

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2021

Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

13. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species
[Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)]

13.1 Overview of the Review of Significant Trade AC31 Doc. 13.1 and Addendum

The Committee noted document AC31 Doc. 13.1 and its addendum and welcomed the progress made in the implementation of Decision 17.108 on the development of the tracking and management database for the Review of Significant Trade.

13.2 Species selected following CoP15 and CoP16 *No document*

and

13.3 Species selection following CoP17 *No document*

The Committee noted the oral report by its Chair in relation to agenda items 13.2 and 13.3, as well as the contents of information document [SC2020 Inf. 11](#).

13.4 Species selection following CoP18 AC31 Doc. 13.4

The Committee noted document AC31 Doc 13.4 and further noted that the selection of new species/country combinations for review will be postponed until the first regular meeting of the Committee after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Regulation of trade

19. Captive-bred and ranched specimens

19.1 Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity [Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) and Decision 17.102] AC31 Doc. 19.1 and Addendum

The Committee noted document AC31 Doc. 19.1 and further noted that the selection of new species/country combinations for review will be postponed until the first regular meeting of the Committee after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Committee welcomed developments on the implementation of Decision 17.102 and encouraged Parties and observers to actively participate in the workshop on the review of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* to support the implementation of Decision 18.176.

19.2 Captive breeding Sri Lankan agamids [Decision 18.175] AC31 Doc. 19.2

The Committee noted document AC31 Doc. 19.2 and the report contained in the Annex. The Committee further noted that the selection of new species/country combinations for review will be postponed until the first regular meeting of the Committee after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Committee agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting the renewal of Decision 18.175 as follows:

18.175 Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat and consider whether to select species-country combinations of *Ceratophora stoddartii*, *Ceratophora aspera* and *Lyriocephalus scutatus* for review under Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity*.

Species specific matters

34. Titicaca water frog (*Telmatobius culeus*) [Decision 18.284] AC31 Doc. 34 and Addendum

The Committee noted document AC31 Doc. 34 and its addendum, as well as the update provided by Peru. The Committee encouraged Peru and the Plurinational State of Bolivia to continue their collaboration for implementing the Binational Action Plan for the conservation of the Titicaca water frog.

Strategic matters

12. Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative [Decision 18.58] AC31 Doc. 12

The Committee noted document AC31 Doc. 12 and the oral update of the Secretariat.

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

41. Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II [Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17)]

41.2 Periodic review of *Cynomys mexicanum* AC31 Doc. 41.2

41.3 Periodic review of *Terrapene coahuila* AC31 Doc. 41.3

and

41.4 Periodic review of *Aphopelma pallidum* AC31 Doc. 41.4

The Committee thanked Mexico for documents AC31 Doc. 41.2, Doc. 41.3 and Doc. 41.1 and supported the recommendations therein.

41.5 Periodic review of *Branta canadensis leucopareria* AC31 Doc. 41.5

The Committee thanked the United States of America for document AC31 Doc. 41.5 and supported the recommendations therein.

41.6 Periodic review of *Phoebastria albatrus* AC31 Doc. 41.6

The Committee thanked the United States of America for document AC31 Doc. 41.6, supported the recommendations therein and noted the comments made by China and Humane Society International.

Regional matters

43. Regional reports

- 43.1 Africa AC31 Doc. 43.1
- 43.2 Asia..... AC31 Doc. 43.2
- 43.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean AC31 Doc. 43.3
- 43.4 Europe..... AC31 Doc. 43.4
- 43.5 North America AC31 Doc. 43.5
- 43.6 Oceania..... AC31 Doc. 43.6

The Committee welcomed and noted the regional reports in documents AC31 Doc. 43.1 to Doc. 43.6.

Concluding items

44. Any other business *No document*

There was no intervention.

45. Time and venue of the 32nd meeting of the Animal Committee *No document*

The Committee noted that the 32nd meeting of the Animals Committee should take place in 2023.

46. Closing remarks..... *No document*

The Secretary-General and the Chair thanked the Committee members, in particular those that chaired in-session working groups, as well as Party observers, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations, the interpreters, the operators and the Secretariat; and the Chair closed the meeting.