

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

Reports of in-session working groups

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

The Standing Committee adopted document SC66 Com. 2 as amended in the plenary session and thus agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the following draft decisions:

***Directed to Parties***

17.XX *Parties are invited to:*

- a) *promote the use of the CITES and livelihoods toolkit, guidelines and handbook to carry out rapid assessments of the impact of the implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities, the implementation of activities which mitigate any negative impacts; and*
- b) *incorporate issues related to CITES and livelihoods into their national socio-economic and development plans.*

17.XX *Developing country Parties are encouraged to communicate with their national Ministries of finance, development, or other relevant Ministries, to seek the provision of financial support to the work in 17.XX above.*

17.XX *Developed country Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and public and private donors/investors are encouraged to provide financial and in-kind resources in support of the work in 17.XX above.*

***Directed to the Secretariat***

17.XX *The Secretariat shall seek external funding from interested Parties, and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to support the work described in Decision 17.XX above.*

17.XX *Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the Secretariat shall:*

- a) *facilitate the organization of workshops and side-events to showcase successful livelihood experiences and exchange lessons learnt, in collaboration with interested Parties and relevant international and regional organizations;*
- b) *continue to update the relevant section on the CITES website to publish experiences and case studies related to CITES and livelihoods submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations;*

- c) *cooperate with relevant UN agencies, international and regional organizations to facilitate capacity-building activities that support Parties to implement the Convention as an important part of enabling livelihoods; and*
- d) *report at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the work above and other progress made with regard to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.6.*

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 adopted document SC66 Com. 7 with the following amendments:

- deletion of paragraphs b), m) and o); and
- inclusion of the following paragraph at the end of document SC66 Com. 7:

recommend that the Standing Committee propose an amendment to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP15) for consideration at the 17th Conference of the Parties thus:

under the first URGES paragraph a)

- a) *all Parties that have stocks of rhinoceros horn to identify, mark, register and secure such stocks and declare these to the Secretariat each year before 28 February, in a format to be defined by the Secretariat*

under DIRECTS the Secretariat to

- d) *make an aggregated summary of the rhinoceros horn stock declarations of Parties available to the IUCN/SSN African and Asian Rhino Specialist Groups and TRAFFIC for analysis and inclusion in their reporting to the Secretariat pursuant to the Resolution;*

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 encouraged range and consumer States who have not yet replied to the questionnaire sent out by the Secretariat through Notification to the Parties No. 2014/059 to do so.

The Standing Committee adopted document SC66 Com. 4 and thus agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the draft resolution on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins* in document SC66 Com. 4 with the following amendments:

- in the second paragraph of the preamble, replace *Manis* by *Manidae*; and
- in the seventh paragraph of the preamble, replace the last word “lacking” by “needed”.

The Standing Committee agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the draft decision in document SC66 Com. 4 with the following amendments:

- under paragraph a), in line 5, instead of “Resolution xx”, the text should read “Resolution Conf. 17.XX”; and

- under paragraph a), in line 5, insert “parts and derivatives” after “pangolin specimens”.

9. Administration of the Secretariat

9.2 Report of the Secretariat on administrative matters ..... SC66 Doc. 9.2

and

10. Financial matters

10.1 Financial reports for 2014 and 2015..... SC66 Doc. 10.1

and

10.3 Report of the Finance and budget sub-committee (and its Working group on Access to finance, including GEF funding and innovative mechanisms) ..... *No document*

The Standing Committee adopted document SC66 Com. 5 with the following amendments:

- under *Takes note of document SC66 Doc. 10.2*, line 2 should read “break down” instead of “break out”; and
- under *Access to GEF funding*, point ii) line 1 should read “SC67” instead of “SC65” and point v) line 2 should read “GEF-7” instead of “GEF-6”.

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 adopted document SC66 Com. 6 with the following amendments:

- the third operative paragraph under **Regarding non-detriment findings (NDF)** should read as follows:

*DIRECTS URGES Parties and the Secretariat to use the general snake NDF guidance contained in Resolution Conf. 16.7 and its updates in capacity-building workshops and relevant training materials*

47. Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)

47.2 Report of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup..... *No document*

The Standing Committee noted this report of the Subgroup in document SC66 Com. 9.

41. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens

41.1 Report of the Secretariat..... SC66 Doc. 41.1

41.2 Report of the Animals Committee..... SC66 Doc. 41.2

and

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 ..... SC66 Doc. 32.3

32.4 Illegal trade in Bahamian Rock Iguanas (*Cyclura rileyi*): Report of the contact group ..... SC66 Doc. 32.4

The Standing Committee adopted document SC66 Com. 10 with the following amendments:

- deletion on page 2 of the whole section entitled "**Recommendation on exports of Caiman crocodilus fuscus from Colombia**"
- deletion on page 3 of the section entitled "**Recommendation on exports of poison arrow frogs from Panama**"

In the draft resolution on **Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity**:

- under "**Stage 3 – Review and recommendation by the Animals and Standing Committee**", in paragraph g), the word "if" should be added in line 3 between the words "determine" and "trade"
- under "**Stage 4 – Measures to be taken regarding the implementation of recommendations**", in paragraph o), the words "or Plants" should be deleted in line 3 and the "s" of "Chairs" in the same line should be deleted
- "**Regarding capacity-building, monitoring, reporting, and evaluating the review process**", should be preceded by the words "**Stage 5**"

The Standing Committee encouraged Parties to comment on Annexes 3 and 4 of document SC66 Doc. 41.1 before 12 February 2016.

The Standing Committee agreed that the declaration made by Colombia on *Caiman crocodilus fuscus* would be included in the summary record of this meeting.

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

The Standing Committee adopted document SC66 Com. 12.

46. Ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and rosewoods and palisanders (*Dalbergia* spp.) from Madagascar

46.1 Report of the Secretariat ..... SC66 Doc. 46.1

and

46.2 Report of Madagascar ..... SC66 Doc. 46.2

The Standing Committee adopted a revised version of document SC66 Com. 13 as follows:

The Standing Committee recommended that all Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar until:

- i) Madagascar submits a report to the Secretariat by 25th July 2016, demonstrating that the country has significantly increased enforcement actions at the national level. Madagascar should in particular report about seizures, prosecutions and sanctions, in line with point 5 of the action plan adopted at CoP16 and recommendations b) and c) adopted during SC65, as well as implementation of the recommendations of the WIST mission presented in paragraphs 11 and 12 of SC66 Doc. 46.1.
- ii) the Secretariat assess the report by Madagascar and evaluate in particular how the actions implemented by Madagascar fulfil the requirements presented under point 5 of the action plan adopted at CoP16 and recommendations b) and c) adopted during SC65.

- iii) the Secretariat shares its assessment of Madagascar's report with the Standing Committee at SC67; and
- iv) the CITES Standing Committee has approved the results of a stockpile audit and use plan to determine what components of the *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. stockpiles have been legally accumulated and can be legally exported.

The Standing Committee advised Madagascar that, if it does not make significant progress by the 67th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC67) in implementing the actions outlined in paragraph a), it will consider additional compliance measures, which may include a recommendation to all Parties to suspend commercial trade in specimens of all CITES-listed species from Madagascar.

The Standing Committee drew the attention of Madagascar and relevant Parties to the options outlined in paragraph 35 of document SC66 Doc. 46.1 concerning the disposal of seized illegal consignments of timber from Madagascar, and particularly option a) in paragraph 35.

The Standing Committee encouraged interested Parties to organize an international workshop on rosewood and palisanders and CITES in order to strengthen the global implementation of the Convention for trade in *Dalbergia* spp.

The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a revised version of Decision 16.152 or a new set of Decisions for consideration at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure effective implementation of the Convention for trade in Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.), and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.).

43. African teak (*Pericopsis elata*) ..... SC66 Doc. 43

The Standing Committee adopted document SC66 Com. 14 with the following amendment:

- in paragraph c), insertion of “for *Pericopsis elata* (Afromosia)” after the word “certificate” and before “issued by the DRC”.

44. Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)

44.1 Report of the Secretariat..... SC66 Doc. 44.1

and

44.2 Report of the working group ..... SC66 Doc. 44.2

The Standing Committee adopted document SC66 Com. 11.

59. Reports of regional representatives

59.1 Africa..... SC66 Doc. 59.1

59.2 Asia..... SC66 Doc. 59.2

59.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean ..... SC66 Doc. 59.3

59.4 Europe ..... SC66 Doc. 59.4

59.5 North America ..... SC66 Doc. 59.5

and

59.6 Oceania ..... SC66 Doc. 59.6

The Standing Committee noted all of the reports received from regional representatives.

60. Any other business ..... *No document*

The Standing Committee noted that Chile had withdrawn its request to address the issue of vicuña during this session of the Committee.

61. Determination of the time and venue of the 67th and 68th meetings..... *No document*

The Committee noted that its 67th and 68th meetings would take place in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 23 September 2016, and that its 68th meeting would be held immediately after the close of CoP17, on 5 October 2016.

Adoption of Executive Summaries

The Committee agreed that outstanding Executive Summaries would be adopted using the procedure provided for in Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.

62. Closing remarks

Following the remarks by members of the Committee, observers representing Parties and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the Secretary-General, the Chair thanked all participants for their cooperation and thanked the Secretary-General, the Secretariat and the interpreters for their work, and closed the meeting at 17h20.