

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

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN *EX SITU* PRODUCTION AND *IN SITU* CONSERVATION

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Decision 13.78 states that:

The Standing Committee shall, through its clearinghouse mechanism, decide on the appropriate way to continue consideration of the relationship between ex situ production (of animals and plants) and in situ conservation in the context of CITES. It shall establish precise terms of reference for the CITES bodies that should be involved in this work, set timelines for the work to be done, and report on progress at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. It might be useful for the clearinghouse to consult with the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees regarding the lessons learned during past efforts to address this issue. The clearinghouse might also wish to consider the link between this issue and implementation of the Vilm report recommendations on CITES/CBD cooperation regarding access and benefit sharing (see document SC53 Doc. 8). Finally, the Convention's work on wildlife trade policy reviews and economic incentives may also have relevance.

Recommendation

4. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee instruct its clearinghouse to consider the issues raised in Decision 13.78 and report to the Committee.