

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
AFTERNOON

17. CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030

17.1 Report of the working group..... SC74 Doc. 17.1

The Committee agreed to submit the potential indicators for the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030* presented in the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 17.1 to the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting (CoP19).

17.2 Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 17.2

The Committee agreed to propose the deletion of Decision 18.24 and the submission of the following draft decisions to CoP19:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall undertake a comparative analysis in order to illustrate the linkages between the CITES Strategic Vision 2021-2030 and highlight areas of alignment with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as a starting point for an assessment of how CITES can contribute to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework and its monitoring framework; make recommendations for additional actions as appropriate; and present its analysis to the Animals and Plants Committees, followed by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall review the information provided by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA, and make further recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BBCC The Standing Committee shall review the comments and recommendations provided by the Animals and Plants Committees and the information provided by the Secretariat under Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB, and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

23. Cooperation with other biodiversity-related Conventions:
Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 23

The Committee noted the advice provided to the Secretariat on this area of work and the importance of synergies.

The Committee agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties the deletion of Decisions 18.48 and 18.49 and the adoption of the draft decisions amended as follows:

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall prepare for consideration by the Standing Committee a partnership strategy for the Parties, the Permanent Committees and the Secretariat to identify priorities for collaboration that specifically enhance the implementation of the Convention, as well as its effectiveness and efficiency, through strategic partnerships.

19.BB Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall review the draft partnership strategy developed by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA and make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

The Committee agreed to propose to CoP19 the renewal of Decisions 17.55 (Rev. CoP18) and 17.56 (Rev. CoP18) as follows.

17.55 (Rev. CoP18) Directed to Parties

Parties are encouraged to strengthen synergies among biodiversity multilateral environmental agreements at the national level by, among others, improving coordination and cooperation between national focal points and strengthening capacity-building activities.

17.56 (Rev. CoP18) Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall, with support of the Secretariat, explore options consistent with the CITES Strategic Vision to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies at all relevant levels between CITES and ~~the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, its Aichi Targets and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the outcomes of the Second Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II), as appropriate~~, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. This should involve the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, and, as appropriate, engagement with other relevant organizations and processes, including processes under the Rio Conventions. The Standing Committee shall report on the implementation of this Decision at the ~~19th~~ 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Committee noted the Secretariat's suggestion that the Committee form an intersessional working group at its 76th meeting to advance the consideration of this matter.

24. Cooperation with the World Heritage Convention:
Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 24

The Committee agreed to provide to the Secretariat the following recommendations on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Heritage Centre:

- a) Paragraph 4.2. a) should focus on cooperation on the conservation and sustainable use of species, in particular those species included in one of the CITES Appendices and occurring in World Heritage sites.
- b) The MoU should not presuppose the development of a workplan and the following edits should be made as a consequence: the insertion of "subject to available extrabudgetary funding on a voluntary basis" in paragraph 5 after "activities", the replacing of "shall" by "may" in paragraph 6.3.

- c) The Secretariat should also consider the following edits: replacing “intellectual property that can be protected shall” by “protectable intellectual property will” in paragraph 8. 2 as well as “use in the relevant work plans” by “incorporate into the relevant work plans, if any” in the same paragraph.
- d) The Secretariat should furthermore consider replacing “agree to” by “will” in paragraph 9. 3.

25. Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services..... SC74 Doc. 25

The Committee agreed to mandate the Chairs of the Standing Committee, Animals and Plants Committees and/or the Secretariat to represent the Convention in the launch of the *Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species* at the 9th meeting of the IPBES Plenary to highlight its relevance to the implementation of the Convention and offer to engage with IPBES further on any relevant follow-up activities.

The Committee agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties the report of its work on IPBES in the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 25 to CoP19, including the draft decisions amended as follows:

19.AA Directed to the Animals and Plants Committee

The Animals and Plants Committee shall review the scientific aspects of the IPBES thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species; consider their relevance to the implementation of the Convention; and provide the results of their review and any associated recommendations to Standing Committee.

19.BB Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider the review of the IPBES thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species and associated recommendations prepared by the Animals and Plants Committees; make additional recommendations as appropriate; and submit the resulting conclusions and any recommendations as appropriate to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

16. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade: Report of the working group..... SC74 Doc. 16

The Committee agreed to submit the following draft decisions to CoP19 amended as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.za The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties, requesting Parties to identify and describe any new or existing domestic measures, or stricter domestic measures on in-transit shipments, imports and (re-) exports, on live wildlife trade or markets that contribute to mitigate the risk of pathogen spillover from international wildlife trade, and for what purposes they have adopted such measures; and make the results available on the CITES website as a compilation of responses that could be useful to other Parties, as well as to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee for their information and consideration in undertaking Decisions 19.zd and 19.zf.

19.zb The Secretariat shall, in line with the cooperation agreement between the CITES Secretariat and the OIE, work with the OIE and its Wildlife Working Group, including through the new *Ad Hoc Working Group on Reducing the Risk of Disease Spillover in Wildlife Markets and along the Wildlife Supply Chain*, in order to, *inter alia*, develop a joint program of work to collaboratively help fill knowledge gaps and identify effective and practical solutions for reducing pathogen spillover risk in wildlife supply chains. In undertaking this work, the Secretariat shall seek the views of the Animals and Standing Committee on the joint program of work, through their Chairs, and report on the progress of the development and implementation of the joint program of work to the Animals Committee, the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat shall also review its Cooperation Agreement with OIE to identify any necessary updates to reflect guidance provided by the Animals and Standing Committees.

- 19.zc The Secretariat shall prepare a report summarizing existing activities or formal agreements with other entities (such as, among others, FAO, WHO and ICCWC) as well as possible emerging opportunities, and identify opportunities for additional practical collaboration towards reducing the risk of pathogen spillover or zoonotic disease transmission in international wildlife trade supply chains for consideration by the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.zd The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.zb and make recommendations to the Standing Committee, including on priorities for the joint program of work and taking into the consideration the responses to the Notification prepared under Decision 19.za.
- 19.ze The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat under Decision 19.zc and make recommendations to the Standing Committee on opportunities for practical collaboration under the direction of existing Resolutions, Decisions or agreements.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.zf The Standing Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 19.zb, taking into account the recommendations of the Animals Committee, and make its own recommendations, including on priorities for the joint program of work and taking into consideration the responses to the Notification prepared under Decision 19.za.
- 19.zg The Standing Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat under Decision 19.zc taking into account the recommendations of the Animals Committee, and make recommendations on opportunities for practical collaboration under the direction of existing Resolutions, Decisions or agreements.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.zh The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees, consider the development of a Resolution on actions CITES Parties and others could take to advance a 'One Health' approach as it pertains to international wildlife trade, and provide its recommendations, which may be in the form of a new draft Resolution, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In developing any resolution, the Standing Committee may consider, *inter alia*, encouraging Parties to undertake actions that would improve monitoring and reduce the risk of pathogen spillover along international wildlife trade supply chains; encouraging or enhancing collaboration with national wildlife and human health authorities to minimize and mitigate the risk of disease transmission; providing instructions to the CITES Committees or Secretariat to collaborate with relevant agencies and instruments to strengthen the consideration of wildlife health and international wildlife trade in a 'One Health' approach; and contributing their expertise in discussions on the development of an international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committee

- 19.zi The Animals and Plants Committee shall consider scientific elements that could be included in a possible Resolution on actions CITES Parties and others could take to advance a 'One Health' approach as it pertains to international wildlife trade, and provide its recommendations to the Standing Committee.

The Committee agreed to submit the following amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP16) on *Transport of live specimens* to CoP19 amended as follows:

2. RECOMMENDS that:

[...]

- e) the Standing Committee and the Secretariat, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees and IATA, regularly review, revise and approve amendments to the CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants, including recommending,

in consultation with the World Organization for Animal Health, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, any appropriate updates to include **evidence-based** measures to mitigate risks to animal and human health posed by international trade in CITES-listed species;

3. DIRECTS the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committees, in consultation with the Secretariat:

[...]

- c) to review and recommend any appropriate updates to the *IATA Live Animals Regulations* to incorporate **evidence-based** measures to mitigate risks to animal and human health posed by international trade in CITES-listed species;

15. Towards a resolution on CITES and forests SC74 Doc. 15

The Committee noted the importance of forests and of trade in tree species and agreed that it was premature to submit a resolution on CITES and forests. The Committee recommended that the Secretariat submit draft decisions to the Conference of the Parties that would ensure that the Plants and Standing Committees are involved in the development of any resolution on CITES and forests. The Committee further recommended that the Secretariat consider the points raised by Canada on behalf of the North American region in information document S74 Inf. 21, including activities it could implement during the intersessional period after CoP19 in working towards a resolution.

19. Language strategy for the Convention..... SC74 Doc. 19 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted that the Finance and Budget Subcommittee was considering this agenda item and would present its recommendations later in the meeting.