

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



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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFTERNOON

12. Scientific committee reports

12.1 Animals Committee..... *No document*

The Committee noted the oral report of the Chair of the Animals Committee and endorsed the Animals Committee's proposal that the Secretariat's status in the CMS/FAO Task Force on Wildlife Diseases be changed from "core affiliate" to "observer" or "partner". The Committee also agreed with a proposal from the Chair of the Animals Committee that the Standing Committee reconsider its implementation of Decision 15.9 at its 63rd meeting (SC63) on the basis of a document to be prepared by the Secretariat.

12.2 Plants Committee..... *No document*

The Committee noted the oral report of the Chair of the Plants Committee.

27. Review of Significant Trade

27.1 Implementation of recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees SC62 Doc. 27.1 (Rev. 1)

The Committee agreed with the actions recommended in the Annex to document SC62 Doc. 27.1 (Rev. 1), with the following exceptions:

- *Hippopotamus amphibius* from Cameroon:

Existing recommendation replaced by: "The Standing Committee recommends that all Parties suspend trade in all specimens of *Hippopotamus amphibius* from Cameroon if the recommendations of the Animals Committee are not implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chair of the Animals Committee within one month of the close of SC62 (i.e. by 26 August 2012)."

- *Hippopotamus amphibius* from Mozambique:

Existing recommendation replaced by: "The Standing Committee recommends that all Parties suspend trade in all specimens of *Hippopotamus amphibius* from Mozambique if the recommendations of the Animals Committee are not implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chair of the Animals Committee within one month of the close of SC62 (i.e. by 26 August 2012)."

- *Pericopsis elata* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo:

Existing recommendation replaced by: "The deadline for implementation of recommendation a) of the Plants Committee will be extended until 31 May 2014 to allow the Democratic Republic of the Congo to submit to the Secretariat the final report of the project on non-detriment findings for

Pericopsis elata in that country and comply with the recommendation. Regarding recommendation b) of the Plants Committee, the export quota for *Pericopsis elata* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo will be 25,000 m³ for 2012 and until the results of the above-mentioned project are available. The Secretariat should publish this quota on the CITES website."

- *Swietenia macrophylla* from Belize:

The deadline for implementation of recommendation b) should be changed from 30 September 2012 to 31 December 2012.

- *Swietenia macrophylla* from Honduras:

The Committee noted that the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee had determined that the recommendations of the Plants Committee had been complied with.

In addition, the Committee requested the Secretariat to remind the Solomon Islands about the need to respond to the Animals Committee's recommendations made in relation to *Tursiops aduncus*.

27.2 Review of recommendations to suspend trade made more than two years ago..... SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)

With the exception of the recommendation related to *Malacochersus tornieri* from the United Republic of Tanzania, which it agreed to reconsider at SC63, the Committee adopted the recommendations in paragraph 8 a) iv) and in the Annex to document SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1) and the oral recommendation by the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee to withdraw its recommendation to suspend trade in Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae species from Viet Nam.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to note that the correct export quota established for *Prunus africana* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo was 72,000 kg.

27.3 Population status and management plan of the African grey parrot in Cameroon SC62 Doc. 27.3

The Committee agreed to an annual export quota of 3,000 live specimens of *Psittacus erithacus* from Cameroun, and that any increase of that export quota should be reviewed by the Animals Committee.

14. Cooperation with other organizations

14.5 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services SC62 Doc. 14.5

The Committee established a working group on IPBES, under the chairmanship of Mexico, to prepare recommendations for discussion and decision later in the meeting.

18. Climate change..... SC62 Doc. 18

The Standing Committee supported the Animals and Plants Committees' findings in paragraph 4 and conclusion in paragraph 5 of document SC62 Doc. 14, and agreed to report these at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

24. National reports

24.3 Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants..... SC62 Doc. 24.3

The Committee noted document SC62 Doc. 24.3. It agreed that the Chair of the Standing Committee should report progress with the implementation of Decisions 14.39 to 14.41 (Rev. CoP15) at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and that the subject would then be on the agenda for the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee.

39. Criteria for the inclusion of species in Appendices I and II..... SC62 Doc. 39

The Committee supported the recommendations of the Animals Committee in document SC62 Doc. 39 and stressed the need for Parties to explain clearly which approach they have chosen for applying Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2 a, criterion B, when preparing their amendment proposals.