

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



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PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP
OF THE STURGEON AND PADDLEFISH WORKING GROUP

Objective

Assess development of CITES policies on the trade in and conservation of sturgeon and paddlefish using:

- recommendations from the International Sturgeon Enforcement Workshop to Combat Illegal Trade in Caviar (document SC54 Inf. 6)
- proposals in the Annex to document SC54 Doc. 30.3 (results of the meeting of the informal discussion group in Lima, July 2006)
- proposals in document SC54 Doc. 30.4 (proposals of the Russian Federation)
- comments made during the debate at SC54.

Outcomes

A single proposal for modifications to Resolutions Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP13), Conf. 13.7 or other Resolutions with as much consensus as possible for submission at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14).

Identify a proponent country to submit this text for further debate at CoP14 (deadline for submission 4 January 2007).

Suggestions for other actions to be taken by CITES Parties, the Secretariat, the industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.

Members of working group

Islamic Republic of Iran (Chairman)
Azerbaijan
Bulgaria
China
Germany
Kazakhstan
Russian Federation
European Commission
International Caviar Importers Association
Pew Institute for Ocean Science
CITES Secretariat.

Modus operandi

Working Group to operate by email between SC54 and 4 January 2007.