

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



Sixty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 11-15 January 2016

Administrative and financial matters

WORKING PROGRAMME  
(provisional)

**Monday 11 January 2016**

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| 08h00-10h30 | Registration of participants  |
| 08h30-10h20 | Closed session of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee   |
| 10h30-12h30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Opening remarks of the Chair</li><li>2. Opening remarks of the Secretary-General</li><li>3. Agenda</li><li>4. Working programme</li><li>5. Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5.1 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure</li><li>5.2 Proposed process to review the Rules of Procedure of CITES bodies</li></ol></li><li>6. Credentials</li><li>7. Admission of observers</li><li>8. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees</li><li>9. Administration of the Secretariat<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.1 Report of UNEP on administrative matters</li><li>9.2 Report of the Secretariat on administrative matters</li></ol></li><li>10. Financial matters<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>10.1 Financial reports for 2014 and 2015</li><li>10.2 Report on proposed budget scenarios for 2017-2019</li><li>10.4 Wildlife Donor Roundtable and findings and recommendations of the Secretariat</li></ol></li><li>11. Organization of special meetings</li><li>12. Arrangements for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>12.1 Preparation for CoP17</li><li>12.2 Draft agenda</li><li>12.3 Draft working programme</li><li>12.4 Rules of Procedure</li><li>12.5 Guidance on the submission of credentials: Report of the working group</li></ol></li></ol> |

- 12.6 Selection of nominees for chairmanship of the committees
- 12.7 Sponsored Delegates Project
- 14h00-18h00 30. National reports
  - 30.2 Special reporting requirements: Report of the working group
- 41. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens
  - 41.1 Report of the Secretariat
  - 41.2 Report of the Animals Committee
- 32. Enforcement matters
  - 32.3 Implementation and enforcement of the Convention as it relates to the trade in species listed in Appendix I: Report of the working group
  - 32.4 Illegal trade in Bahamian Rock Iguanas (*Cyclura rileyi*): Report of the contact group
- 44. Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)
  - 44.1 Report of the Secretariat
  - 44.2 Report of the working group

## Tuesday 12 January 2016

- 09h00-12h30 47. Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)
  - 47.1 Elephant conservation, illegal killing and ivory trade
  - 47.2 Report of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup
  - 47.3 Disposal of ivory stocks: the growth of ivory destructions
  - 47.6 Update on the Elephant Protection Initiative
- 29. National Ivory Action Plans process
- 47. Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)
  - 47.4 Decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade
    - 47.4.1 Report of the Secretariat
    - 47.4.2 Proposal by Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Kenya
  - 47.5 Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on *Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II*: Report of the working group
- 14h00-17h30 50. Pangolins (Manidae spp.)
  - 50.1 Report of the working group
  - 50.2 Report of the First Pangolin Range States Meeting
- 51. Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)
  - 51.1 Report of the Secretariat
  - 51.2 Report of the working group
- 54. Snake trade and conservation management
  - 54.1 Report of the Secretariat and of the Animals Committee
  - 54.2 Report of the working group
- 55. Sturgeons and paddlefish (Acipenseriformes spp.)
  - 55.1 Report of the working group
  - 55.2 Report of the Animals Committee
- 34. Traceability
  - 34.1 Overview by the Secretariat

- 34.2 Socio-economic considerations in the development of a global traceability information system for reptile skins
- 25. Annotations: Report of the working group
- 40. Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use

### Wednesday 13 January 2016

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| 09h00-12h30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. United Nations General Assembly resolutions on Tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife and Sustainable Development Goals</li> <li>14. Implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020</li> <li>15. World Wildlife Day           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15.1 Report of the Secretariat on World Wildlife Day 2015</li> <li>15.2 Celebration of World Wildlife Day: Report of the working group</li> </ul> </li> <li>16. Cooperation with other organizations           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.1 Overview of cooperation with other organizations</li> <li>16.2 Options to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies between CITES and the other biodiversity-related conventions</li> <li>16.3 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: Report of the working group</li> <li>16.4 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services: Report of the working group</li> <li>16.5 International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime</li> </ul> </li> <li>17. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures: Report of the working group</li> <li>18. CITES and livelihoods: Report of the working group</li> <li>19. Wildlife trade policy reviews</li> <li>20. Capacity-building           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20.1 Proposal for consolidating resolutions and decisions on capacity-building</li> <li>20.2 Needs assessment for strengthening the implementation of CITES: Report of the working group</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 14h00-17h30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Administration of the Secretariat           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.3 Report of the Working group on options for administrative hosting arrangements for the CITES Secretariat</li> </ul> </li> <li>21. Report of the Chair of the Plants Committee</li> <li>22. Review of Resolutions: Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>23. Extinct or possibly extinct species</li> <li>24. Periodic review of the Appendices</li> <li>26. National laws for implementation of the Convention           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26.1 Report of the Secretariat and decisions to be taken by the Standing Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>27. Exports and imports of CITES specimens subject to national decisions</li> <li>28. Application of Article XIII</li> <li>43. African teak (<i>Pericopsis elata</i>)</li> <li>30. National reports           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30.1 Submission of national reports</li> <li>30.3 Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants and harmonization of reporting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

31. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species
  - 31.1 Implementation of recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees
  - 31.2 Review of Standing Committee recommendations to suspend trade made more than two years ago
  - 31.3 Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade: Report of the Animals and Plants Committees

#### Thursday 14 January 2016

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| 09h00-12h30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32. Enforcement matters           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>32.2 Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of Appendix-I, -II and -III species: Report of the working group</li> <li>32.5 Cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>) – illegal trade: Report of the working group</li> </ol> </li> <li>33. Introduction from the sea: chartering</li> <li>35. Electronic permitting: Report of the working group</li> <li>36. Use of taxonomic serial numbers</li> <li>37. Purpose-of-transaction codes on CITES permits and certificates: Report of the working group</li> <li>38. Physical inspection of timber shipments</li> <li>39. Inclusion of CITES-listed species in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System</li> <li>42. Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>42.1 Registration of facility A-US-524 (Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc.) for hyacinth macaw (<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>)</li> <li>42.2 Registration of the operation “Nouvelle découverte” breeding <i>Astrochelys radiata</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>45. Bushmeat: Report of the working group</li> <li>46. Ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and rosewoods and palisanders (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.) from Madagascar           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>46.2 Report of Madagascar</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
| 14h00-17h30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48. Great apes (Hominidae spp.)           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>48.2 Revision of Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16) on Conservation of and trade in great apes</li> </ol> </li> <li>49. Humphead wrasse (<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>)</li> <li>52. Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga</i> spp.)</li> <li>53. Sharks and rays           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>53.1 Report of the Secretariat and of the Animals Committee</li> <li>53.2 Report of the working group</li> </ol> </li> <li>56. Tibetan antelope (<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>)</li> <li>57. Tortoises and freshwater turtles           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>57.1 Report of the Secretariat</li> <li>57.2 Report of the Animals Committee</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  |

58. *Totoaba (Totoaba macdonaldi)*: Opportunities for international collaboration within the CITES framework

**Friday 15 January 2016**

- 09h00-12h30      10.3 Report of the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee (and its Working group on Access to finance, including GEF funding and innovative mechanisms)
- Reports of in-session working groups and of the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee
- 14h00-17h30      59. Reports of regional representatives
- 59.1 Africa
  - 59.2 Asia
  - 59.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean
  - 59.4 Europe
  - 59.5 North America
  - 59.6 Oceania
60. Any other business
61. Determination of the time and venue of the 66th meeting
62. Closing remarks
- 62.1 Observers
    - Organizations
    - Non-party States
    - Parties
  - 62.2 Standing Committee
  - 62.3 Secretary-General
  - 62.4 Chair