

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

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Sixty-second meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 23-27 July 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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20. CITES logo..... SC62 Doc. 20

Given the variety of comments made, including requests for guidelines for the proposed widened policy, the Committee established an intersessional working group to look at this issue and report at its 63rd meeting. The membership was as follows: Chile, China, Colombia, Ireland, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, the United States of America (chair), Humane Society International, Species Survival Network, WWF and the Secretariat.

Review of Resolutions

21. Substantive review of Resolutions..... SC62 Doc. 21

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 21 and invited interested Parties and organizations to join the Substantive Review of Resolutions Forum on the CITES website, where the Secretariat would share its proposals and seek comments.

22. Review of Resolutions following Decision 14.19..... SC62 Doc. 22

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 21 and encouraged participants to step forward and volunteer to take the lead in the review.

23. National laws for implementation of the Convention..... SC62 Doc. 23

The Committee agreed that the Secretariat should issue a Notification to the Parties recommending a suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Paraguay and Rwanda, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15), unless those Parties submitted updated information to the Secretariat on the progress made for the submission of legislation for parliamentary, Cabinet or ministerial approval by 1 October 2012.

24. National reports

24.1 Late submission or non-submission of national reports..... SC62 Doc. 24.1

The Committee agreed that the Secretariat should issue a Notification to the Parties recommending a suspension of trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Guinea-Bissau, Nepal, Rwanda, the Solomon Islands and the Syrian Arab Republic, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14), unless those countries submitted their missing annual reports to the Secretariat by 1 October 2012.

24.2 Special reporting requirements..... SC62 Doc. 24.2

The Committee agreed to the recommendations of the Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements in paragraph 40 of document SC62 Doc. 24.2, noting the need to avoid any unnecessary burden on Parties and the Secretariat. As paragraph 15. f) of that document underpinned some of those recommendations, the Committee amended it to read:

*When making special reporting requirements, consideration should be given to making those time-limited, where this is appropriate, to avoid the potential for increasing unnecessarily reporting burdens.*

The Committee agreed to the recommendations of the Working Group in paragraph 42 of the document.

The Committee noted that it had the authority under Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) to adopt new formats for annual and biennial reports. It invited Parties to send comments to the Secretariat by 1 September 2012 on the draft *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* and on the draft sample report contained in Annexes 4 and 5 to document SC62 Doc. 24.2, respectively.

The Committee agreed that the Working Group should continue its work until the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17). It also asked the Chair of the Working Group to send the report of the Working Group to the Chair of the Standing Committee for approval prior to its submission for CoP16.

25. Ranching operations in Madagascar ..... SC62 Doc. 25

The Committee postponed discussion and a decision on this item until later in the meeting.

26. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens ..... SC62 Doc. 26

The Committee directed the Secretariat, where reasonable, to investigate the cases identified in the Annex to document SC62 Doc. 26.

The Committee approved the draft decisions in document SC62 Doc. 26, to be forwarded to the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16), with the following amendments:

a) In the draft decisions directed to the Secretariat:

- under paragraph a), subparagraph viii) was deleted;
- paragraph b) was amended to read as follows:

*Provide a draft of this report and additional materials to the Animals Committee at its 27th meeting, for review.*

- paragraph c) was amended to read as follows:

*Distribute the final report and materials to the Parties if endorsed by the Animals and Standing Committees.*

b) In the draft decision directed to the Animals Committee, the words “Parties and the” were deleted;

c) In the draft decisions directed to the Standing Committee:

- In the first draft decision, the words “to the Parties concerned and the Conference of the Parties” were appended.
- The second draft decision was amended as follows:

16.XX At its 65th meeting, the Standing Committee shall consider ~~the need for amendments to existing resolutions or the development of a new resolution,~~ as follows:

- ~~a) proposing amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) definitions of source codes to remove reference to the provisions of the Convention under which trade is occurring;~~
- ~~b) proposing amendments to an existing resolution or proposing a new resolution to develop a common understanding of the meaning and application of the provisions of Article VII, paragraphs 4 and 5;~~

- e)—proposing amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) or Resolution Conf. 14.3 or proposing a new resolution to provide a process for reviewing the implementation of CITES for specific examples of trade in specimens that are claimed to be produced via captive breeding or ranching.

The Committee also approved a further draft decision to be submitted at CoP16, as follows:

The Secretariat shall report at the 65th and 66th meetings of the Standing Committee on significant cases where it has taken initiatives or entered into a dialogue with Parties on trade in specimens declared as bred in captivity or ranched where there is serious doubt about the identified source of the specimens in trade.

The Committee noted that there was a need to coordinate the outputs from the Working Group on this subject with those from the Working Group on Snake Trade and Conservation Management relating to captive breeding.

28. E-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species ..... SC62 Doc. 28

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 28 and extended the mandate of the Working Group, in accordance with the recommendation made in paragraph 9 of that document.

29. Enforcement matters ..... SC62 Doc. 29

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 29 and the additional information provided orally by the Secretariat, including an analysis of feedback received from Guinea on the implementation of recommendations from the Secretariat to ensure effective implementation of the Convention. In compliance with Resolution Conf. 14.3, paragraph 29. g), the Committee instructed the Secretariat to issue a warning to Guinea to take urgent measures to implement the recommendations made during the 2011 mission of the Secretariat to Guinea. The Committee also instructed the Secretariat to provide Guinea with a clear set of minimum actions that should be undertaken. It requested Guinea to implement these actions and to provide a report to the Secretariat on progress by 31 December 2012. Finally, it asked the Secretariat to evaluate that report and make a recommendation at the 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee.