

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



Sixty-ninth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 27 November – 1 December 2017

SUMMARY

MORNING

29. Compliance matters

29.4 Illegal trade in species: Grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*) ..... SC69 Doc. 29.4

The Standing Committee agreed to defer consideration of this agenda item until the author of the document, the Republic of Congo, joins the meeting.

49. Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

49.1 Report of Madagascar ..... SC69 Doc. 49.1 (Rev. 1)

and

49.2 Report of the Secretariat ..... SC69 Doc. 49.2

The Standing Committee established an in-session working group on Malagasy *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp. with the following mandate to:

Within the mandate of the Standing Committee as provided in Decision 17.207,

- a) clarify the understanding of the scope of the Standing Committee's current trade suspension;
- b) consider lifting or maintaining the current trade suspension; and
- c) consider additional recommendations on the provision of financial and technical support to Madagascar, the conditions for the sale of existing stockpiles and the localization and seizure of undeclared stockpiles.

The membership of the in-session working group on Malagasy *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp. was agreed as follows: Canada (Chair), Chad, China, European Union, Kenya, Madagascar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and the United States of America; and Chambre Syndicale de la Façture Instrumentale, Environmental Investigation Agency, Forest Based Solutions, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Bank, World Resources Institute and World Wildlife Fund.

51. Elephants (*Elephantidae* spp.)

51.1 Elephant conservation, illegal killing and ivory trade ..... SC69 Doc. 51.1

- a) The Standing Committee encouraged Parties, in their implementation of CITES provisions concerning trade in elephant specimens that are contained in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, to take account of the trends in illegal trade in ivory and other

elephant specimens and poaching described in the report in the Annex of document SC69 Doc. 51.1.

- b) The Standing Committee noted that the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup intended to meet in the margins of the present meeting, and report back later in the week.
- c) The Standing Committee reminded Parties to use the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports*, updated in January 2017, when reporting on trade in hunting trophies of *Loxodonta africana*.
- d) The Standing Committee recognized the contributions that several Parties have made to the African Elephant Fund, and the importance of the smooth operation and management of the Fund.
- e) The Standing Committee noted the stockpile management system of the NGO 'Stop Ivory' as one stockpile management system that is available to Parties and has been used by some Parties. The Standing Committee invited the Secretariat to review the stockpile management system by 'Stop Ivory' and advise on those aspects of that system that would be useful for Parties in meeting their reporting requirements under Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) within the framework of Decision 17.171.
- f) The Standing Committee urged Asian elephant range States to exchange lessons learned and experiences on registration systems for live Asian elephants.

51.2 Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on the closure of domestic ivory markets..... SC69 Doc. 51.2

- a) The Standing Committee commended the efforts made, or under way, by some Parties to close their domestic ivory markets in conformity with the provisions in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, as amended at the recent Conference of the Parties, including but not limited to the actions taken by China and the United States of America.
- b) The Standing Committee directed the Secretariat to issue a Notification to all Parties drawing their attention to paragraph 3 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) recommending "that all Parties and non-Parties in whose jurisdiction there is a legal domestic market for ivory that is contributing to poaching or illegal trade, take all necessary legislative, regulatory and enforcement measures to close their domestic markets for commercial trade in raw and worked ivory as a matter of urgency".
- c) The Standing Committee also directed the Secretariat in the Notification mentioned in paragraph b) above to invite relevant Parties to provide to the Secretariat information specified in paragraph 8 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on the status of the legality of their domestic ivory markets and efforts to implement the provisions of the Resolution, including efforts to close domestic markets that contribute to poaching or illegal trade.
- d) In this regard, the Standing Committee reminded the Secretariat that it should report at the 70th meeting of the Committee on the implementation of provisions relating to domestic ivory markets contained in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) and Decision 17.87.

51.3 Implementing the CoP17 Decisions on ivory stocks and stockpiles ..... SC69 Doc. 51.3

The Standing Committee agreed to seek a timeframe and detailed cost estimate from the Secretariat for completing the work detailed in Decision 17.171, taking into account and making use of the available existing material, and further information to be obtained from Parties and experts; acknowledged the contributions made prior to or during the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee; renewed the call for further external contributions to ensure that the Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting can be fully and swiftly implemented; and acknowledged the contributions in kind already made as well as any subsequent financial or other contributions made prior to, or during the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.

51.4 Update on the Elephant Protection Initiative ..... SC69 Doc. 51.4

The Standing Committee noted the report from the Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) and the actions of EPI members States and partners reported therein.

## 29. Compliance matters

### 29.3 National ivory action plans process: Report of the Secretariat ..... SC69 Doc. 29.3

The Standing Committee agreed to endorse the new names for the NIAP Party categories suggested in paragraph 150 of document SC69 Doc. 29.3, including an explanation for each category; and requested the Secretariat to prepare a proposal to amend Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) accordingly to reflect these changes and to request ETIS to use the new names in future ETIS Reports, for consideration by the Standing Committee and onward submission to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Standing Committee requested the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup to consider recommendation w) on ETIS methodology in paragraph 158 of document SC69 Doc. 29.3 and report back later in the meeting.

The Standing Committee established an in-session working group on national ivory action plans process with a mandate to:

- a) review all country-specific recommendations in paragraph 158 of document SC69 Doc. 29.3; and
- b) consider further recommendations.

The membership of the in-session working group on national ivory action plans process was agreed as follows: Canada (Chair), Belgium, Botswana, Chad, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Gabon, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Qatar, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe; and Born Free Foundation, Conservation Alliance of Kenya, Conservation Force, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, Environmental Investigation Agency, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Ivory Education Institute, Japan Tiger and Elephant Fund, Livelihood International, Pro Wildlife, Save the Elephants, Species Survival Network, The True Green Alliance, TRAFFIC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vulcan / Paul G. Allen Philanthropies, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund, Zoological Society of London.