

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

Species specific matters

PRECIOUS CORALS [ORDER ANTIPATHARIA/FAMILY CORALLIIDAE]:
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 renewed Decisions 17.192 and 17.193 on *Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae)* as follows:

17.192 (Rev. CoP18) Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee is requested to:

- a) *analyse the outcomes of the precious coral survey and the FAO study and prepare recommendations, as appropriate, on actions needed to enhance the conservation and sustainable harvest and use of all precious corals in international trade; and*
- b) *report these recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 73rd meeting.*

17.193 (Rev. CoP18) Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is requested to consider the information and recommendations of the Animals Committee, made in accordance with Decision 17.192 (Rev. CoP18), and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the Parties or for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. Following the postponement, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, of the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee meeting, scheduled to take place from 13 to 17 July 2020, the Animals Committee took a number of intersessional decisions (see Notification No. 2020/057 of 22 September 2020), including the establishment of an intersessional working group on Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae) as per Decision 17.192 (Rev. CoP18).
4. At its 31st meeting (AC31, online, June 2021), the Animals Committee considered document AC31 Doc 23 by the Secretariat, which provided translations in the three Convention languages of the sections "Summary" and "Suggestions for improving management conservation and trade" of the study *Global Report on the Biology, Fishery and Trade of Precious Corals* conducted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to assist the Committee's review of the study. The Committee also considered the

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addendum to document AC31 Doc 23 by the co-chairs of the intersessional working group, presenting the working group's mandate, composition and recommendations.

5. The Committee noted the information in document AC31 Doc. 23 and its addendum and agreed to the recommendations in Annex 2 of the addendum to AC31 Doc 23. The Committee noted that the work directed to the Secretariat in the recommendations under B 2 d) could be implemented by an external entity depending on the workload of the Secretariat [see AC31 Sum.2 (Rev.1)].
6. The Committee encouraged FAO to consider the information presented in paragraph 6 of the addendum to document AC31 Doc. 23 in the production of any future reports. The Committee agreed that Decision 17.192 (Rev. CoP18) has been fully implemented [see AC31 Sum.2 (Rev.1)].

Recommendations

7. The Standing Committee is invited to:
 - a) consider the information and recommendations of the Animals Committee made in accordance with Decision 17.192 (Rev. CoP18); and
 - b) make recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the Parties or for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as instructed in Decision 17.193 (Rev. CoP18).