

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Trade control and marking

TRADE IN CROCODILIAN SPECIMENS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 14th meeting (CoP14, The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following decisions directed to the Standing Committee:

*14.62 The Standing Committee shall, at its 57th meeting, initiate a process to review the implementation and effectiveness of the universal tagging system and the trade in small crocodilian leather goods, including their impact on the effectiveness of the Convention. For that purpose, it shall establish a working group with representatives from exporting and importing countries, the Animals Committee, the Secretariat and other interested parties. The tasks of the working group, which might work electronically, shall be:*

- a) to examine the implementation and effectiveness of the universal tagging system;*
- b) to examine the implementation and effectiveness of issuing CITES documents for small crocodilian leather goods and related trade controls;*
- c) to consider possible ways and conditions to alleviate the administrative burden related to trade in small crocodilian leather goods and to guarantee the legal origin of the specimens; and*
- d) to report to the Standing Committee on the results of its work at its 58th meeting.*

*14.63 The Standing Committee shall, at its 58th meeting, consider the report of the working group established under Decision 14.62 and shall submit recommendations, as appropriate, to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its 15th meeting.*

Recommendations

3. The Standing Committee is invited to establish a Working Group on Trade in Crocodilian Specimens that includes, *inter alia*, the representative selected by the Animals Committee at its 23rd meeting (Mr Dietrich Jelden of Germany). The Standing Committee is also invited to designate a chairman for the working group.
4. In addition to government officials from exporting and importing countries, the working group might include representatives from private sector companies or associations involved with tag production and crocodilian trade as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.