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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and implementation matters

Regulation of trade

QUOTAS FOR LEOPARD (*PANTHERA PARDUS*) HUNTING TROPHIES:  
REPORT OF THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE

1. This document has been submitted by the Animals Committee.\*
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.165 to 18.170 on *Quotas for leopard (Panthera pardus) hunting trophies* as follows:

***Directed to Parties with quotas established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16)***

**18.165** *Parties which have quotas established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) on Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use, and which did not yet provide relevant information to the Animals Committee (Botswana, the Central African Republic and Ethiopia), are requested to review these quotas and consider whether these quotas are still set at levels which are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild, and to share the outcomes of the review and the basis for the determination that the quota is not detrimental, with the Animals Committee at its 31st meeting.*

**18.166** *All Parties which have quotas for leopard hunting trophies established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 Rev. CoP16) are encouraged to exchange information and lessons learnt regarding the process for determining that such quotas are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.*

***Directed to the Animals Committee***

**18.167** *The Animals Committee shall consider the information submitted by the relevant range States under Decision 18.165 and any other relevant information, and, if necessary, make any recommendations to these range States and to the Standing Committee relating to the review.*

**18.168** *The Animals Committee shall review any information submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 18.169 and make recommendations to the Secretariat and leopard range States, as appropriate.*

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### **18.169 Directed to the Secretariat**

*The Secretariat shall, subject to external resources:*

- a) *support the reviews to be undertaken by range States referred to in Decision 18.165, upon request by a range State;*
- b) *encourage and support all Parties with quotas for leopard hunting trophies established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) to exchange information and lessons learnt regarding the process for determining that such quotas are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild; and*
- c) *in cooperation with range States and relevant experts, develop guidance that can assist Parties in the making of non-detriment findings for trade in leopard hunting trophies in compliance with Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16), share the draft guidance with the Animals Committee for its review, make such guidance available on the CITES website, and encourage its use by relevant Parties.*

### **18.170 Directed to the Standing Committee**

*The Standing Committee should consider any recommendations of the Animals Committee made in accordance with Decision 18.167, and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

3. Regarding Decision 18.165, the Secretariat wrote to Botswana, the Central African Republic and Ethiopia on 15 January 2020, requesting them to review their leopard hunting quotas as contained in Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) on *Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use*, and to consider whether they are set at levels which are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild. In 2020, Botswana and Ethiopia provided relevant information for consideration by the Animals Committee. This information is provided in Annex 1 and Annex 2 to document AC31 Doc. 29.2. In February 2021, the Central African Republic submitted relevant information, which is provided in Annex 3 of the same document, in the format and language as received.
4. In accordance with Decision 18.167, the Animals Committee considered the information submitted by the relevant range States and other relevant information at its 31st meeting (AC31, online, June 2021) (see document AC31 Doc. 29.2 and its addendum).
5. The Animals Committee agreed to inform the Standing Committee that it considers the quotas for leopards for the Central African Republic and Botswana, as mentioned in Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16), to be set at levels which are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.
6. The Committee agreed to inform the Standing Committee that, for Ethiopia, it considers the proposed reduction of the quota for leopards in Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) from 500 to 20 trophies to be set at levels which are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.

#### Recommendations

7. The Standing Committee is invited to consider the recommendations of the Animals Committee in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and make a recommendation for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19, Panama City, November 2022) to amend paragraph 1, a) of Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) on *Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use* by changing the quota indicated for Ethiopia from “500” to “20”.
8. The Animals Committee recalls that, at its 70th meeting, the “Standing Committee agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) so as to remove quotas for Kenya and Malawi from this resolution” – following the request to do so by these two countries (see [SC70 SR](#)). However, at CoP18, the issue was not brought to the attention of Committee I and the proposed deletion of Kenya’s and Malawi’s quotas was not agreed. As such, the Standing Committee is invited once again to propose to the Conference of the Parties draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) so as to remove quotas for Kenya and Malawi from this resolution.