

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



Thirty-first meeting of the Animals Committee  
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Species specific matters

ADDENDUM TO PANGOLINS (*MANIS* SPP.)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Update on activities since May 2020

2. Having secured the necessary funds, the Secretariat contracted the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in December 2020 to support the implementation of Decisions 18.239 and 18.240, paragraph c).
3. Regarding the development of conversion parameters for all pangolin species in accordance with Decision 18.239, IUCN is reaching out to pangolin range States directly for information and support. Range States are encouraged to contribute to this work including, as may be needed, by providing access to stocks of pangolin scales. As the conversion parameters will not be available in time for review by the Animals Committee until after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19), the Secretariat proposes submitting the following draft decision to the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC74) for consideration and submission to CoP19:

**19.AA Directed to the Animals Committee**

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) review the conversion parameters for all pangolin species, developed in accordance with the provisions of Decision 18.239, to enable the reliable determination of the number of animals associated with any quantity of pangolin scales seized, and that can be used by Parties in cases where national legislation demands that such information be provided for court purposes; and
  - b) make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Standing Committee and the Secretariat.
4. In support of the implementation of Decision 18.240, paragraph c), IUCN worked with the Secretariat to develop a questionnaire to gather relevant information. The questionnaire was made available through Notification to the Parties No. 2021/016 of 5 February 2021.
  5. Responses to the Notification were received from the following 14 Parties: Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Japan, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Singapore, Slovakia, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Zimbabwe. A response was received from one organization: China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF). The replies from the Parties have been integrated into the report referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 18.240.

6. Work on the report entitled “Implementation of CITES Decision 18.240 (c) on Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)” is ongoing and the report will not be ready in time for review by the Animals Committee at its present meeting. The Secretariat will submit the report to the Standing Committee for consideration at its 74th meeting. The Standing Committee may wish to propose that the Animals Committee undertake a review of the report at its first meeting following CoP19 as a decision for consideration at CoP19.
7. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2021/016, the Secretariat drew attention to Decision 18.242, whereby Parties, intergovernmental organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations that developed tools or materials that could assist Parties in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.10 on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins* are invited to bring such tools or materials to the attention of the Secretariat. The Secretariat notes that some Parties, mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present document, included in their responses to the questionnaire information on such tools and materials, which will be integrated into the report referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 18.240.
8. The Secretariat notes that it has not received any information in the context of Decision 18.238. The Secretariat again reminds pangolin range States to report to the Secretariat on their implementation of Decision 18.238.

#### Revised recommendations

9. The Animals Committee is invited to:
  - a) note the information presented in document AC31 Doc. 27 and its addendum; and
  - b) consider the draft decision presented in paragraph 3 of this addendum, and to present it to the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting for its consideration and submission to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.