

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 WORKING PROGRAMME

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 65th meeting (Geneva, July 2014), the Committee decided that, as a general rule, the provisional working programme for future meetings of the Conference of the Parties should follow the schedule that was adopted for CoP16 and outlined in paragraph 12 of document SC65 Doc. 11.1.
3. While the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Johannesburg, 2016) finished just under one day early, the Secretariat considers that this was a serendipitous occurrence and would not recommend reducing the length of CoP18 by one day.
4. The Annex to the present document is a draft working programme for CoP18. This programme relates only to the plenary sessions.
5. The deadline for the receipt of documents for the meeting is 24 December 2018. Until that time, it will not be known what new items should be added to the agenda. Consequently it would be premature to prepare detailed provisional working programmes for Committees I and II.
6. For each item, the draft working programme in the Annex is annotated to indicate whether it is proposed to be discussed in plenary session only or whether it should first be discussed in Committee I or Committee II. However, in order to ensure a balance of work, these placements may need to be adjusted in the light of the full list of documents presented for discussion at CoP18 and as a consequence of discussions with the Chairs designate for Committees I and II.

Recommendation

7. The Secretariat requests that the Standing Committee approve the Annex to the present document as the basis for the preparation of a provisional working programme for CoP18.

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

Administrative matters

ADOPTION OF THE WORKING PROGRAMME
(draft)

Tuesday 21 May 2019

Morning: 08h00-12h00 Registration of participants
and
Afternoon: 14h00-17h00

Wednesday 22 May 2019

Morning: 08h00-12h00 Registration of participants (cont.)
09h00-12h00 71st meeting of the Standing Committee
Afternoon: 14h00-17h00 Registration of participants (cont.)
and
71st meeting of the Standing Committee

Thursday 23 May 2019

Morning: 08h00-13h00 Registration of participants (cont.)

Opening of the meeting

10h30-12h30 Plen. Opening ceremony
Plen. Welcoming addresses

Administrative and financial matters

Afternoon: 14h00-17h30 Plen. 1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting and
of Chairs of Committees I and II
Plen. 2. Adoption of the agenda
Plen. 3. Adoption of the working programme
Plen. 4. Rules of Procedure
Plen. 5. Credentials Committee
5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee
5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee
Plen. 6. Admission of observers

Strategic matters

Plen. 8. Committee reports and recommendations
8.1 Standing Committee
8.1.1 Report of the Chair
8.2 Animals Committee
8.2.1 Report of the Chair

- 8.3 Plants Committee
 - 8.3.1 Report of the Chair
- Plen. 13. Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements
 - 13.1 Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions
 - 13.2 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
 - 13.3 Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
 - 13.3.1 Toothfish: report of CCAMLR
 - 13.3.2 Report of the Secretariat
 - 13.4 The International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime
- Plen. 19. United Nations World Wildlife Day
- Plen. 20. Admission of observers

Friday 24 May 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Parties on a regional basis
 Afternoon: 14h00-17h30 Meetings of Committees I and II

Saturday 25 May 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
 and
 Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

Sunday 26 May 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
 and
 Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

Monday 27 May 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
 and
 Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

Tuesday 28 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
 and
 Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

Wednesday 29 May and Thursday 30 May 2019

No official meetings

Friday 31 May 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
 and
 Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

Saturday 1 June 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00 Meetings of Committees I and II (cont.)
 and
 Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

Administrative and financial matters (cont.)

- 7. Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties
- (Com.II) 7.1 Administration of the Secretariat
- (Com.II) 7.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP in administrative matters
- (Com.II) 7.3 Financial reports for 2017-2019
- (Com.II) 7.4 Budget and work programme for 2020 to 2022
- (Com.II) 7.5 Access to funding, including GEF funding
- (Com.II) 7.6 Sponsored delegates project

Strategic matters (cont.)

- 8. Committee reports and recommendations
- 8.1 Standing Committee
- Plen. 8.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members
- 8.2 Animals Committee
- Plen. 8.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members
- 8.3 Plants Committee
- Plen. 8.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members
- (Com.II) 9. Revision of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on *Establishment of committees*
- (Com.II) 10. Rural Communities
- (Com.II) 11. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees
- (Com.II) 12. CITES Strategic Vision post-2020
- (Com.II) 14. Designation and roles of Management Authorities
- (Com.II) 15. CITES and livelihoods
- (Com.II) 16. Food security and livelihoods
- (Com.II) 17. Demand reduction
- (Com.II) 18. Capacity building
- 18.1 Capacity-building activities specified in Resolutions and Decisions
- 18.2 Capacity-building and identification materials

Existing Resolutions and Decisions

- (Com.II) 21. Review of Resolutions
- (Com.II) 22. Review of Decisions

General compliance and enforcement

- (Com.II) 23. National laws for implementation of the Convention
- (Com.II) 24. CITES compliance matters
- (Com.II) 25. Domestic markets for frequently illegally traded specimens
- (Com.II) 26. Enforcement matters

- 27. Combating wildlife cybercrime
 - (Com.II) 27.1 Report of the Secretariat
 - (Com.II) 27.2 Report of the Standing Committee
- (Com.II) 28. Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa
- (Com.II) 29. Disposal of confiscated specimens
- (Com.II) 30. Storage and management of illegal trade data collected through the Parties' annual illegal trade reports

Afternoon: 14h00-17h30

Trade control and traceability

- (Com.II) 31. Electronic systems and information technologies
- (Com.II) 32. Traceability
- (Com.II) 33. Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA
- (Com.I) 34. Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'
- (Com.I) 35. Quotas for leopard hunting trophies
- (Com.II) 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
- (Com.II) 37. Stocks and stockpiles
- (Com.II) 38. Introduction from the sea
- (Com.II) 39. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates
- (Com.II) 40. Identification Manual and identification of tiger skins
- (Com.II) 41. Identification (timber)

Exemptions and special trade provisions

- (Com.II) 42. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens
- (Com.II) 43. Simplified procedure for permits and certificates
- (Com.II) 44. Implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity*
- (Com.II) 45. Definition of the term 'artificially propagated'
 - 45.1 Tree species
 - 45.2 Non-tree-plant taxa
- (Com.II) 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)

Species specific matters

- (Com.II) 47. Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)
- (Com.II) 48. Sturgeons and paddlefish (*Acipenseriformes* spp.)
- (Com.I) 49. Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)
- (Com.I) 50. Precious corals (Order Scleractinia and family Scleractiidae)
- (Com.I) 51. Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa* [*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.]
- (Com.I) 52. Humphead wrasse (*Cheilinus undulatus*)

- (Com.I) 53. Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.).
- 54. Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)
- (Com.II) 54.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens*
- (Com.II) 54.2 Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)
- (Com.II) 54.3 Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)

Monday 3 June 2019

Morning: 09h00-12h00

Species specific matters (cont.)

- (Com.I) 55. Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and other marine turtles (Cheloniidae and Dermochelyidae)
- (Com.II) 56. Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)
- (Com.I) 57. Great apes (Hominidae spp.)
- 58. Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)
- (Com.I) 58.1 Species-specific recommendations on improving the conservation status of sharks
- (Com.I) 58.2 Conservation and management of sharks and rays
- (Com.I) 59. Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]
- (Com.II) 60. Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)
- (Com.I) 61. East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*)
- (Com.II) 62. Illegal trade in Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*)
- (Com.I) 63. African cherry (*Prunus africana*)
- (Com.I) 64. Banggai cardinalfish (*Pterapogon kauderni*)
- 65. Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)
- (Com.II) 65.1 Report of the Secretariat
- (Com.II) 65.2 Report of the Standing Committee
- (Com.I) 66. Helmeted hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*)
- (Com.I) 67. Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*)
- (Com.I) 68. Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*)
- (Com.I) 69. Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.)
- 70. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)
- (Com.II) 70.1 Report of the Secretariat
- (Com.II) 70.2 Report of the Standing Committee
- (Com.I) 71. Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*)
- 72. Bushmeat
- (Com.I) 72.1 Guidance materials, activities and tools aimed at enhancing Parties' capacity to regulate bushmeat trade
- (Com.I) 72.2 Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group
- (Com.I) 73. Neotropical tree species
- (Com.I) 74. Appendix-I listed species

Maintenance of the Appendices

- (Com.I) 75. Standard nomenclature
- (Com.I) 76. Results of dialogue meetings
- (Com.I) 77. Appendix-I species subject to export quotas
- (Com.I) 78. Inclusion of species in Appendix III
- (Com.I) 79. Annotations
- (Com.I) 80. Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on *Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II*

Afternoon: 14h00-16h00

Proposals to amend the Appendices

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

Conclusion of the meeting

- Plen. 82. Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- Plen. 83. Closing remarks

17h00-18h00

72nd meeting of the Standing Committee and extraordinary meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees