

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

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

TRADE IN APPENDIX-I SPECIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Decision 13.20 states:

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) conduct a review of trade in Appendix-I plant and animal species, through UNEP-WCMC. The review should take into account all exports, re-exports, and imports of Appendix-I specimens, including the species name, the source and purpose codes, existing exemptions and all other relevant information for the last five years. The identity of individual Parties should be protected in the report; and*
 - b) consider the UNEP-WCMC report and draft recommendations, if necessary, based on the analysis of Appendix-I trade, at its 54th meeting, and present these recommendations for consideration at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*
3. The Secretariat has communicated with UNEP-WCMC regarding the above decision and has drafted terms of reference for the review called for in paragraph a). These are presented in the Annex to the present document.
 4. The Conference of the Parties did not include in the Trust Fund budget any allocation of funds to pay for the review. During the preparation of this document, the Secretariat consulted UNEP-WCMC, which stated that an indicative cost of the study referred to in the draft terms of reference would be about USD 9,000. However, when the Standing Committee agrees on terms of reference, the Secretariat will then ask UNEP-WCMC to provide a definitive cost and will seek external funds to pay for the study.
 5. The only action required of the Standing Committee at the present meeting is to agree on the terms of reference for the review.

Draft terms of reference for the review by UNEP-WCMC
of trade in Appendix-I plant and animal species

1. From the CITES trade database, produce summary tables of all records of trade in Appendix-I species for the years 1994-2003, indicating the taxon, the type of specimen and the purpose of the trade.
2. Separate-out the data relating to captive-bred and artificially propagated specimens.
3. Regarding the data on trade in wild-taken specimens (and others not declared with source 'C' or 'A'), conduct an analysis in order to identify where possible:
 - a) species traded at levels that give cause for concern about the wild population;
 - b) indications of trade that appears to be commercial in nature; and
 - c) indications of trade that appears to be illegal (using permit information where available).
4. Regarding the data on trade in captive-bred and artificially propagated specimens, conduct an analysis in order to:
 - a) identify indications of false declarations that the specimens traded were bred in captivity or artificially propagated;
 - b) identify indications that specimens of Appendix-I animal species produced in breeding operations not included in the Secretariat's register are being traded for commercial purposes;
 - c) determine what conclusions can be drawn from the data indicating the levels of trade in specimens that were bred in captivity or artificially propagated; and
 - d) identify indications of trade that appears to be illegal (using permit information where available).
5. Prepare a report summarizing the findings indicated above, for consideration by the Standing Committee, at its 54th meeting.