

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

42. Elephants

42.1 Elephant conservation, illegal killing and ivory trade ..... SC65 Doc. 42.1

and

42.2 National ivory action plans ..... SC65 Doc. 42.2

The Committee endorsed the recommendations arising from document SC65 Doc. 42.1 as presented in document SC65 Com. 7, with the following amendments:

- paragraph g) to read:

encourage Parties that submit ivory samples for analysis in accordance with Decision 16.83, to use the forensic analysis results as suggested in paragraphs 39 and 40 of document SC65 Doc. 42.1;

paragraph h) to read:

encourage Parties to share with the Secretariat and affected countries of origin information on the origin of ivory specimens, arising from forensic analysis of ivory samples, for use in further investigation and prosecution in these countries and by the MIKE and ETIS programmes and their reporting to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties;

The Committee endorsed the recommendations arising from document SC65 42.2, as presented in document SC65 Com. 7, with the following amendments:

paragraph d) to read:

request the Parties of “Primary Concern” to report on the further measures taken to implement their NIAPs to the Secretariat by 15 May 2015 and in the format used for the Secretariat’s evaluation of the progress reports as presented in the Annex to document SC65 42.2, so that the Secretariat can make the reports available to the Standing Committee and convey any recommendations it may have, as appropriate, at SC66;

paragraph f) to read:

taking into consideration the reports and the Secretariat’s evaluation, the Standing Committee will, at its 66th meeting, decide whether Parties have substantially achieved their NIAPs and should no longer be considered of primary concern; or have made progress but remain of primary concern; or have made insufficient progress and require compliance measures.

42.7 Disposal of ivory stocks ..... SC65 Doc. 42.7

The Committee endorsed the recommendations contained in document SC65 Com. 9, with the following amendment: deletion of the words “if needed” in paragraph c).

24. National reports

24.2 Special reporting requirements and reporting on trade in artificially-propagated plants ..... SC65 Doc. 24.2

The Committee endorsed the recommendations of the working group contained in the Annex to document SC65 Com. 6 on CITES reporting requirements. The Committee agreed that Annexes 2 (Strategic Vision indicators) and 3 (draft implementation report) to document SC65 Doc. 24.2 would be revised following the present meeting and a Notification would then be issued requesting comments from Parties within a limited time-span. The Committee further agreed that a Notification would be issued containing a special report format for use by Parties in implementing Decision 16.43, including a box where Parties could indicate whether they were willing for the information they provided to be shared with UNODC. The Committee also agreed to defer its consideration of the reporting on trade in artificially-propagated plants until its 66th meeting (SC66). The Committee also agreed that a Notification should be issued inviting comments from Parties on draft revised *Guidelines on the preparation and submission of annual reports* and that the Secretariat would further revise the draft Guidelines and present them for consideration at SC66.

42. Elephants

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

The Committee noted the oral report of the Secretariat on how it would develop the background document for the working group on the decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade.

27. Enforcement matters

27.1 Report of the Secretariat ..... SC65 Doc. 27.1

The Committee endorsed the draft mandate of the intersessional working group on implementation of Decision 16.39, as proposed in document SC65 Com. 2.

The Committee endorsed the draft mandate of the intersessional working group on pangolins as proposed in document SC65 Com. 8.

The Committee noted the oral report by the Secretariat and requested that it issue a Notification to Parties seeking updated information on trade in humphead wrasse and that it report at SC66.

50. Reports of regional representatives

50.1 Africa ..... no document

50.2 Asia ..... SC65 Doc. 50.2

50.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean ..... SC65 Doc. 50.3

50.4 Europe ..... SC65 Doc. 50.4

50.5 North America ..... SC65 Doc. 50.5

and

50.6 Oceania ..... SC65 Doc. 50.6

The Committee noted all of the reports received from regional representatives.

51. Any other business ..... No document

The Committee noted that the working group on purpose-of-transaction codes had been re-established at the 64th meeting (Bangkok, March 2013), in order to initiate implementation of Decision 14.54 (Rev. CoP16). The membership of the working group was confirmed as follows: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada (Chair), China, Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa and the United States of America; and Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, Animal Exhibitors Alliance, Animal Welfare Institute, Humane Society International, Lewis and Clark College, and Safari Club International.

52. Determination of the time and venue of the 66th meeting ..... No document

The Committee noted that a reservation had been made to hold the 66th meeting at the International Conference Centre of Geneva, from 31 August to 4 September 2015, and requested the Secretariat to explore the possibility of holding the meeting later in the year.

53. Closing remarks

Following the remarks by members of the Committee, observers representing Parties and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the Secretary-General, the Chair thanked all participants for their cooperation and thanked the Secretary-General, the Secretariat and the interpreters for their work, and closed the meeting at 17h18.