Recommendations

The drafting group recommends that the Standing Committee forward the draft decisions below for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to advance the work reflected in SC70 Doc. 31.1. The drafting group further recommends that the Standing Committee consider establishing at SC72 an intersessional working group to carry out the Decision directed to the Standing Committee, if adopted, so that work may begin as soon as possible following CoP18. As stated in SC70 Doc. 31.1, the Secretariat will update the review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source, in Annex 7 to SC70 Doc. 31.1, for consideration by Parties at CoP18.

The drafting group notes that the Standing Committee did not come to conclusion on the recommendation in paragraph 39 c) of SC 70 Doc 31.1, as relates to the draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) in Annex 3 of SC70 Doc 31.1. The Standing Committee may therefore wish to take it up at this time.

18.AA Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

The Animals Committee, at AC31, and the Plants Committee, at PC25, shall consider the Secretariat’s update of the review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source in Annex 7 of document SC70 Doc. 31.1, identify the key scientific issues and challenges in the application of the Convention to non-wild specimens, and provide their recommendations to address these issues and challenges to the Standing Committee in time for SC73.

18.BB Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall:

a) Consider at SC73 the Secretariat’s update of the review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source in Annex 7 of document SC70 Doc. 31.1; the underlying CITES policy assumptions that may have contributed to the uneven application of Article VII, paragraphs 4 and 5; the Secretariat’s recommendations in the Annexes to SC70 Doc. 31.1; and the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees under Decision 18.AA; and

b) Review the key issues and challenges in the application of the Convention to non-wild specimens and make appropriate recommendations, including amendments to existing Resolutions or development of a new Resolution or Decisions, to address these issues and challenges for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.