

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



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Strategic matters

CITES Strategic Vision

PLANNING FOR 2014-2016

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. This document should be read in conjunction with the document prepared by the Secretariat on Decision 15.10 on *Post-2010 biodiversity targets* (see document SC61 Doc. 14.1) through which the Standing Committee is directed to “review the adopted post-2010 biodiversity targets and, if necessary, make adjustments to the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* as appropriate”.
3. In Resolution Conf. 14.2, the Conference of the Parties adopted the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013*.
4. There was no decision or resolution adopted at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to extend the validity of this Strategic Vision or to establish a procedure for developing a new one beyond 2013.
5. At its 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 13.1, which extended the validity of the then *Strategic Vision through 2005*, and its associated *Action Plan*, until the end of 2007. It also established a procedure for developing a new Strategic Vision through 2013, particularly to contribute to the achievement of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010.
6. Consideration should be given to extending the validity of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* to 2016, and whether the Conference of the Parties should consider initiating at its 16th meeting a process for the development of a new Strategic Vision for after 2016.

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the Standing Committee establish a Strategic Vision Revision Working Group to consider whether a recommendation should be made for the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to:
 - a) extend the validity of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* to 2016; and
 - b) initiate a process for the development of a new Strategic Vision for the post 2016 period.