

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



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ILLEGAL TRADE IN TIBETAN ANTELOPE (*PANTHOLOPS HODGSONII*)

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Draft recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee

The working group recommends that the Standing Committee adopt the following recommendations:

1. Countries affected by the illegal trade in parts and derivatives of the Tibetan antelope are encouraged to:
  - a) in line with Resolution Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP17) paragraph 1.d) evaluate whether there are any stockpiles of raw wool or finished products of Tibetan antelope specimens in their country and report this to the Secretariat by 31 May 2018;
  - b) consider analyzing such stockpiles so that information can be gained regarding the origin of those in order to address the divergence in reported numbers of confiscations and poaching incidents;
  - c) continue their efforts towards strengthening enforcement controls with the aim of eliminating illegal trade in Tibetan antelope parts and derivatives in line with Resolution Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP17) paragraphs 1.a) and 3.a);
  - d) raise awareness with enforcement officers of the known modus operandi and smuggling routes and provide relevant training for front line officers on identification of the raw wool and products made from the Tibetan antelope;
  - e) identify relevant enforcement strategies, nationally and/ or regionally where the illegal trade of Tibetan antelope specimens takes place, and implement those to strengthen enforcement cooperation;
  - f) work together to produce a hands-on training manual comprised of material and information that is already available, specifically to support enforcement officers in the field;
  - g) share such training material with the Secretariat to make it available on the CITES website and on Environet, as appropriate;
  - h) strengthen the exchange of intelligence between relevant Parties and conduct analyses with the aim to enable targeted joint operations, as appropriate in line with Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17) paragraph 13 sub-paragraphs j) and p);
  - i) improve the reporting to the Secretariat as requested in Resolution Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP17) paragraph 3 c); and
  - j) implement demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in Tibetan antelope specimens in line with Resolution Conf. 17.4.