

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

Forty-second meeting of the Standing Committee
Lisbon (Portugal), 28 September-1 October 1999

Issues relating to species

Tiger

DECISION 10.66

1. At its 10th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 10.66, directed to the Standing Committee, regarding trade in tigers. This matter is being brought to the attention of the Committee now because, in accordance with this Decision, it will be required to report at the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. Decision 10.66 of the Conference of the Parties is as follows:

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) *continue its review of tiger-trade issues in range and consumer States, by including illegal trade in tiger parts and derivatives as a priority issue at its 40th and 41st meetings; report to the Parties on progress made, with a view to identifying, on a country-by-country basis, additional legislative and enforcement measures that may be necessary to stop the illegal trade in tigers and tiger parts and derivatives; and, as necessary, advise those countries directly;*
 - b) *in consultation with interested Parties and where appropriate, undertake technical and political missions to tiger range and consumer States, to assist in developing strategies for improving control of tiger trade and for related activities;*
 - c) *report to the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made in tiger range and consumer States in implementing the provisions of the Convention with respect to tiger trade and the measures provided by Resolution Conf. 9.13 (Rev.), notably the specific recommendations for reducing the illegal trade in tiger parts and derivatives, including manufactured medicines; and*
 - d) *continue to review on an annual basis the progress of tiger range and consumer States in controlling the illegal tiger trade and to review the implementation of legislative and enforcement measures taken by them.*
3. Regarding paragraph a), the subject was, as required, included in the agenda for the 40th and 41st meetings of the Standing Committee. The team that undertook the technical missions required in paragraph b) identified the legislative and enforcement measures in the countries that they visited and provided the advice referred to.
 4. Regarding paragraph b), the technical missions have already taken place and the report of the technical team is presented in document Doc. SC.42.10.4. The political missions are planned for the end of 1999.

5. Regarding paragraph c), the review of progress was conducted by the technical-mission team in relation to the countries that they visited. The Secretariat suggests that it would not be practicable to report on progress in all range and consumer States except on the basis of information voluntarily provided (for example in response to a Notification), as was done previously. However it might be considered that the countries covered by the technical and political missions serve as a sufficiently good sample to provide the basis of the Standing Committee's report to the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
6. The decision in paragraph d) requires a review to be made on an annual basis. The Secretariat believes that this is impracticable unless it is based on information voluntarily provided by Parties. In particular it is not reasonable to expect a review of implementation and enforcement measures to be conducted annually without resources specifically for this purpose.
7. It remains for the Standing Committee to decide how to proceed in implementing Decision 10.66. What remains to be done is for the Committee to report to the Conference of the Parties in accordance with paragraphs a) and c). The Secretariat suggests that the reports of the technical and political missions should form the basis of any report and should be considered as providing information on a reasonable sample of States. The Secretariat also suggests that the Standing Committee should make a proposal to the Conference of the Parties about how to revise the Decision at the 11th meeting to achieve the desired objective in a practical way. It might be desirable to establish a working group of the Standing Committee to formulate the necessary proposals.