

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

SUMMARY

AFTERNOON

47. Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)

47.4 Decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade

47.4.1 Report of the Secretariat..... SC66 Doc. 47.4.1

and

47.4.2 Proposal by Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Kenya..... SC66 Doc. 47.4.2

The Standing Committee noted that the Working Group has been unable to conclude its work under Decision 16.55 and agreed to seek advice from the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting whether the mandate under Decision 16.55 (and formerly Decision 14.77) should or should not be extended.

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*..... *No document*

The Standing Committee agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the continuation of Decision 16.160 until the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

50. Pangolins (Manidae spp.)

50.1 Report of the working group ..... SC66 Doc. 50.1

and

50.2 Report of the First Pangolin Range States Meeting ..... SC66 Doc. 50.2

The Standing Committee agreed to reconvene the Working group on pangolins as an in-session working group with the mandate to draft a resolution on pangolins.

51. Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)

51.1 Report of the Secretariat..... SC66 Doc. 51.1

and

51.2 Report of the working group ..... SC66 Doc. 51.2

The Standing Committee agreed to reconvene the Working group on rhinoceroses as an in-session working group with the mandate to review all issues raised in documents SC66 Doc. 51.1 and 51.2 and during the plenary session, and to propose a consolidated set of recommendations on rhinoceroses.

54. Snake trade and conservation management

54.1 Report of the Secretariat and of the Animals Committee ..... SC66 Doc. 54.1

and

54.2 Report of the working group ..... SC66 Doc. 54.2

The Standing Committee agreed to reconvene the Working group on snake trade and conservation management as an in-session working group with the mandate to review the draft decisions and draft resolution in documents SC66 Doc. 54.1 and 54.2; and to consider tagging and traceability issues in relation to stockpiles.

55. Sturgeons and paddlefish (Acipenseriformes spp.)

55.1 Report of the working group ..... SC66 Doc. 55.1

and

55.2 Report of the Animals Committee..... SC66 Doc. 55.2

The Standing Committee agreed to reconvene the Working group on sturgeons and paddlefish as an in-session working group with the mandate to review the draft resolution and other unresolved issues in documents 55.1 and 55.2.

34. Traceability

34.1 Overview by the Secretariat..... SC66 Doc. 34.1 (Rev. 1)

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 34.1 (Rev. 1) and agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the draft decisions on traceability as follows:

*DIRECTS the Standing Committee to:*

1. *Establish a working group on traceability systems in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat to:*
  - a) *Recommend a working definition of traceability systems to assist Parties in work related to the implementation of such systems;*
  - b) *Encourage that the development by Parties of traceability systems be mutually complementary, supportive and standardized, as appropriate, and that they also meet the unique needs of any CITES-listed species;*
  - c) *Provide general guidance on a governance structure to administer and oversee the development of traceability systems using lessons learned from the development of the global CITES permits and certificates system;*

- d) *Develop, subject to the availability of external resources, and use umbrella guidelines, and recommend standards, as appropriate, to develop traceability systems for different species that are mutually supportive and that generate standardized data;*
- e) *Describe the CITES value chain, subject to the availability of external resources, using Unified Modelling Language and identify points throughout the value chain where species must be located, identified and its application defined;*
- f) *Collaborate with the working group on e-permitting to ensure links between CITES permits and certificates and traceability identifiers;*
- g) *Collaborate with United Nations and other relevant organizations involved and that have experience in the development and use of traceability standards and systems; and,*
- h) *Draft a Resolution on traceability for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;*

*INVITES Parties to:*

- 1. *Support the working group in its work on traceability;*
- 2. *Advise the working group on the development of projects and new information related to traceability;*
- 3. *Adhere, whenever possible, to international standards and norms related to traceability systems in the development of these systems;*
- 4. *Use data, as appropriate, generated from traceability systems in activities related to non-detriment findings and monitoring programmes; and,*
- 5. *Collaborate in the provision of capacity-building programmes that promote South-South and North-South cooperation in the development of traceability systems.*

*DIRECTS the Secretariat, subject to the availability of external funding, to:*

- 1. *Develop a portal on the CITES website on traceability to make available:*
  - a) *Recommendations by the working group on a definition on traceability, general traceability guidelines, and other relevant information;*
  - b) *Information on new projects on traceability;*
  - c) *Information on global organizations working on traceability standards and systems; and,*
  - d) *Relevant documents, research papers and guidelines on traceability;*
- 2. *In collaboration with the Standing Committee working group established under Decision 17.XX and UN/CEFACT, commission a report by a global organization or expert with experience in the development of standards related to traceability, to:*
  - a) *Describe a possible governance model for use in CITES traceability systems;*
  - b) *Map and describe using Unified Modelling Language or a similar tool, the CITES supply and value chain;*
  - c) *Identify and recommend appropriate information exchange protocols and standards for use in CITES traceability systems;*
  - d) *Describe a generic CITES traceability standard for use as a common model; and*
  - e) *Report on the conclusions of the report at the 69th meeting or the Standing Committee.*

34.2 Socio-economic considerations in the development of a global traceability information system for reptile skins ..... SC66 Doc. 34.2

The Standing Committee agreed to refer the recommendations in document SC66 Doc. 34.2 to the in-session working group on snake trade and conservation management.

6. Credentials..... *No document*

The Standing Committee noted that 79 Parties were represented by delegations at the meeting, of which six had not provided credentials. All delegations of the voting members of the Standing Committee had provided credentials.