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Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)¹

Membership: (19 Members and Parties; 9 Observers)

Co-Chairs: representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Gongora), representative for Europe (Mr. Benyr), alternate representative for Europe (Mr. Novitsky);

Parties: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Global Guardian Trust, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Species Survival Network, World Wide Fund for Nature, Zoological Society of London.

Mandate:

- a) review the summary of the responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 and Notification to the Parties No. 2023/062 on eels, including any updates provided under Decision 19.218 and any recommendations from the Secretariat;
- b) review the potential use of source code R (ranching) for specimens of European eel (*A. anguilla*) from aquaculture production systems and the potential risks and benefits of reintroducing seized, live European eels to the wild;
- c) at the request of the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting (SC77, Geneva, November 2023), consider the potential development of a specific resolution on European eels or a Resolution on the genus *Anguilla* spp.; and
- c) make draft recommendations on the conservation and management of European eel for consideration by the Animals Committee at its 33rd meeting.

¹ Paragraph c) of the mandate was added following SC77 at the request of the Animals Committee Chair and following consultation with the Animals Committee members.

Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade

Membership: (30 Members and Parties; 27 Observers)

Co-Chairs: alternate representative for Asia (Mr. Diesmos) and nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);

Members: alternate representative for Africa (Mr. Diouck) and alternate representative for North America (Mr. Leuteritz);

Parties: Argentina, Australia, Benin, Canada, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, World Organization for Animal Health, International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Born Free Foundation, Center for Biological Diversity, Dallas Safari Club, Defenders of Wildlife, European Animal Research Association, European Pet Organisation, German Society of Herpetology, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, International Fur Federation, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, National Association for Biomedical Research, Organization of Professional Aviculturists, Pet Advocacy Network, Pro Wildlife, SUCO-SA, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wide Fund for Nature, Zoological Society of London.

Mandate:

Review the information provided by the Parties, organizations and the United Nations Environment Programme and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Animals Committee at its 33rd meeting on:

- a) proposed effective and practical solutions for reducing pathogen spillover risk in wildlife supply chains; and
- b) opportunities for practical collaboration under the direction of existing Resolutions, Decisions and agreements.

Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.)

Membership: (17 Members and Parties; 10 Observers)

Chair: representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Ramadori);

Members: alternate representative for Asia (Ms. Terada);

Parties: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Senegal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Center for Biological Diversity, Ornamental Fish International, Pet Advocacy Network, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature, Zoological Society of London.

Mandate:

- a) review available information on trade in seahorses; including the recommendations contained in Annexes 1 and 2 to document AC32 Doc. 38.1 (Rev.1), taking into consideration the issues raised in paragraphs 8 and 9 of that document; and the recommendations of the expert workshop contained in document AC32 Doc. 38.2; and
- b) produce a consolidated set of recommendations for consideration by the Animals Committee at its 33rd meeting.

Trade in stony corals²

Membership: (15 Members and Parties; 10 Observers and 2 Independent Experts)

Co-Chairs:	representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Gongora) and alternate representative for Asia (Mr. Diesmos);
Parties:	Australia, Brazil, China, European Union, France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Cayman Islands), United States of America;
IGOs and NGOs:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Center for Biological Diversity, European Pet Organisation, Indonesian Coral, Shell and Ornamental Fish Association, Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA), Ornamental Fish International, Pet Advocacy Network, Pro Vision Reef; and
Independent Experts:	Prof. Morgan S. Pratchett, College of Science and Engineering, James Cook University, Australia; Prof. Andrew L. Rhyne, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, Roger Williams University, United States of America.

Mandate:

- a) review the responses to the Notification to the Parties concerning the implementation of Decision 19.177, seeking advice from coral reef nations and coral experts;
- b) make recommendations on possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.10 (Rev. CoP15) on *Trade in stony corals* and
- c) provide advice on the conversion factors used to analyse trade in corals for the Review of Significant Trade process;
- d) propose amendments to the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* and the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade reports*; and
- e) present its findings to the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee.

² On 12 July 2023, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2023/081 at the request of the Animals Committee inviting Parties, especially coral reef nations, to express an interest in participating in the Animals Committee's intersessional working group on trade in stony corals by sending an email to karen.gaynor@cites.org by 1 October 2023 and further inviting stony coral experts and other stakeholders to express their interest in contributing to the work of the working group by sending an email to karen.gaynor@cites.org by 1 October 2023.

Zoological nomenclature

Membership: (17 Members and Parties; 15 Observers)

Chair: nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);

Member: representative for Africa (Ms. Maha);

Parties: Cameroon, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, India, Japan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union of Conservation of Nature, BirdLife International, Center for Biological Diversity, Conservation Force, Dallas Safari Club, Fondation Franz Weber, Humane Society International, International Fur Federation, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Safari Club International Foundation, South African Taxidermy and Tannery Association, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate:

- a) continue the work on checklists based on time-limited extracts from online databases;
- b) identify an appropriate nomenclature standard reference for the African elephant(s);
- c) review the nomenclatural changes summarised in Annex 2 and Annex 3 of document AC32 Doc. 46;
- d) consider options to address the present status of *Ramphastos vitellinus citreolaemus* in the CITES Appendices; and
- e) report to the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee.