

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

SUMMARY

MONDAY 7 MARCH  
MORNING

Welcome from the host Government

The Minister of the Ecological Transition of France, Ms. Barbara Pompili, gave a video opening address. Mr. Jean-Patrick Le Duc, Head of the French delegation, and Mr. Jean-Pierre Athanaze, Vice-President of the Metropole of Lyon, welcomed the participants to France.

Opening remarks of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General gave opening remarks.

Opening remarks of the Chair

The Chair welcomed the participants and opened the meeting.

1. Agenda

1.1 Adoption of the agenda ..... SC74 Doc. 1.1

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as set out in document SC74 Doc. 1.1.

2. Adoption of the working programme ..... SC74 Doc. 2

The Committee adopted its working programme as set out in document SC74 Doc. 2, noting the revised hours of 2 to 5 pm and 7 to 10 pm for the afternoon and evening sessions starting Tuesday 8 March 2022.

3. Rules of Procedure ..... SC74 Doc. 3

The Committee noted that its Rules of Procedure as amended at its 70th meeting (Sochi, October 2018) and set out in the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 3 remain valid for each of its meetings.

4. Credentials ..... *No document*

The Standing Committee noted that all delegations of the Members of the Standing Committee had provided credentials.

5. Admission of observers ..... SC74 Doc. 5 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted the list of observer organizations that had been invited to attend the meeting as set out in the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 5 (Rev. 1).

7. Financial matters.....SC74 Doc. 7

and

8. Report on proposed budget scenarios for 2023-2025.....SC74 Doc. 8

The Committee noted documents SC74 Doc. 7 and SC74 Doc. 8 and agreed that further discussion on these matters would be referred to the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee (FBSC).

9. Access to funding: Report of the Secretariat.....SC74 Doc. 9

The Committee noted document SC74 Doc. 9 and agreed to propose the renewal of Decision 18.4 and the submission of the following draft decisions on *Access to funding* to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19) amended as follows:

***Directed to Parties***

18.4 Parties are invited to provide non-reimbursable loan of personnel services to the CITES Secretariat noting that the salary and administrative fee of non-reimbursable loan personnel shall be covered by the Party, with such personnel remaining under the administrative authority of the sending Party. Non-reimbursable loan personnel shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the CITES Secretariat.

19.AA Parties are encouraged to:

- a) engage with their Global Environment Facility (GEF) national focal points in order to take part in the national GEF processes and ~~enhance access to~~ facilitate use of allocated GEF funding through the ~~Global Wildlife Program (GWP)~~ Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Programme;
- b) contribute to the development and implementation of GEF projects that may have components related to the implementation of CITES, by communicating with their national GEF counterparts and informing them of relevant CITES requirements and processes; and
- c) monitor the progress of the GEF Global Wildlife Program and the discussion on the establishment of the Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program under the eighth replenishment of resources for the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-8) and ensure that national projects, where applicable, can enhance the beneficiary Parties' ability to meet their obligations under CITES.

***Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities***

19.BB All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance for ensuring the effective implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

19.CC In providing financial assistance, Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are encouraged to take into consideration the administrative and financial management support needed to ensure that the funded activities are managed in an efficient, effective and accountable manner, and that they do not affect the Secretariat's core administrative tasks.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

19.DD The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue to participate in the Program Steering Committee of the GEF Global Wildlife Program, Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program, or other GEF mechanisms as appropriate, to ensure that GEF projects under the programme are, as far as possible, aligned with CITES Decisions and Resolutions and contribute to the enhanced implementation of the Convention; and

- b) provide technical advice and in-kind support to Parties in the development and implementation of their GEF projects under the Global Wildlife Program, Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program, or other GEF mechanisms as appropriate.
- 19.EE Subject to the availability of external funding and in collaboration with the World Bank and other relevant financial institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, the Secretariat shall organize a wildlife donor roundtable with a particular focus on sustainable use, to:
- a) share information on existing funding programmes on wildlife;
  - b) understand the long-term financial needs of developing countries to implement the Convention; and
  - c) explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife.
- 19.FF The Secretariat shall report on the progress on the implementation of Decisions 19.BB, 19.DD and 19.EE and make any recommendations, as necessary, to the Standing Committee.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

- 19.GG The Standing Committee shall review the Secretariat's report and make recommendations, as necessary, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

10. Administrative matters

10.1 Administrative matters including host country arrangements for the Secretariat: Report of the Secretariat ..... SC74 Doc. 10.1

10.2 Administrative hosting models for the Secretariat: Report of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee ..... *No document*

and

10.3 Report of the United Nations Environment Programme on administrative matters ..... SC74 Doc. 10.3

The Committee noted document SC74 Doc. 10.1 on administrative matters, including the host country arrangements for the Secretariat, the oral report by the Secretariat on administrative hosting models and document SC74 Doc. 10.3. The Committee agreed that further discussion on these matters would be referred to the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee (FBSC).

11. Arrangements for the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19)

11.1 Preparations for CoP19..... *No document*

The Committee noted the progress made by Panama in the preparations for the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

11.2 Draft agenda ..... SC74 Doc. 11.2

The Committee approved the draft provisional agenda for CoP19 annexed to document SC74 Doc. 11.2.

11.3 Draft working programme ..... SC74 Doc. 11.3

The Committee approved the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 11.3 as the basis for the preparation of a provisional working programme for CoP19, noting that the two-day break should be on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November 2022.

- 11.4 Review of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties:  
Report of the working group..... SC74 Doc. 11.4

The Committee established an in-session working group with the mandate to consider the use of “least” or “most” in Rule 25.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties. The membership of the working group was agreed as follows: Canada (Chair), Brazil, China, Congo, Dominican Republic, European Union, Gabon, Guinea, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, Namibia, Peru, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Zimbabwe.

- 11.5 Selection of nominees for Committee Chairs ..... *No document*

The Committee noted the oral update by the Secretariat.

- 11.6 CoP19 sponsored delegates ..... SC74 Doc. 11.6

The Committee noted document SC74 Doc. 11.6 and agreed to recommend to CoP19 to consider Decision 18.12 to be fully implemented.