animals Committee that by 1 February 2019 Indonesia should provide a report on the ranching operation to the Secretariat by 1 February 2019 and confirm that an NDF will be made prior to authorizing exportation of any specimens with source code ‘R’.~~”
- on page 5, in the first paragraph under “General recommendations”, delete “draft decisions” and replace by “new paragraphs to be included in Resolution Conf. 17.7”;
- insert after the first paragraph on page 6 the following text: “Recommends to insert a new paragraph in Resolution Conf. 17.7 as follows: “Where the Animals Committee finds that a species/country combination raises concerns better dealt within the process of the Review of Significant Trade, it can introduce that combination into stage 2 of the process in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), paragraph 1 d) as an exceptional case.”; and
- on page 6, in the fourth paragraph, replace “controlled conditions” by “controlled environment” twice and insert the following “. Existing source codes” before “might not adequately capture the life history...”.

20. Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)..... AC30 Doc. 20

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 8 with the following amendments:

- in recommendation 7, delete “and” in subparagraph vii), and “viii) report back to AC31”;
- in recommendation 15, insert “the Parties that have not done so to do so and” after “encourages”;
- recommendation 16 should read as follows: “The Animals Committee requests the Standing Committee to consider ~~look-alike issues for implementation issues of CITES-listed~~ hammerhead species and make recommendations, as appropriate, to CoP18.”

25. African lion (*Panthera leo*)..... AC30 Doc. 25

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 9 with the following amendments:

- include Belgium, Hungary and India as members of the in-session working group;
- in recommendation c), paragraphs i) and ii), replace “poaching” by “illegal killing” twice; and
- recommendation c), paragraph iii), should read as follows:

“iii) in order to improve traceability Parties that are importing lion specimens from South Africa are encouraged to use the information generated by South Africa’s ~~DNA Barcoding For Barcode of~~ Wildlife Project that South Africa developed for priority CITES species including lions and including individual barcoding DNA analyses of lions bred in captivity and exported as ~~trophies or skeletons.~~”

15. Quotas for leopard hunting trophies..... AC30 Doc. 15

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 10 with the following amendments:

- insert Hungary as a member of the in-session working group and delete European Union as a member of the in-session working group;
- insert a new recommendation e) on page 2 as follows:

“e) recommends that upcoming meetings dealing with the conservation of leopards, among other species, provide an opportunity for discussion and lessons learned on monitoring of populations of leopards (for instance, the meeting of the CMS/CITES African Carnivores Initiative, and, if held, the upcoming meeting in Africa on non-detriment findings for sport-hunted trophies).”

- insert a new recommendation f) on page 2 as follows:

“f) requests the Standing Committee to consider establishing a process to review and if necessary revise, quotas for Appendix I species which have been established by the Conference of the Parties in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP13) on *Interpretation and application of quotas for species included in Appendix I*, such as those for leopards in Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16).”

12. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

12.2 Species selected following CoP17 AC30 Doc. 12.2

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC30 Com. 11 with the following amendments:

- insert Hungary as a member of the in-session working group;
- on page 3, at the end of paragraph 7, include the following sentence: “The working group agreed with the recommendation of the eels in-session working group of not supporting the inclusion of Turkey for *Anguilla anguilla* in the Review of Significant Trade at this stage.”;
- on page 3, in the last paragraph, replace “*Poicepahlus robustus*” by “*Poicephalus gulielmi*”;
- for *Balearica pavonina*/Mali, *Amazona farinosa*/Suriname, *Ara ararauna*/Suriname, *Ara chloropterus*/Guyana, *Ara chloropterus*/Suriname, *Poicephalus gulielmi*/Democratic Republic of the Congo, *Uromastix geyri*/Mali, *Anguilla anguilla*/Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia: deleted under short term action i) “in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee”; and
- for *Poicephalus gulielmi*/Democratic Republic of the Congo, the short term action i) should read as follows: “No additional export permit should be issued for 2018 as of 19 July 2018, noting that permits for 1,870 specimens have been issued as of 19 July 2018. Establish an interim conservative export quota not to exceed the average trade level during recent years for which Annual Reports are available (450 specimens for 2019) within 60 days for the species, and communicate the quota to the Secretariat;”.