

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

SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER
EVENING

27. Compliance matters

27.1 Guidance for verifying the legal acquisition of CITES specimens to be exported

The Standing Committee requested Canada, Hungary and the United States of America to prepare revisions to the draft resolution in Annex 1 of document SC70 Doc. 27.1 by ensuring that the language remains non-binding and that the draft resolution focuses on Article III, paragraph 2(b), Article IV, paragraph 2(b), and Article V, paragraph 2(a) of the Convention.

15. Engagement of rural communities in the CITES process: Report of the working group

The Standing Committee established an in-session working group with the mandate to draft decisions to replace 17.28 to 17.30 to pursue the work to engage with rural, local and indigenous communities in CITES processes.

The membership of the working group was agreed as follows: Namibia (Chair), Botswana, Chile, China, Colombia, European Union, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Sweden and the United States of America; the International Union for Conservation of Nature; and Fondation Franz Weber, International Professional Hunters Association, IWMC-World Conservation Trust and ProWildlife.

20. Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

The Standing Committee noted progress in the implementation of Decisions 17.53 and 17.54 and requested the Plants Committee to present for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting, the deletion of Decisions 17.53 and 17.54, and the adoption of the following amended draft decisions:

Directed to the Secretariat

18.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) publish and maintain updated on its website the summary of the Periodic Review proposals submitted to Conference of the Parties for amendments to Appendices I and II, taxa selected for Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II, and Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix II species, with relevant updates derived from the 23rd and 24th meetings of the Plants Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- b) in collaboration with the Plants Committee, update the report on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) [CoP17 Doc. 14.6 (Rev. 1)], to take account of the outcomes of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

and provide it to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) for further consideration by the CBD at the 15th meeting of its Conference of the Parties;

- c) consult the Secretariat of CBD concerning the post-2020 future of the GSPC, and collaborate with the Plants Committee in drafting any required revision of Resolution Conf. 16.5 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020*; and
- d) report on progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) to ~~cd~~) to the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate, and submit recommendations ~~as appropriate~~ to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Plants Committee

18.BB The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider the updated report on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the GSPC at its 25th meeting; and
- b) in collaboration with the Secretariat and if required, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5, taking into account the discussions under CBD regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC, and present its recommendations to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

~~*Directed to the Standing Committee*~~

~~18.CC~~ ~~The Standing Committee shall:~~

- ~~a) consider the recommendations of the Plants Committee concerning any proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 16.5, and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, taking account of the discussions regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC; and~~
- ~~b) submit any proposed revisions of Resolution Conf. 16.5 to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its 19th meeting.~~