

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



Thirty-first meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 13-17 July 2020

Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

SPECIES SELECTED FOLLOWING COP18

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, the Conference of the Parties:
 1. *DIRECTS the Animals and Plants Committees, in cooperation with the Secretariat and experts, and in consultation with range States, to review the biological, trade and other relevant information on Appendix-II species subject to significant levels of trade, to identify problems and solutions concerning the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a) ...*
3. In accordance with paragraph 1 a) of that Resolution (under *Stage 1: Selection of species/country combination to be reviewed*), the Secretariat requested the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) to produce the following:
 - a) a summary from the CITES Trade Database of annual report statistics showing the recorded level of direct exports for Appendix-II species over the five most recent years (see Annex 1 to the present document); and
 - b) an extended analysis of trade to inform the preliminary selection of species/country combinations (see Annex 2 to the present document).
4. The raw data used to prepare the summary presented in Annex 1 are available in Excel format in an information document.
5. The analysis in Annex 2 to the present document outlines the process used to identify candidate taxa for inclusion in the Review of Significant Trade based on the guidance contained in Annex 2 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and presents a list of possible candidate species/country combinations thus identified.
6. Paragraph 1 b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) directs the Animals Committee to include at its first regular meeting following a meeting of the Conference of the Parties a limited number of species/country combinations of greatest concern for inclusion in Stage 2 of the review process.
7. To facilitate the selection process, the Secretariat will work closely with UNEP-WCMC and the Animals Committee, through its Chair, to propose a preselected shortlist of approximately 15 potential candidate species/range State combinations in advance of the meeting, based on the outputs contained in Annexes 1

and 2 to the present document. This proposed shortlist will be published in advance of the meeting as an addendum to the present document. Parties included in the shortlist will be notified in advance to give them an opportunity to respond. Comments and inputs from Parties and observers will be collected and made available in advance in an information document.

Recommendations

8. The Committee is invited to select a limited number of species/country combinations of greatest concern for inclusion in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade, taking into account the results of the consultations outlined in paragraph 7 above.