

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

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Trade control and traceability

INTRODUCTION FROM THE SEA: CHARTERING

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 65th meeting (SC65, Geneva, July 2014), the Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification inviting Parties, where relevant, to provide the information on chartering, which is anticipated under Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16), Decision 16.48 and paragraph 12 of document [SC65 Doc. 28](#).
3. On 30 July 2015, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties [No. 2015/042](#) on *Information to be submitted for the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee*. In paragraph h) of the Notification, Parties were requested to provide information on the experience they have gained with the provisions on chartering arrangements in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16), specifically:
 - the conditions under which non-detriment findings are made and permits and certificates are issued;
 - the relationship between chartering States and States in which the vessel is registered, in performing those tasks;
 - the capacity of chartering States and the States in which the vessels are registered to control compliance with the provisions of the CITES Convention, paying special attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Resolution pertaining to the legality of the acquisition and landing of the specimens concerned; and
 - in any cases where Parties have been unable to take advantage of the provision, including in situations where at least one of the States involved is not party to a relevant Regional Fishery Management Organization/Arrangement (RFMO/A).
4. As of writing, responses to the above-mentioned Notification had been received from China and the United States of America.
5. China advised that it had not received any application for an introduction from the sea certificate since Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) took effect.
6. The United States of America advised that it had nothing to report with regard to chartering and that it did not have any experience dealing with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on chartering arrangements.
7. Any further developments on this matter will be included in the Secretariat's oral report at the present meeting.

Recommendation

8. The Standing Committee is invited to take note of this document.