

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

MORNING

The executive summary of the first session, contained in document SC65 Sum. 1, was adopted without amendments. Regarding the executive summary of the second session, in document SC65 Sum. 2, under item 15, Botswana was added as a member of the working group. With that amendment, the document was adopted.

5. Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee ..... SC65 Doc. 5

The Committee adopted the amendments to the Procedure presented in document SC65 Sum. 1.

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

The Committee noted the appointment of Botswana as Chair of the Working Group.

20. Capacity building

20.1 Needs assessment for strengthening the implementation of CITES ..... SC65 Doc. 20.1

The Committee noted the appointment of Australia as Chair of the Working Group.

42. Elephants

42.3 Decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade..... SC65 Doc. 42.3

The Committee decided that the Decision Making Mechanism Working Group established at SC64 should continue to work intersessionally. It also requested that the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Secretariat of UNEP, should prepare a background document, as mentioned in paragraph 8 of document SC65 Doc. 42.3, and make it available to the Working Group by January 2015 at the latest. The Secretariat was requested to report later in the present meeting on its proposed contents for the background document. The Working Group was invited to report on progress in the implementation of Decision 16.55 at SC66.

42.4 Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II..... SC65 Doc. 42.4

The Committee established an intersessional working group to review Resolution Conf. 10.9, while taking into account the proposal made in document CoP16 Doc. 73 (Rev. 1) and the Secretariat's comments in the same document and to report to the Committee at SC66. The membership of the Working Group is as follows: Botswana (Chair), Cameroon, Côte D'Ivoire, Kenya, Namibia, Niger, South Africa, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States, Zimbabwe, Environmental Investigation Agency, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, IUCN, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Pro Wildlife, Safari Club International, Species Survival Network, Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF and Zoological Society of London.

42.5 Elephant Protection Initiative ..... SC65 Doc. 42.5

The Committee noted the oral report provided by Botswana and the document provided by the proponents.

42.6 Preventing the illegal ivory trade under Article VII and through the internet ..... SC65 Doc. 42.6 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted the oral report provided by the Philippines and requested that Chad and the Philippines develop a proposal for consideration of this matter at the 17th Conference of the Parties.

42.8 Ivory stock in Burundi ..... SC65 Doc. 42.8

The Committee noted the oral report provided by Burundi and recommended that Burundi consider preparing a proposal for consideration of this matter by the 17th Conference of the Parties.

42.9 Reporting on trade in and registration of live Asian elephants ..... SC65 Doc. 42.9

The Committee noted the oral report provided by Italy on behalf of the European Union and agreed that the Secretariat, pending the availability of external resources, would conduct a review of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16), in particular the trade in live elephants, in Asian Elephant range States and other relevant Parties and report its findings at SC66.

26. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

26.1 Report of the Secretariat ..... SC65 Doc. 26.1

The Committee noted the contents of document SC65 Doc. 26.1 and the oral presentation of the Secretariat. Whilst doing so, the Committee agreed that if the Solomon Islands wished to resume exports of specimens of *Tursiops aduncus* using permits issued under Article IV of the Convention, it should first provide the Secretariat with details of the basis for its non-detriment finding (NDF). With respect to *Pericopsis elata* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Committee encouraged the Democratic Republic of the Congo to communicate to the Secretariat, by 30 November 2014, its annual export quota for 2015 on the basis of inventory management reports that have been submitted to the national forestry administration and to present its NDF process for this species at the 22nd meeting of the Plants Committee.

The Committee endorsed the recommendation in paragraph 13 of the document and agreed that if the Islamic Republic of Iran wished to resume exports of specimens of *Huso huso* using permits issued under Article IV of the Convention, it should first provide the Secretariat with details of the basis for its non-detriment finding.

The Committee endorsed the recommendations in the Annex to document SC65 Doc. 26.1 with the addition of a paragraph vi) for *Tridacna deresa* and for *Tridacna crocea*, *T. gigas*, *T. maxima* and *T. squamosa* stating “The Secretariat should issue a Notification to the Parties to state that no ranching or captive breeding of *Tridacna* species currently takes place in the Solomon Islands and that until further notice from the Secretariat, Parties should not authorize the importation of specimens from these sources from Solomon Islands”.

The Committee noted that the Secretariat will step-up its efforts to make available a fully functional database of actions undertaken under the Review of Significant Trade.