

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

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Fifty-third meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 27 June-1 July 2005

Standing Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Strategic and administrative matters**

13. Improving regional communication and representation ..... no document

The Secretariat drew attention to the Committee's responsibilities under Decision 13.12. The Committee noted an oral progress report on this matter from the Chairman of the Animals Committee, speaking also on behalf of the Plants and Nomenclature Committees.

**Interpretation and implementation of the Convention**

28. Economic incentives ..... SC53 Doc. 28

The Secretariat presented document SC53 Doc. 28. The Committee noted the report and postponed further discussion on this issue until its 54th meeting, in view of the lack of responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2005/022. It directed the Secretariat to prepare a document for SC54 that would include the responses to the Notification and an overview of the status of negotiations related to this issue in other fora.

29. Relationship between *ex situ* and *in situ* conservation ..... SC53 Doc. 29

The Secretariat presented document SC53 Doc. 29. The Committee instructed its clearing house to submit recommendations at SC54 to fulfil Decision 13.78 and directed the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties requesting information on how Parties were implementing Resolution Conf. 13.9.

36. Master's course on management of, access to and conservation of species in trade ..... SC53 Doc. 36

The Secretariat presented document SC53 Doc. 36 and the Chairman of the Plants Committee, on behalf of the University of Cordoba, provided an update on students' applications for financial support for participation in the course. The Committee noted the report and invited donor Parties and organizations to donate funds in support of the Master's course. It commended Spain for supporting the master's course and expressed its thanks to the Chairman of the Plants Committee in appreciation of her work on the course.

37. Annotations in the Appendices ..... SC53 Doc. 37

A conclusion on this agenda item was postponed until a later session.

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\* Revised by the Secretariat after the meeting to incorporate amendments agreed at the ninth session.

15. Introduction from the sea..... SC53 Doc. 15

The Committee agreed that the workshop should be chaired by the Chairman of the Standing Committee and that the following participants should be invited to attend:

Africa: Cameroon (Management Authority), Kenya (Scientific Authority), South Africa (fisheries);

Asia: China (MA), Japan (fisheries), Malaysia (SA);

Central and South America and the Caribbean: Argentina (MA), Chile (SA), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (fisheries);

Europe: Germany, Iceland (fisheries), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

North America: Canada (fisheries), Mexico (SA), United States of America (MA);

Oceania: Australia, Fiji;

Intergovernmental organizations: European Commission, NEAFC; and

Non-governmental organizations: IWMC, SSN (upon invitation from the Chairman), TRAFFIC.

The Committee noted that, in accordance with Decision 13.18, representatives from FAO and WCO should be invited as well.

The Committee agreed that the workshop should generally be organized in accordance with the provisional agenda contained in document SC53 Inf. 6. It further agreed that point 5 on that provisional agenda, however, should be resolved before the workshop takes place and that the workshop should take account of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, the UN Fish Stocks Agreement and flag state responsibility in its discussions.

**Strategic and administrative matters**

14. Dialogue meetings..... SC53 Doc. 14

The Secretariat was requested to prepare a revised version of the Annex to document SC53 Doc. 14, taking into account the comments made by participants, for consideration at a later session.

It was decided that agenda items 31 and 32 would be discussed in a closed session which the observers from the European Community were invited to attend.