

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



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Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

SPECIES SELECTED FOLLOWING COP17

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) on Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species, the Conference of the Parties:
 1. *DIRECTS the Animals and Plants Committees, in cooperation with the Secretariat and experts, and in consultation with range States, to review the biological, trade and other relevant information on Appendix-II species subject to significant levels of trade, to identify problems and solutions concerning the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a).*
3. In accordance with paragraph 1 a) of that Resolution (under the section Stage 1 – *Selection of species/country combination to be reviewed*), the Secretariat requested the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) to produce the following:
 - a) a summary from the CITES Trade Database of annual report statistics showing the recorded level of direct exports for Appendix-II species over the five most recent years (see Annex 1), and
 - b) an extended analysis of trade to inform the preliminary selection of species/country combinations (see Annex 2).
4. The results of the extended analysis produced by UNEP-WCMC are presented in Annex 2. The report outlines the process used to identify candidate taxa for inclusion in the Review of Significant Trade based on the guidance contained in Annex 2 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) and presents a list of possible candidate species/country combinations thus identified. The data used to prepare this summary are available in Excel format in information document PC23 Inf. 1.
5. Paragraph 1 b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) directs the Plants Committee to include at its first regular meeting following a meeting of the Conference of the Parties a limited number of species/country combinations of greatest concern in Stage 2 of the review process.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is invited to select a limited number of species/country combinations of greatest concern for inclusion in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade.