

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



Thirty-first meeting of the Animals Committee
Online, 31 May, 1, 4, 21 and 22 June 2021

Species specific matters

ADDENDUM TO SONGBIRD TRADE AND
CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT (PASSERIFORMES)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. To date, the Secretariat has not been able to secure the necessary funding for the implementation of Decision 18.256, estimated to cost USD 50,000 for the study and preparation of documents mentioned in paragraphs a) and b), and USD 100,000 for the technical workshop called for in paragraph c) if it were to be held face-to-face.
3. Should the current lack of funding persist, the Animals Committee may wish to consider proposing the renewal of the Decisions on songbirds at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19). In the event that funding becomes available to conduct the study and hold the technical workshop, the Decisions would have to be amended to reflect any progress made.
4. An information document was submitted for the present meeting, with regard to the review by Species360 and the University of Southern Denmark (SDU), with the following components:
 - Species Knowledge Initiative to Support CITES Decisions and Recommendations for Songbirds (Species360 Conservation Science Alliance).
 - Juergens et al. 2021 (paper submitted to Data in Brief). A standardized dataset for conservation prioritization of songbirds to support CITES.
 - Supplementary Files (open data): File S1 (data on Passeriformes and the Songbirds in Trade Database); File S2 (Metadata, including data explanation of all variables); File S3 (taxonomic synonyms for Songbirds).
5. The Secretariat is aware that BirdLife, TRAFFIC, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre and the University of Cambridge are currently undertaking a Quantitative Review of Global Trade in Wild Birds. As well as providing an overview of trade, it is hoped that this study will be relevant to a number of CITES Decisions, in particular those on songbirds and West African vultures.
6. The Secretariat is of the view that the research initiatives mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5 above could greatly contribute to, or form the basis for, the study and consultations that the Secretariat is to undertake, and may provide valuable information for the technical workshop that it is to convene.

Revised recommendations

7. The Animals Committee is invited to note document AC31 Doc. 30 and its addendum.