

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



Seventieth meeting of the Standing Committee
Rosa Khutor, Sochi (Russian Federation), 1-5 October 2018

Administrative and financial matters

Arrangements for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat has prepared, for the approval of the Standing Committee, a first draft of the provisional agenda for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18). This is annexed to the present document.
3. It should be noted that the right-hand column of the draft agenda currently indicates the Resolutions and Decisions that are relevant to the agenda item and the source from which a report is expected. In the provisional agenda to be issued for the meeting, however, this column will instead indicate the document numbers.
4. The current draft of the agenda contains only items for which a discussion is expected by virtue of the text of the Convention or an instruction in a Resolution or Decision. Obviously, the draft agenda is subject to change, depending on the documents (and, hence, agenda items) that are submitted by Parties, the CITES Committees or the Secretariat. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP17) on *Submission of draft resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the deadline for communicating documents to the Secretariat is 150 days before the meeting i.e. in the case of CoP18 the relevant date is 24 December 2018. This date has already been conveyed to Parties through Notification to the Parties No. 2017/0072 of 14 December 2017.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - a) provide its comments on the draft provisional agenda in the Annex to the present document; and
 - b) approve that document, with any amendments made during the present meeting, as the basis for the preparation of the provisional agenda for CoP18.

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Eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Colombo, (Sri Lanka), 23 May – 5 June 2019

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
(provisional)

Opening of the meeting

Opening ceremony..... [no document]
Welcoming addresses.....[SC Chair, UNEP, CITES Secretary-General, Host Country]

Administrative and financial matters

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting
and of Chairs of Committees I and II [no document]
2. Adoption of the agenda [Secretariat]
3. Adoption of the working programme..... [Secretariat]
4. Rules of Procedure..... [SC, Dec. 17.1]
5. Credentials Committee
 - 5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee [no document]
 - 5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee..... [no document]
6. Admission of observers [Secretariat]
7. Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat
and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties
 - 7.1 Administration of the Secretariat [Secretariat, Conf. 17.2]
 - 7.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative matters [UNEP, Conf. 17.2]
 - 7.3 Financial reports for 2017-2019 [Secretariat, Conf. 17.2]
 - Annex 1: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2017
 - Annex 2: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2017
 - Annex 3: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2017
 - Annex 4: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2018
 - Annex 5: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2018
 - Annex 6: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of
31 December 2018
 - Annex 7: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2018
 - Annex 8: Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserve and fund balance for the
period 2016-2017
 - Annex 9: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2019
 - Annex 10: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 March 2019

Annex 11: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 31 March 2019

Annex 12: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 March 2019

Annex 13: Statement of income and expenditure for the year 2018

- 7.4 Budget and work programme for 2020 to 2022 [Secretariat, Conf. 17.2]
Annex 1: Budget scenario – zero nominal growth
Annex 2: Budget scenario – zero real growth
Annex 3: Budget scenario – incremental growth (if necessary)
Annex 4: Draft Resolution on Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2020-2022
- 7.5 Access to funding, including GEF funding [Secretariat, Conf. 17.2, Decs. 17.11, 17.15 and 17.16]
- 7.6 Sponsored delegates project..... [SC, Dec. 17.17]

Strategic matters

8. Committee reports and recommendations
- 8.1 Standing Committee
8.1.1 Report of the Chair[SC Chair, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17)]
8.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members..... [no document]
- 8.2 Animals Committee
8.2.1 Report of the Chair[AC Chair, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17)]
8.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members..... [no document]
- 8.3 Plants Committee
8.3.1 Report of the Chair[PC Chair, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17)]
8.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members..... [no document]
9. Revision of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on *Establishment of committees* [SC, Dec. 17.3 and 17.9]
10. Rural communities..... [SC, Dec. 17.30 and 17.57]
11. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees [Secretariat, Dec. 16.9 (Rev. CoP17)]
12. CITES Strategic Vision post-2020 [Secretariat, Dec. 17.18]
13. Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements
- 13.1 Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions..... [SC, Dec. 17.56]
- 13.2 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services [SC, Secretariat, Decs. 16.14 (Rev. CoP17) and 16.16 (Rev. CoP17)]
- 13.3. Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
13.3.1 Toothfish: Report of CCAMLR..... [Conf. 12.4, if a report is received]
13.3.2 Report of the Secretariat [Secretariat, Dec. 17.51]
- 13.4 The International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17)]
14. Designation and roles of Management Authorities..... [Secretariat]
15. CITES and livelihoods [SC, Dec. 17.40]

16. Food security and livelihoods..... [SC, Dec. 17.43]
17. Demand reduction [SC, Dec. 17.47]
18. Capacity building
 - 18.1 Capacity-building activities specified in Resolutions and Decisions..... [SC, Dec. 17.35]
 - 18.2 Capacity-building and identification materials..... [AC/PC and Secretariat, Dec. 17.32]
19. United Nations World Wildlife Day [Secretariat]
20. Youth engagement [SC, Dec. 17.27]

Interpretation and implementation matters

Existing Resolutions and Decisions

21. Review of Resolutions..... [Secretariat/SC, Dec. 14.19 (Rev. CoP17)]
22. Review of Decisions [Secretariat, Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP17)]

General compliance and enforcement

23. National laws for implementation
of the Convention [Secretariat, Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) and Dec. 17.64]
24. CITES compliance matters [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17)
and 14.3, Dec. 17.66 and 69]
25. Domestic markets for frequently illegally traded specimens [SC, Dec. 17.88]
26. Enforcement matters [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17)]
27. Combating wildlife cybercrime
 - 27.1 Report of the Secretariat [Secretariat, Dec. 17.93]
 - 27.2 Report of the Standing Committee [Secretariat, Decs. 17.95 and 96]
28. Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa [SC, Dec. 17.98]
29. Disposal of confiscated specimens..... [SC, Dec. 17.119]
30. Storage and management of illegal trade data collected
through the Parties' annual illegal trade reports [SC, Dec. 17.122]

Trade control and traceability

31. Electronic systems and information technologies [SC, Dec. 17.158]
32. Traceability [SC, Dec. 17.152]
33. Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA [SC, Dec. 17.91]
34. Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations' [SC, Dec. 17.180]
35. Quotas for leopard hunting trophies [SC, Dec. 17.117]
36. Requirements for trade in specimens of species listed in
one CITES Appendix which were acquired while the species
was listed in a different Appendix..... [Secretariat]
37. Stocks and stockpiles [SC, Dec. 17.170]
38. Introduction from the sea..... [SC, Dec. 16.50 (Rev. CoP17)]
39. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates..... [SC, Dec. 14.54 (Rev. CoP17)]
40. Identification Manual and identification
of tiger skins..... (AC/PC/Secretariat, Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16)
and Dec. 17.165)
41. Identification (timber) [PC, Dec. 17.168]

Exemptions and special trade provisions

42. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens [SC, Dec. 17.106]
43. Simplified procedure for permits and certificates [SC, Dec. 17.85 and 174]
44. Implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* [SC, Dec. 17.107]
45. Definition of the term 'artificially propagated'
 - 45.1 Tree species..... [PC, Dec. 17.156 (Rev. CoP17)]
 - 45.2 Non-tree plant taxa [SC, Dec. 17.177]
46. Production systems of tree species and the applicability of the definitions of artificial propagation in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15)..... [PC, Dec. 16.156 (Rev. CoP17)]

Species specific matters¹

47. Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*).....[Secretariat, Dec. 17.128]
48. Sturgeons and paddlefish (*Acipenseriformes* spp.)..... [SC Dec. 16.138 (Rev. CoP17), 17.184 and 185]
49. Eels (*Anguilla* spp.) [AC, Dec. 17.188]
50. Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae) [SC, Dec. 17.193]
51. Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa* [*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.]..... [PC, Dec. 16.157 (Rev. CoP17) and 17.199]
52. Humphead wrasse (*Cheilinus undulatus*)..... [SC, Dec. 15.87 (Rev. CoP17)]
53. Malagasy ebonyes (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.).....[MG, Dec. 17.206]
54. Elephants (*Elephantidae* spp.)
 - 54.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens* [SC, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17)and Dec. 17.73 and 172]
 - 54.2 Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17)]
 - 54.3 Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17)]
55. Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and other marine turtles (*Cheloniidae* and *Dermochelyidae*).....[Secretariat, Dec. 17.222]
56. Asian big cats (*Felidae* spp.).....[Secretariat, Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP17)]
57. Great apes (*Hominidae* spp.)..... [SC, Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16) and 17.233]
58. Sharks and rays (*Elasmobranchii* spp.)
 - 58.1 Species-specific recommendations on improving the conservation status of sharks..... [AC, Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP17)]
 - 58.2 Conservation and management of sharks and rays..... [SC, Dec. 17.216]
59. Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (*Fabaceae*)]..... [PC, Dec. 17.234]
60. Pangolins (*Manis* spp.).....[Secretariat, Dec. 17.240]
61. East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*) [PC/E. African range States, Dec. 16.153 (Rev. CoP17)]

¹ List in alphabetical order of scientific names

62. Illegal trade in Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*) [SC, Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP13)]
63. African cherry (*Prunus africana*) [PC, Dec. 17.252]
64. Banggai cardinalfish (*Pterapogon kauderni*) [AC, Dec. 17.262]
65. Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)
- 65.1 Report of the Secretariat [Secretariat, Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17)]
- 65.2 Report of the Standing Committee [SC, Dec. 17.144]
66. Helmeted hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*) [SC, Dec. 17.266]
67. Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) [Secretariat Dec. 17.290]
68. Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) [SC, Dec. 17.273]
69. Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.) [SC, Dec. 17.280]
70. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)
- 70.1 Report of the Secretariat [Secretariat, Dec. 17.292]
- 70.2 Report of the Standing Committee [SC, Dec. 17.298]
71. Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*) [AC, Dec. 17.300]
72. Bushmeat
- 72.1 Guidance materials, activities and tools aimed at enhancing Parties' capacity to regulate bushmeat trade [Secretariat, Dec. 17.113]
- 72.2 Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group [CABWG, Dec. 17.112]
73. Neotropical tree species [PC, Dec. 16.159 (Rev. CoP17)]
74. Appendix-I listed species [AC/PC, Dec. 17.24]

Maintenance of the Appendices

75. Standard nomenclature [AC/PC, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) and Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16), Decs. 17.310 and 317]
76. Results of dialogue meetings [if any such meeting is held. Conf. 14.5]
77. Appendix-I species subject to export quotas [if any request is made to amend a quota under Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP13)]
78. Inclusion of species in Appendix III [SC, Dec 17.304]
79. Annotations [SC, Decs. 16.162 (Rev. CoP17) and 17.319]
80. Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on *Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II* [SC, Dec. 16.160 (Rev. CoP17)]

Proposals to amend the Appendices

81. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II [Parties]
- 81.1 Secretariat's assessment of the proposals to amend Appendices I and II [Secretariat]
- 81.2 Comments from Parties [Parties]
- 81.3 Comments from statutory consultees [Observers]

Conclusion of the meeting

82. Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (no document)
83. Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary General, Host Government) (no document)