

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



Seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee
Lyon (France), 7 - 11 March 2022

Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

NATIONAL REPORTS:
SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Compliance with annual report submission requirements

2. In Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*, paragraphs 1, 14 and 15, the Conference of the Parties:

1. *URGES all Parties to submit their annual reports required under the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), by 31 October following the year for which they are due and in accordance with the most recent version of the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports distributed by the Secretariat, as may be amended with the concurrence of the Standing Committee;*

14. *INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee to determine, on the basis of reports presented by the Secretariat, which Parties have failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution;*

and

15. *RECOMMENDS that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with any Party that the Standing Committee has determined has failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution.*

3. At its 70th meeting (SC70, Sochi, October 2018), the Standing Committee determined that Albania, Fiji, Guatemala, Iceland, Mauritius, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Solomon Islands and Somalia had failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification, and agreed that if they did not provide their missing reports within 60 days of the SC70 meeting, the Secretariat would issue a Notification recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until the missing reports were provided.¹

¹ See agenda item 26.1 of the SC70 Summary Record

4. The Secretariat sent reminders to the Parties mentioned in paragraph 3. As a result, the missing reports from Albania, Fiji, Guatemala, Mauritius, Papua New Guinea and Somalia were received within the deadline of 60 days.
5. The Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties Nos. 2019/001, 2019/002 and 2019/003 on 11 January 2019 informing Parties that, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18), the Standing Committee recommended that they not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Iceland, Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Solomon Islands until further notice. On 15 January 2019, following receipt of the Solomon Islands' missing reports, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2019/006 withdrawing the recommended trade suspension concerning the Solomon Islands with immediate effect. On 23 January 2019, following receipt of Iceland's missing reports, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2019/007 also withdrawing the recommended trade suspension concerning Iceland, with immediate effect. Finally, on 23 January 2019, following receipt of Saint Kitts and Nevis' missing reports, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2019/008 also withdrawing the recommended trade suspension concerning Saint Kitts and Nevis, with immediate effect.
6. At the time of writing this report, Afghanistan (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2013/018](#) of 17 May 2013), Djibouti (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2018/015](#) of 30 January 2018) and Grenada (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2016/022](#) of 16 March 2016) remain subject to a recommendation to suspend trade for the non-submission of annual reports.
7. According to paragraph 1 of Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports* mentioned in paragraph 2 above, the deadline for annual reports is 31 October each year for trade in the previous calendar year (e.g. 31 October 2022 for the 2021 CITES annual report). Pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18), the Secretariat would like to inform the Standing Committee that its records show that the following Parties have failed to submit annual reports for three consecutive years (or more) during the period 2018–2020 without having provided adequate justification: Albania, Australia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Congo, Dominica, Iceland, Iran, Libya, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan and Togo.

Recommendations

8. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18), and on the basis of the present report and any updated information received by the beginning of this meeting, instruct the Secretariat to determine whether the Parties mentioned in paragraph 7 have failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification. If so determined, the Secretariat will issue a Notification (60 days after the closure of this 74th meeting of the Standing Committee) recommending that Parties not authorize any commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until they have provided the missing reports.