

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

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE APPENDICES:
REPORT OF THE CHAIRS OF THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS COMMITTEES

1. This document has been submitted by the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees.¹

Background

2. At the last meeting of the Standing Committee (SC69, Geneva 2017), and in accordance with paragraph 5 of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) on *Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II*, the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees presented document SC69 Doc. 68, which:
 - Provided an overview of the species selected for review in accordance with paragraph 2 c) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17), with 25 taxa agreed by the Animals and Plants Committees at their 29th and 30th meetings respectively (AC30, PC23; July 2017) to be considered for periodic review during the next two intersessional periods (i.e. between CoP17 and CoP19);
 - Highlighted that “Outputs 1”, shown in Annexes 1 and 2 to document SC69 Doc. 68, contain information concerning Appendix-I listed species where commercial trade has been recorded from wild-sources (source codes: “W”, “R”, “U”, and no source reported) during the period 2006-2015, which may be traded contrary to the provisions of the Convention²; and
 - Provided updates on the publication of [Notification No. 2017/069](#), informing the Parties of the proposed list of taxa to be reviewed, and requesting range States to comment within 60 days on whether they support a review of the taxa and to express an interest in undertaking the reviews.
3. Based on the recommendations of the document, the Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 68 and encouraged Parties to allocate funds towards the Periodic Review of the Appendices. The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to look into the records in Annexes 1 and 2 of document SC69 Doc. 68, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre and relevant Parties as necessary, and report any issues of concern to the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting. The Secretariat might provide an oral update on progress on this at the present meeting.

¹ *The geographical designations employed in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CITES Secretariat (or the United Nations Environment Programme) concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. The responsibility for the contents of the document rests exclusively with its author.*

² *Species that were subject of CITES CoP proposals at CoP15, CoP16 or CoP17, and species included within the CITES Review of Significant Trade process since 2005 were excluded, as were instances of trade originating in countries where the population is not listed on Appendix I (i.e. split-listings).*

Progress achieved since SC69

30th meeting of the Animals Committee

4. At its 30th meeting (AC30, Geneva 2018), the Animals Committee considered document AC30 Doc. 29.1 on the overview of species under Periodic Review, including the summary of ongoing periodic reviews as of May 2017, in addition to those selected for the CoP17-CoP19 review period. Regarding the species selected for review during the period CoP17-CoP19, the Animals Committee considered six reports presented by Australia. The species concerned, and the recommendation by the Animals Committee, are presented in the table below:

Taxon	Document	Recommendation by Australia
1) <i>Dasyornis longirostris</i>	AC30 Doc. 29.2.1	Transfer from Appendix I to II, in accordance with subparagraphs 2 g) and g) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17).
2) <i>Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis</i>	AC30 Doc. 29.2.2	
3) <i>Leporillus conditor</i>	AC30 Doc. 29.2.3	
4) <i>Pseudomys fieldi praeconis</i>	AC30 Doc. 29.2.4	
5) <i>Xeromys myoides</i>	AC30 Doc. 29.2.5	
6) <i>Zyzomys pedunculatus</i>	AC30 Doc. 29.2.6	

5. The Animals Committee determined that it would be appropriate to transfer these six species reviewed by Australia from Appendix I to II. Furthermore, the Animals Committee asked the Secretariat to invite Australia to submit these proposals to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting [as per paragraph 2, h) and i) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17)].

24th meeting of the Plants Committee

6. At its 24th meeting (PC24, Geneva 2018), the Plants Committee considered document PC24 Doc. 25.1 on the overview of species under periodic Review (including the summary of ongoing periodic reviews as of May 2017, in addition to those selected for the CoP17-CoP19 period). The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 25.1. Furthermore, it agreed that *Dioscorea deltoidea* (selected for the CoP13-CoP15 review period) should be deleted from the list of species to be reviewed, since no volunteer offered to undertake a review within two intersessional periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties [this in accordance with paragraph 2 d) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17)]. The Committee also requested the Secretariat to publish the updated overview of species under periodic review on the CITES website.
7. Regarding the species selected for review during the CoP15-CoP17 period, the United States of America presented document [PC24 Doc 25.2.1](#), which recommended to retain *Lewisia serrata* in Appendix II, in accordance with Article II paragraph 2 (a) of the Convention and satisfying Criterion A in Annex 2a of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17).
8. The Plants Committee determined that *Lewisia serrata* meets the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for retention in Appendix II, and agreed to report its conclusions to the Conference of the Parties, and invited the Secretariat to inform the range State of the conclusions of the Committee, as per paragraph 2, h) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17).

Recommendations

9. The Standing Committee is invited to take note of this document and the progress being made by the Animals and Plants Committees in implementing Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) and the conduct of periodic reviews.