

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



Sixty-third meeting of the Standing Committee
Bangkok (Thailand), 2 March 2013

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

NATIONAL REPORTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 62nd meeting (Geneva, July 2012), the Standing 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, Solomon Islands and the Syrian Arab Republic, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) (*National reports*), unless those countries submitted missing annual reports to the Secretariat by 1 October 2012”. As indicated in paragraph 4 of document CoP16 Doc. 30 (Rev. 1), all five countries submitted the missing reports by the deadline, and it was therefore not necessary for the Secretariat to issue the envisaged Notification.
3. The deadline for the 2011 CITES annual report was 31 October 2012. Pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14), the Secretariat would like to inform the Standing Committee that its records show that the following Parties have failed to submit annual reports for three consecutive years (i.e. 2009, 2010 and 2011): Afghanistan, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Djibouti, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Grenada, Iceland, Lesotho, Pakistan, Palau, Saint Lucia, Somalia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Vanuatu.
4. The Secretariat will send reminders to these Parties to bring this potential compliance matter to their attention and obtain the missing reports. In this regard, it would appreciate relevant assistance from the Standing Committee's regional representatives concerned.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) and on the basis of this report and any updated information provided at the present meeting, determine whether the Parties listed in paragraph 3 above have failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification. If so determined, and if the affected Parties have not submitted their missing reports to the Secretariat by 4 May 2013, the Secretariat will issue a Notification recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties, until they have provided the missing reports.