

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



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STOCKS AND STOCKPILES OF SPECIMENS OF CITES-LISTED SPECIES

This document has been prepared by the Canada, Hungary, Israel and South Africa on the basis of document SC69 Doc. 43.

With the assistance of the Secretariat, the Working Group will pursue the following objectives:

- a) Review the existing provisions agreed by the Parties concerning controls on stocks of specimens of CITES-listed species provided in Annex 2 of document SC69 Doc. 43.
- b) Identify CITES conservation and enforcement objectives in the management of both government and privately held stocks and stockpiles of specimens.
- c) Suggest definitions of "stock" and "stockpile".
- d) Consult with Parties affected by the measures in Annex 2 of document SC69 Doc. 43 to request information concerning the resources they use to implement these Resolutions and Decisions including any significant challenges they face in maintaining these stockpiles and using this information consider resource implications for Parties and the Secretariat.
- e) Consult with Parties, INTERPOL, World Customs Organization, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, World Trade Organization, museums, appropriate representatives of private industry and any other technical experts to identify best practices for robust stockpile management, identification of specimens (age and origin), inventory, corruption prevention, management systems and disposal / destruction, with particular sensitivity to cost effectiveness required by developing countries.
- f) Explore the legal implications of a Party selling a confiscated specimen to identify mechanisms that harmonise CITES practice with international legal standards.
- g) Consider different approaches to managing stockpiles of legally acquired specimens, and stockpiles of confiscated specimens, as well as the different treatment of stockpiles containing species listed in Appendices I, II and III.
- h) On the basis of the discussions at SC69 and the results of paragraphs a) to g) above, report conclusions and recommendations to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.