

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

MORNING

25. Annotations: Report of the working group SC66 Doc. 25

The Standing Committee noted the wide support among Parties present for the inclusion of the definitions of annotations in the interpretation section of the Appendices.

The Standing Committee endorsed the proposed amendments to Resolutions Conf. 5.20 (Rev. CoP16) on *Guidelines for the Secretariat when making recommendations in accordance with Article XV*, Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) on *Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II* and Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP16) on *Inclusion of species in Appendix III* located in Annexes 1 through 3 and requested the Secretariat to submit a document at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties proposing that the Parties adopt the amendments.

The Standing Committee agreed to reconvene the Working group on annotations as an in-session working group with the mandate to address unresolved issues in Annex 4 and other outstanding issues.

40. Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use SC66 Doc. 40

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 40 and encouraged all Parties to comply with Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) on *Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use*.

13. United Nations General Assembly resolutions on Tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife and Sustainable Development Goals..... SC66 Doc. 13

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 13.

14. Implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020 SC66 Doc. 14

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 14 and encouraged Brazil to submit its proposal to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties ensuring that its proposal complements existing initiatives and taking into account the volume of work that the proposal will entail. The Standing Committee encouraged Brazil to circulate its draft proposal to the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committee and to the Secretariat.

15. World Wildlife Day

15.1 Report of the Secretariat on World Wildlife Day 2015 SC66 Doc. 15.1 (Rev. 1)

and

15.2 Celebration of World Wildlife Day: Report of the working group *No document*

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 15.1 and the oral report by the Chair of the Working group on World Wildlife Day; and further noted the request for more Parties, particularly developed countries, to participate in World Wildlife Day and the need for additional funding.

16. Cooperation with other organizations

16.1 Overview of cooperation with other organizations *No document*

and

16.2 Options to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies between CITES and the other biodiversity-related conventions SC66 Doc. 16.2

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 16.2 and agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the draft decisions amended as follows:

Directed to the Parties

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The Parties are encouraged to participate in activities to strengthen synergies at the national level among biodiversity related conventions.

Directed to the Standing Committee

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The Standing Committee shall, with support of the Secretariat, explore, as appropriate, any options consistent with the CITES Strategic Vision to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies on activities related to the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity and its Aichi Targets and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, between CITES and the other biodiversity-related conventions members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, at all relevant levels, including through their respective programmes of work and the Standing Committee shall report, as necessary, to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

16.3 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: Report of the working group SC66 Doc. 16.3

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 16.3 and the comments made by Standing Committee members and by Parties during the plenary session and instructed the Secretariat to continue liaising with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to use draft Memorandum for Cooperation in the Annex to document SC66 Doc. 16.3 as a basis for discussion.

16.4 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services: Report of the working group SC66 Doc. 16.4

The Standing Committee agreed that, at present, there is no need for a Resolution which specifically recognizes the relationship between CITES and IPBES and further agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the draft decisions as follows:

Directed to the Parties

16.13 (Rev. CoP17)

- a) *Parties should consider promoting actions to reinforce linkages between IPBES and CITES and to strengthen the science-policy interface at the national and international levels, including through the governing body of IPBES, as appropriate; and*
- b) *Parties are invited to provide inputs to the Secretariat in order to provide timely responses to IPBES in regard to CITES participation.*

Directed to the Standing Committee

16.14 (Rev. CoP17)

The Standing Committee shall establish a working group on IPBES, including the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees and the Secretariat, to assist its efforts to ensure that:

- a) *there is a two-way relationship between CITES and IPBES in which CITES is a user or beneficiary of IPBES as well as a contributor to IPBES;*
- b) *communication between CITES and IPBES for the conveyance of government requests is effective;*
- c) *work of IPBES takes into account the needs of national scientific and management authorities to foster the use of applied science for the implementation of CITES, including the making of non-detriment and legal acquisition findings, and related trade decisions; and*
- d) *CITES requests and input to intersessional and regular work undertaken by IPBES are provided in accordance with relevant timelines.*

Any inputs to IPBES developed by the intersessional working group shall, with the endorsement of the Chair of the Standing Committee after consultation with the Committee, be conveyed to IPBES by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall consider the need for drafting a resolution which specifically recognizes the relationship between CITES and IPBES.

The Standing Committee shall report at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the results of this work.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

16.15 (Rev. CoP17)

The Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) *assist the Standing Committee with the implementation of Decision 16.14 (Rev. CoP17) ;*
- b) *subject to external funds, participate as observers in the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) and thereby reinforce linkages between the MEP and the CITES scientific committees; and*
- c) *report regularly to the Standing Committee on their activities under paragraph a) above.*

Directed to the Secretariat

16.16 (Rev. CoP17)

The Secretariat shall:

- a) *under the policy guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, and in cooperation with the Standing Committee's intersessional Working Group on IPBES, established pursuant to Decision 16.14 (Rev. CoP17), continue to track and contribute to the intersessional and regular work of IPBES bodies;*
- b) *subject to external funds, participate as an observer in the governing body of IPBES and thereby reinforce linkages between that body and the governing bodies of CITES;*
- c) *explore with other biodiversity-related conventions possible means for facilitating cooperation between the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) and the IPBES Secretariat;*
- d) *seek external funding to support attendance at IPBES meetings by the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees and the Secretariat; and*
- e) *report regularly to the Standing Committee, as well as at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the results of this work.*

16.5 International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime..... SC66 Doc. 16.5

The Standing Committee strongly supported the work of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC); noted document SC66 Doc. 16.5; encouraged Parties to make full use of the “ICWC indicator framework for wildlife and forest crime”, developed by the Secretariat on behalf of ICWC, to measure and monitor the effectiveness of their national law enforcement responses to illegal trafficking in wildlife, and to initiate actions as appropriate, to ensure that these responses are adequate; and encouraged Parties to provide financial support to strengthen the Consortium to ensure that it continues to take a leading role in providing coordinated global support to the law enforcement community by implementing its mission and global programme.

18. CITES and livelihoods: Report of the working group SC66 Doc. 18

The Standing Committee noted the progress reported in document SC66 Doc. 18; welcomed the upcoming workshop of the CITES and Livelihoods Working Group; and encouraged Parties and other organizations to undertake the case studies mentioned in paragraph 10 of document SC66 Doc. 18, or adapt their ongoing work to apply the Handbook for the application of CITES and livelihoods toolkit and guidelines, and share their experience with the CITES and Livelihoods Working Group.

The Standing Committee agreed that it would consider later in the week the draft decisions proposed by the working group once they have been circulated as an in-session document.

19. Wildlife trade policy reviews SC66 Doc. 19

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 19.