

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
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Strategic matters

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITES STRATEGIC VISION: 2008–2020

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 16.3 on the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020*.<sup>1</sup>
3. The Secretariat has provided information to the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Environment Facility on the revised and extended *Strategic Vision*, as it is relevant to both of them. In particular, the *Strategic Vision* now makes express reference to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity: 2011-2020 and relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, adopted at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, October 2010), as well as relevant outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). Inclusion of a reference to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity in the *Strategic Vision* establishes a link to the GEF-6 Programming Directions, as the Biodiversity Focal Area Strategy within those Directions is largely based on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity.
4. Implementation of the *Strategic Vision* has been addressed under paragraph f) of Decision 16.44, which is part of the mandate of the Standing Committee Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements. The report of the Working Group is contained in document SC65 Doc. 24.2.

Recommendation

5. The Standing Committee is invited to note this report.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cites.org/eng/res/16/16-03.php>