

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



Sixty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFTERNOON

11. Meetings of the Conference of the Parties

11.1 Structure and length of future meetings SC65 Doc. 11.1

The Committee accepted the recommendation of the Secretariat that, in preparing the provisional working programme for future meetings of the Conference of the Parties, it should, as a general rule, follow the schedule that was adopted for CoP16.

11.2 Guidance on the submission of credentials..... SC65 Doc. 11.2

The Committee noted the Secretariat guidance on the submission of credentials and agreed to establish an intersessional working group chaired by China, and with members from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kuwait, Niger and representatives of the European Union.

11.3 Arrangements for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties..... *No document*

The Committee noted the oral report on progress from South Africa.

12. Organization of special meetings SC65 Doc. 12

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Secretariat in the document, noting that interested Parties should send their comments to the Secretariat. It also agreed that the consultative group would comprise Botswana and Niger.

13. Scientific committees

13.1 Report of the Animals Committee *No document*

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

13.2 Report of the Plants Committee *No document*

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

13.3 Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committee..... SC65 Doc. 13.3

The Committee noted the information contained in the discussion document as well as the oral report of the Secretariat and agreed to continue consideration of this matter at its 66th meeting.

15. Celebration of the first World Wildlife Day SC65 Doc. 15

The Committee agreed to the recommendations in document SC65 Doc. 15 and established the Working Group on World Wildlife Day. The membership was as follows: Bahrain, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Côte

d'Ivoire, Guyana, Italy, Kuwait, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Convention on Migratory Species, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC and Wildlife Conservation Society. The Decision on the Chair of the Working Group is to be taken later during the meeting.

16. Cooperation with other organizations

16.1 Overview..... *No document*

It was noted that the Secretary-General had already provided his oral report on this subject in his earlier interventions.

16.2 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals SC65 Doc. 16.2

The Committee welcomed the cooperation between the secretariats of CITES and Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, noted the report in Annex 1 of document SC65 Doc.16.2 and endorsed the CMS-CITES Joint Work Programme 2015-2020 in Annex 2 of document SC65 Doc.16.2.

16.3 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Report of the working group)..... SC65 Doc. 16.3

The Committee agreed to extend the Working Group until SC66 with a mandate to consider all options for enhancing cooperation with FAO, including an overarching memorandum of understanding on institutional cooperation, a subsidiary cooperative agreement regarding forestry resources and consideration of how those two instruments might work together. The Committee also agreed that the Chair and members would remain those described in paragraph 7 of document SC65 Doc. 16.3. The Committee further agreed that the Secretariat should seek advice from FAO relevant to this work.

16.4 International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime SC65 Doc. 16.4

The Committee commended the activities completed by the CITES Secretariat, INTERPOL, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Bank and the World Customs Organization as the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), and noted the report on activities completed by ICWC in document SC65 Doc 16.4.

16.5 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services..... SC65 Doc. 16.5

The Committee agreed that the mandate of the Working Group comprised relevant decisions adopted at CoP16 and the recommendations adopted at the joint session of AC27/PC21. The Committee also agreed that the Secretariat should issue a Notification inviting Parties to nominate experts to the planned IPBES assessment on sustainable use, as soon as the IPBES Secretariat launched its invitation for such nominations in September 2014. Hungary expressed its wish to join the Working Group.

16.6 International Tropical Timber Organization..... *No document*

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 18.1 and the oral report on this agenda item.

16.7 Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions..... SC65 Doc. 16.7

The Committee noted document SC65 Doc. 16.7 and the oral report of the Secretariat.

17. Access to finance, including GEF Funding and innovative mechanisms SC65 Doc. 17

The Committee noted document SC65 Doc. 17 and welcomed the progress made regarding access to finance for implementation of COP16 Decisions; Access to GEF; and the establishment of a Endangered Species Technology and Innovation Fund (ESTIF). It also re-established the Working Group on "Access to Finance, including GEF funding and innovative mechanisms" under the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, with the same membership and the addition of World Wildlife Fund, Species Survival Network and Wildlife Conservation Society.