

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



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Strategic matters

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITES STRATEGIC VISION: 2008-2020

1. This document has been submitted by Brazil.*
2. Resolution Conf. 16.3 on CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020 acknowledges the contribution of the CITES Convention to the achievement of the Strategic Plan adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the relevant Aichi Targets.
3. In order to achieve the purpose of the Strategic Vision, three goals were identified, including Goal 3, as follows:

Goal 3: Contribute to significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss and to achieving relevant globally-agreed goals and targets by ensuring that CITES and other multilateral instruments and processes are coherent and mutually supportive.

and

Objective 3.4: The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals, the sustainable development goals set at WSSD, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the relevant outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.

4. Taking into consideration that the Aichi Targets defined in the CBD Strategic Plan for 2011-2020 (COP 10 Decision X/2) include Target 12:

Target 12: By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained.

5. Highlighting that 623 (63%) of CITES Appendix-I listed species are classified in a threatened category, according to IUCN international criteria, and 429 (i.e., 44%) of the threatened species are experiencing population declines.

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Status of Appendix-I listed species*

Number of species listed in CITES Appendix I	975
Number of species listed in CITES Appendix I that are classified in a threatened category (EX/EW/CR/EN/VU)	623
() EX/EW/CR/EN/VU decreasing	429
() EX/EW/CR/EN/VU stable	23
() EX/EW/CR/EN/VU increasing	23

6. Recognizing the need for action and more effective participation by the Parties and the Convention in order to prevent the extinction of Appendix I species and improve the status of those species facing population decline.

Recommendation

7. Therefore, it is suggested that the Standing Committee:
- request the Secretariat to encourage Parties to provide information on the conservation status of Appendix-I listed species and on any relevant measures adopted;
 - encourage the Plants and Animals Committees to use the information received from the Parties to evaluate the status and trends of CITES Appendix-I listed species with regard to achievement of Aichi Target 12;
 - request the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Parties, to look for sources of funding for studies on the most endangered Appendix-I listed species, in respect of which there is currently no funding or project underway, or there has been no funding or related projects in the past;
 - submit a proposal to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with recommendations on how CITES can effectively contribute to the achievement of Aichi Target 12.