

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



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Strategic matters

CITES AND LIVELIHOODS

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**Draft decisions on CITES and livelihoods to be submitted at CoP17**

***Directed to Parties***

17.XX Parties are invited to:

- a) promote the use of the *CITES and livelihoods toolkit, guidelines and handbook* to carry out rapid assessments of the impact of the implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities, the implementation of activities which mitigate any negative impacts; and
- b) incorporate issues related to CITES and livelihoods into their national socio-economic and development plans.

17.XX Developing country Parties are encouraged to communicate with their national Ministries of finance, development, or other relevant Ministries, to seek the provision of financial support to the work in 17.XX above.

17.XX Developed country Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and public and private donors/investors are encouraged to provide financial and in-kind resources in support of the work in 17.XX above.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

17.XX The Secretariat shall Seek external funding from interested Parties, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support the work described in Decision 17.XX above.

17.XX Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) facilitate the organization of workshops and side-events to showcase successful livelihood experiences and exchange lessons learnt, in collaboration with interested Parties and relevant international and regional organizations;
- b) continue to update the relevant section on the CITES website to publish experiences and case studies related to CITES and livelihoods submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations;

- c) cooperate with relevant UN agencies, international and regional organizations to facilitate capacity-building activities that support Parties to implement the Convention as an important part of enabling livelihoods; and
- d) report at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the work above and other progress made with regard to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.6.