

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

AFTERNOON

21. Capacity-building needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition: Report of the Secretariat..... SC69 Doc. 21

The Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 21 and expressed its general support for the approaches to capacity-building outlined in paragraph 12 of document SC69 Doc. 21. The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to further consider approaches and provide further advice to the Standing Committee on ways to consolidate and rationalize capacity-building activities, taking into consideration interventions made at its 69th meeting.

26. Review of Resolutions and Decisions: Report of the Secretariat SC69 Doc. 26

The Standing Committee agreed to the proposed corrections of the non-substantive errors in Resolutions and Decisions outlined in paragraph 2 of document SC69 Doc. 26, with the amendment proposed by the United States of America to Decision 17.219 to keep “specimens of” and delete “specimens” and the additional correction of the misspelling of the word “subparagraph” proposed by Canada in paragraph 1 f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17). The Standing Committee noted the Secretariat’s intention to propose revisions to certain Resolutions as indicated in paragraph 5 of the same document and agreed that revisions to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf. 9.20 (Rev.) were not necessary.

27. National laws for implementation of the Convention: Report of the Secretariat SC69 Doc. 27 (Rev. 1)

The Standing Committee congratulated Chile, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Israel, Kuwait and Morocco with the results of their efforts leading to an agreement with the Secretariat on placing their legislation in Category 1.

The Standing Committee identified Botswana, Guinea, Congo, India, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, and Uzbekistan as additional Parties requiring its attention as a priority and requested the Secretariat to inform those Parties of this decision formally, drawing their attention to Decisions 17.62 and 17.63; and to update the legislative status table accordingly. The Committee further requested the Secretariat to send a formal warning letter to Kazakhstan.

The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to issue a formal warning to Mongolia and Tunisia requesting them to report to SC70 and agreed that if no substantive progress is reported, they will be subject to a recommendation to suspend trade.

The Standing Committee agreed to consider further compliance measures at its 70th meeting with regard to concerned Parties, i.e. Parties whose legislation is in Category 2 or 3 under the National legislation project – Algeria, Belize, Comoros, Djibouti, Ecuador, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Somalia and the United Republic of Tanzania, in accordance with Decision 17.62.

The Standing Committee noted the relevant recommendations of the Africa-Asia Pacific Symposium on Strengthening Legal Frameworks to Combat Wildlife Crime and invited the Secretariat, within available

resources, to continue to explore the possibility of organizing a similar Symposium for Francophone African Parties and to undertake other follow-up activities with its partners.

28. National reports

28.1 Submission of annual reports SC69 Doc. 28.1

The Standing Committee determined that Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification and, should they not have complied in the meantime, requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification 60 days after the end of the present Standing Committee meeting, recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until they have provided the missing reports.

30. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species..... SC69 Doc. 30

The Standing Committee removed *Hippopotamus amphibius* from Mozambique from the Review of Significant Trade.

The Standing Committee retained *Pandinus imperator* from Togo in the Review of Significant Trade, and urged Togo to fully implement recommendations a) to e) in Annex 1 of document SC69 Doc. 30 by 27 April 2018.

The Standing Committee removed *Python reticulatus* from Malaysia from the Review of Significant Trade, and urged Malaysia to publish their revised quota of 162,000 skins from Peninsular Malaysia. The Standing Committee requested Malaysia to share with Parties details of the size limits associated with their quota.

The Standing Committee removed *Hippocampus trimaculatus* from the Review of Significant Trade, noting the confirmation from Thailand that the suspension of exports of all *Hippocampus* spp. remains in force, and urged Thailand to inform the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee about any change in the trade suspension for *H. trimaculatus*, together with a justification, for their agreement.

The Standing Committee requested that Togo establish a zero quota for wild and ranched specimens of *Chamaeleo gracilis*, and urged Togo to implement recommendations a), c), d), e), f), g), h) and i) of the Animals Committee in Annex 1 of document SC69 Doc. 30 by 27 April 2018.

The Standing Committee requested that Togo establish a zero quota for wild and ranched live specimens of *Kinixys homeana*, and urged Togo to implement recommendations c), d), e), f), g) and h) of the Animals Committee in Annex 1 of document SC69 Doc. 30 by 27 April 2018.

The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to include the additional guidance of the Animals Committee in Annex 2 of document SC69 Doc. 30 in their correspondence with the relevant range States.

The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to follow-up with Equatorial Guinea and the Lao People's Democratic Republic on the cases brought to its attention in Annex 3 of document SC69 Doc. 30 and report back to SC70.

The Standing Committee asked the Animals Committee to bring further clarification on the case of *Uromastyx aegyptia*/Jordan in Annex 3 of the document and report back to SC70.

The Standing Committee noted the information presented in paragraphs 14 to 17 of document SC69 Doc. 30.

32. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens: Report of the Secretariat..... SC69 Doc. 32

The Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 32 and established an intersessional working on captive-bred and ranched specimens with the mandate to provide advice to the Secretariat, upon request, in their fulfilment of Decision 17.101.

The membership of the intersessional working group on captive-bred and ranched specimens was agreed as follows: United States of America (Chair), Bahamas, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Canada,

China, Colombia, European Union, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe; and Alliance of Marine Mammals and Aquariums, Asia Cat, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Center for International Sustainable Development Law, Defenders of Wildlife, Eurogroup for Animals, European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, Global Eye, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Ivory Education Institute, Lewis & Clark – International Environmental Law Project, MEA Strategies, Parrots Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Animal Protection, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, World Parrot Trust, and World Wildlife Fund; and the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees.

41. Transport

41.1 Transport of live specimens SC69 Doc. 41.1

and

41.2 Request for engagement of the CEOs of airlines and maritime shipping companies and executive bodies governing their activities SC69 Doc. 41.2

The Standing Committee noted documents SC69 Doc. 41.1 and SC69 Doc. 41.2. The Standing Committee encouraged the Secretariat to continue to engage with the transport sector and provide information on the functioning of CITES and noted the continued willingness of the International Air Transport Association to assist the Secretariat in the provision of such information.

47. Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)

47.1 Report of the Secretariat SC69 Doc. 47.1

and

47.2 Illegal trade in *Anguilla anguilla* SC69 Doc. 47.2

The Standing Committee noted documents SC69 Doc. 47.1 and SC69 Doc. 47.2 and established an intersessional working group on European eels with the mandate to:

- a) review available information on the illegal trade in European eel, including the information that will be provided under paragraph f) of Decision 17.186, as and when it becomes available, and
- b) report to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee with its provisional recommendations for consideration by the Committee.

The membership of the intersessional working group on European eels was agreed as follows: Spain (Chair), Canada, China, European Union, France, Indonesia, Japan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; and Convention on Migratory Species, Food and Agriculture Organization, International Union for Conservation of Nature, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and Zoological Society of London.

56. Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]: Implementation of Decision 17.234 - Follow up on PC23 outcomes SC69 Doc. 56

The Standing Committee encouraged Parties to initiate a study considering aspects outlined in paragraph 5 of document SC69 Doc. 56 and share the results with interested Parties at the Plants Committee.

The Standing Committee noted issues raised in paragraph 6 of document SC69 Doc. 56 and requested the Secretariat to review those issues in collaboration with the Chair of the Plants Committee and bring any issue related to implementation and enforcement back to the Standing Committee.

64. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.): Report of the Secretariat..... SC69 Doc. 64

The Standing Committee acknowledged by loud acclamation the award of the Secretary-General's Certificate of Commendation to the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India.