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Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)

Membership:

Chair: the representative of Europe (Mr. Fleming);

Parties: Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, European Union, France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC); Association of Northeast Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Humane Society International, Japan Wildlife Conservation Society, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), and Zoological Society of London.

Mandate:

Noting Decision 17.188 directed to the Animals Committee:

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) *consider, at its 29th and 30th meetings, the reports produced under Decision 17.186, as well as the information submitted by European Eel range States and other eel range States pursuant to Decision 17.187, and any other relevant information on conservation of and trade in Anguilla species; and*
- b) *provide recommendations to ensure the sustainable trade in Anguilla species, to Parties for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

Also taking into account Decisions 17.186-187, directed to the Secretariat and States and Parties involved in the trade in *Anguilla* spp., this working group will work by email between the 29th and 30th meetings of the Animals Committee. It shall have the following tasks:

- a) to review the studies produced by the Secretariat under Decision 17.186 paragraphs a) and b), as and when they become available, and any other relevant information;
- b) to consider the outcome of any technical workshops organised in relation to Decision 17.186 paragraph d) and e) and to provide any provisional recommendations and views that could be reflected in the workshops; and
- c) to report to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee with its provisional recommendations for consideration by the Committee.

Implementation of Decision 17.179 and the requirements in Article III, paragraph 3 (b) and 5 (b) of the Convention

Membership:

Co-Chairs: the representatives of Africa (Mr. Mensah) and North America (Ms. Gnam), and the acting representative of Asia (Mr. Ishii);

Parties: Argentina, Canada, China, Estonia, European Union, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Netherlands, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Born Free Foundation, Conservation Force, Fondation Franz Weber, German Society of Herpetology (DGHT), Global Eye, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), Lewis and Clark College - International Environmental Law Project, ProWildlife, Safari Club International, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Animal Protection, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Zoological Society of London, and Zoological Society of San Diego.

Mandate:

Review the study undertaken by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 17.178 and draft findings and recommendations for consideration at the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee.

Precious corals

Membership:

Co-Chairs: the representative of Asia (Mr. Giyanto) and the acting representative of Europe (Mr. Nemtzov);

Parties: China, Estonia, European Union, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, United Republic of Tanzania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Food and Agriculture Organization; Conservation Force, Environmental Investigation Agency, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sea Save Foundation, SWAN International, TRAFFIC, and World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Mandate:

- a) Analyse the study commissioned in response to Decision 17.191 and to formulate recommendations for consideration at the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee;
- b) Analyse the outcomes of the study and prepare recommendations on actions to enhance the conservation and sustainable harvest;
- c) Review other relevant issues, such as identification of corals and coral products in trade issues;
- d) Think about potential future enforcement issues such as synthetic corals.

Captive-bred and ranched specimens

Membership:

Chair: the AC Chair (Mr. Lörtscher);

Parties: Canada, China, European Union, France, Hungary, Kenya, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Born Free Foundation, Center for Biological Diversity, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), Lewis and Clark College - International Environmental Law Project, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa (PASA), Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Animal Protection, and World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Mandate:

- a) Compare and contrast the nature of non-detriment findings (NDFs) for specimens originating from production systems that meet the definitions of source codes R and F, with NDFs for specimens originating from the wild (source code W) using case studies, existing guidance and input from Parties, as follows:
 - i) Case studies should be compiled representing a wide variety of life histories, life stages, and production systems from terrestrial and marine species. Examples could include: amphibians, reptiles, butterflies, corals, humphead wrasse, giant clam, queen conch, etc.;
 - ii) Consider existing guidance that may be applicable to NDFs for source codes R and F, including NDF guidance on tortoises and freshwater turtles that is contained in AC28 document 15.2, and NDF guidance for snakes contained in document AC29 Doc. 31.1, or any other existing guidance; and
 - iii) Solicit and consider input from Parties on NDFs for source codes R and F, including examples, guidance, or concerns/issues that have arisen in their country during the course of implementation of the Convention.
- b) Based on the review and analysis above, develop draft guidance on making NDFs for specimens from source codes R and F for consideration by the Animals Committee or the consultant through an intersessional working group.

Review of the terms of reference of AC and PC

Membership:

Co-Chairs: AC Chair (Mr. Lörtscher) and PC Chair (Ms. Sinclair);

Members: AC representatives of Asia (Mr. Ishii), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Calvar Agrelo), Europe (Mr. Fleming), North America (Ms. Gnam), and the AC nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk); the PC representative of Oceania (Mr. Leach) and the PC nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough);

Parties: Canada, China, European Union, Georgia, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Humane Society International.

Mandate:

1. Review Annex 2 of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17), and other aspects relevant to the functioning of the Animals and Plants Committees contained in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17);
2. Take into account previous deliberations, and documents CoP17 Doc. 10.2.1 and AC29 Doc. 6/PC23 Doc. 7, as well as Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee; and
3. Report to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee.

Appendix-III listings

Membership:

Co-Chairs: PC Chair (Ms. Sinclair), AC representatives of North America (Ms. Gnam) and Oceania (Mr. Robertson), the AC alternate representative of Oceania (Mr. Makan) and the AC nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);

Parties: Canada, China, Germany, Japan, South Africa, Switzerland, United States of America, and Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Association of Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Born Free Foundation, German Society of Herpetology (DGHT), Humane Society International, Ornamental Fish International, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and WWF.

Mandate:

1. Taking account of document AC29 Doc. 34/PC23 Doc. 30, and discussions in plenary, explore ways to best advise the Standing Committee on characteristics of species for possible inclusion in Appendix III by:
 - a) identifying particular biological or trade characteristic for the species concerned, and
 - b) making suggestions for amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP17) concerning guidance for range States on characteristics of species that may benefit from inclusion in Appendix III; and
2. Report to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee.

Country-wide significant trade reviews

Membership:

Co-Chairs: AC representatives of Europe (Mr. Fleming) and North America (Ms. Gnam), PC Chair (Ms. Sinclair) and PC nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough);

Members: AC representative of Oceania (Mr. Robertson);

Parties: Canada, European Union, Madagascar, Norway, Peru, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, and Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Center for International Environmental Law, Defenders of Wildlife, German Society of Herpetology, Humane Society International, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and WWF.

Mandate:

1. Explore potential benefits and disadvantages of country-wide significant trade reviews drawing upon the lessons learned and existing information on outcomes and impacts and, if possible, the outcomes of the consultancy proposed in paragraph 6 of document AC29 Doc. 13.4/PC23 Doc. 15.4;
2. Taking into account discussions in the joint session, consider the issues mentioned in paragraph 7 of document AC29 Doc. 13.4/PC23 Doc. 15.4; and
3. Report to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee.

Capacity building and identification materials

Membership:

Co-Chairs: AC representative of Oceania (Mr. Robertson) and PC representative of Asia (Mr. Lee);

Members: AC representatives of Africa (Mr. Kasoma), North America (Ms. Gnam), and Oceania (Mr. Robertson); acting AC representatives of Asia (Mr. Ishii) and Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Lemus), AC nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk); and PC representatives of Africa (Mr. Mahamane), Asia (Mr. Fernando), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Rauber Coradin), Europe (Ms. Moser), and North America (Ms. Camarena Osorno), and PC alternate representatives of Africa (Ms. Khayota) and Asia (Ms. Al Salem) ;

Parties: Australia, Canada, Kenya, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, IUCN, Born Free USA, German Society of Herpetology, Humane Society International, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and WWF.

Mandate:

1. Taking into consideration inputs and recommendations made in plenary, consider the work plan and activities outlined in paragraphs 7 to 33 of document AC29 Doc. 9/PC23;
2. Finalize and implement a workplan with timelines, in consultation with the Secretariat, that will result in a determination of the availability of materials and the enhancement of their accessibility, revision or guidance to revise select material, a review of the project proposals as described in part e) of Decision 17.32, and the review of Resolution Conf. 3.4 and Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) and recommendations to promote accuracy and availability of materials; and
3. Report to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee.