

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



Thirty-first meeting of the Animals Committee
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Interpretation and implementation matters

Regulation of trade

Captive-bred and ranched specimens

ADDENDUM TO REVIEW OF TRADE IN ANIMAL SPECIMENS
REPORTED AS PRODUCED IN CAPTIVITY

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In document AC31 Doc. 19.1 (published on 9 June 2020), the Secretariat informed the Animals Committee on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* and Decision 18.176 on the *Review of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18)*.
3. Since then, further advances have been made in the implementation of Decisions 17.102 and 18.176, which are reported in this addendum.

Review of ongoing cases

4. As outlined in paragraph 12 of document AC31 Doc. 19.1, the Secretariat will consult intersessionally with the Members of the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee, through their Chairs, to determine whether the recommendations to the ten countries under review have been implemented. In accordance with paragraph 2 o) of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18), the Secretariat will report on its evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations, including the rationale for its evaluation, and a summary of the views expressed by the Animals Committee, to the Standing Committee, for consideration at its 74th meeting, rather than at its 73rd meeting, as previously indicated.

Selection of new cases

5. Following discussions with the Members of the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee, it was agreed that the selection of new species-country combinations for review in accordance with paragraph 2 c) of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) would be postponed until the first meeting of the Animals Committee after CoP19.

Implementation of Decision 17.102

6. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 17.102 on *Captive-bred and ranched specimens*, which was renewed at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18, Geneva, 2019). This Decision is directed to the Secretariat, and reads as follows:

The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, engage in a capacity-building project using materials prepared under Decisions 16.63 a) vii) and 15.52 a). This project should involve all regions and a variety of taxa. The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on the work undertaken under the present Decision.

7. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), produced guidance for the inspection of captive breeding and ranching facilities, and on the proper application of CITES source codes, in fulfillment of Decisions 16.63, paragraph a) vii), and 15.52, paragraph a).
8. In March 2021, a capacity development workshop to provide training for African Parties on how to use and apply these guidance materials was hosted by the CITES Secretariat and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). This workshop took place thanks to the generous financial support from the European Union and the United States of America. Because of the difficulties caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop, which was originally scheduled to take place in Benin, was held online. The workshop took place over four days and was held in both English and French. Approximately 100 participants from 17 African countries registered to take part, including CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, customs and national enforcement agencies, and from public institutions involved in the implementation of CITES in Africa. The workshop was also designed to allow Parties to present their experiences and to learn from other examples of CITES implementation across Africa.
9. To provide additional capacity-building support to Parties in relation to the use of source codes and the inspection of captive breeding and ranching facilities, the Secretariat has commissioned IUCN to develop a mobile and tablet application tool for Android (Google Play) and iOS (App store) for the correct determination of CITES source codes by CITES Parties and for undertaking inspections of captive breeding and ranching facilities for CITES listed taxa and evaluating compliance of those facilities with the requirements of the Convention. The documents "*Guide to the application of CITES source codes*" and "*Guidelines for inspection of captive-breeding and ranching facilities*" were used as the basis for the development of this application tool, which is expected to be available to download for free shortly. Details will be published in a Notification to the Parties once the application becomes available.

Implementation of Decision 18.176

10. Regarding the review of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18), the Animals Committee and the Secretariat presented their preliminary observations and recommendations to the Standing Committee in document SC70 Doc. 31.4. The Standing Committee concurred with their view that as a complete review cycle under Resolution Conf. 17.7 had yet to be completed, it would be premature to make significant changes to the provisions of the Resolution, or too soon to assess whether harmonization with the process in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* would be advisable.
11. Thanks to generous funding from Switzerland, a workshop will be convened later in 2021 (date tbc) to support the implementation of Decision 18.176. The aim of this workshop will be to update the review of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) presented in document SC70 Doc. 31.4 and develop draft recommendations for improvements that can be considered at the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee before submission to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19, 2022). In this regard, the Secretariat welcomes further observations from Animals Committee Members, Parties or observers which could contribute to such a workshop.

Revised recommendations

12. The Animals Committee is invited to:
 - a) note the update on the review of ongoing cases and the postponement of the selection of new species/country combinations for review until after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as explained in paragraphs 4 and 5; and
 - b) encourage Parties and observers to actively participate in the workshop which aims to review the provisions of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) and to draft recommendations for improvements of the Resolution for consideration at the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee.