

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

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH
AFTERNOON

35. Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa

35.2 Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 35.2

The Committee:

- a) noted the broad range of activities reported upon and support available to Parties in West and Central Africa;
- b) encouraged Parties in West and Central Africa, as well as organizations and other entities implementing projects in the two subregions, to build upon this through continued exploration of synergies and by leveraging on collective action to strengthen responses to wildlife crime affecting the subregions;
- c) further encouraged Parties in West and Central Africa to further step up efforts to strengthen CITES implementation and enforcement by actively pursuing the implementation of the Decisions adopted at CoP18 and implementing the recommendations in [Annex 2 of document CoP18 Doc. 34](#);
- d) welcomed the adoption of the West Africa Strategy on Combating Wildlife Crime (WASCWC) and encouraged Parties in West Africa to actively pursue its rapid and full implementation; and
- e) encouraged Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and interested stakeholders to provide support to the West Africa subregion in its implementation of the WASCWC.

35.3 Report by Nigeria, Benin and Niger SC74 Doc. 35.3

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

Draft decisions on Strengthening collaboration between source, transit and consumer countries

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.AA** The Standing Committee shall establish a working group, with representation from all regions, to make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the development and adoption of procedures that will

promote enhanced collaboration between source, transit and consumer countries including (*inter alia*):

- a) a secure mechanism for regular exchange of seizure data between CITES Management Authorities along illegal trade chains;
- b) the establishment of a CITES early warning mechanism (e.g. in response to heightened seizures, or identification of a new trade route) that will ensure all Parties along the supply chain are promptly made aware of priority enforcement needs and can respond accordingly;
- c) the establishment of a forum to promote regular communication between source, transit and consumer countries on priority issues (e.g. *Pterocarpus erinaceus*); and
- d) the need for *CITES guidelines on enforcement coordination between source/transit/consumer countries*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall support the Standing Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.AA, including through the provision of technical expertise, translation and interpretation as appropriate.

Draft decisions on Strengthening wildlife law enforcement in West Africa

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AA The Standing Committee shall establish an intersessional working group, to be comprised of representatives of regional Wildlife Enforcement Networks, to provide the newly formed West Africa Network to Combat Wildlife Crime (WAN) with expert guidance and support as the WAN becomes operational.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall support the Standing Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.AA, including through the provision of technical expertise, translation and interpretation as appropriate.

35.1 Inclusion of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* in the Review of Significant Trade

35.1.1 Report of the Plants Committee SC74 Doc. 35.1.1

and

35.1.2 Report by Senegal SC74 Doc. 35.1.2

The Committee established an in-session working group with the mandate to draft recommendations to all range States of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* to address the problems not related to the implementation of Article IV 2 a) or 3, identified by the Plants Committee and in other relevant documentation of the present meeting, including SC74 Doc. 28.2.4 [on Article XIII/Nigeria] and SC74 Doc. 35.1.2 [Senegal's document]). The membership of the working group was agreed as follows: Belgium (Chair), Austria, Burkina Faso, European Union, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and the United States of America; UNEP-WCMC; Center for International Environmental Law, Environmental Investigation Agency USA, Forest Trends, World Resources Institute and World Wide Fund for Nature.

50. Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations':
Report of the Animals Committee SC74 Doc. 50

The Committee agreed to propose the following draft decisions to CoP19 to replace Decisions 18.152 to 18.165:

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification within 90 days of the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, inviting feedback on experience with using the guidance contained in Notification to the Parties No. 2019/070 on Non-binding guidance for determining whether a proposed recipient of a living specimen is suitably equipped to house and care for it, as well as the information provided on the CITES webpage "Appropriate and acceptable destinations", and
- b) report on this feedback to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee for their consideration and recommendations, as appropriate.

19.BB Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall review the report from the Secretariat on feedback from Parties called for in Decision 19.AA and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

19.CC Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall review the report from the Secretariat and any comments and recommendations coming from the Animals Committee on feedback from Parties called for in Decision 19.AA and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

The Committee agreed to submit to CoP19 the non-binding best practice guidance on how to determine whether "the trade would promote *in situ* conservation" contained in Annex 1 to document SC74 Doc. 50 with the following amendment throughout the guidance: "a Scientific Authority and ~~or~~ Management Authority (SA and MA)" and "SA and MA".

The Committee agreed to submit to CoP19 the non-binding guidance for determining whether a proposed recipient of a living specimen of African elephant and/or southern white rhinoceros is suitably equipped to house and care for it, contained in Annex 2 to document SC74 Doc. 50.

The Committee agreed that it was premature to propose revisions to Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18) on *Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'* and to any other relevant Resolution.

The Committee noted the concerns raised about the export of live African elephants by Namibia and Zimbabwe and invited Parties to propose to the Conference of the Parties a clear legal framework for trade in live African elephants.

68. Elephants (Elephantidae spp.):
Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18)
Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 68

The Committee:

- a) noted the information contained in document SC74 Doc. 68, as well as its annexes;
- b) encouraged elephant range States to use the MIKE Online Database for MIKE data submission and Parties to use ETIS Online to submit seizure information;

- c) encouraged donors and partners to support African elephant range States to conduct and fund surveys of elephant populations and to encourage Parties to provide funding to the African Elephant Fund for the implementation of the African Elephant Action Plan;
- d) noted that the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup intends to meet in the margins of the present meeting to discuss matters as indicated in paragraph 64 of document SC74 Doc. 68 (i.e. the nominations for global and co-opted members membership of the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group) and items referred to it by the Standing Committee and report back to the Standing Committee;
- e) requested Parties to step up efforts concerning use of the guidance to standardise reporting of hunting trophies included in the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* when reporting on trade in hunting trophies of *Loxodonta africana*;
- f) noted the low response rate from Asian elephant range States on their implementation of Decision 18.226, paragraphs a) to d), and the reports received from Cambodia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, thanking these Parties for the reports submitted;
- g) agreed to propose to CoP19 that Decision 18.226 be renewed and revised to be addressed to Asian elephant range States;
- h) agreed to propose to CoP19 that Decision 18.227 be deleted and replaced with the following amended draft decision:

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) request a report from Asian elephant range States on the implementation of paragraphs a) through d) of Decision 18.226;
 - b) subject to the availability of external funding, develop minimum requirements for a registering, marking and tracing system for live Asian elephants, to be presented to Asian elephant range States with the aim of establishing a ~~regional~~ global system, or alternatively standardized national systems, for registering, marking and tracing live Asian elephants; and
 - c) report any information provided in response to Decision 19.AA paragraph a) and on the implementation of Decision 19.AA paragraph b), as well as findings and recommendations concerning trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives as appropriate, to the Standing Committee.
- i) agreed to propose to CoP19 that Decisions 18.120 and 18.121 be deleted and the following draft decisions be considered for adoption:

19.YY Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, taking into consideration available information and research studies, compile information relating to the potential contribution of mammoth ivory trade to illegal trade in elephant ivory and elephant poaching and report its findings to the Standing Committee.

19.ZZ Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider the report and findings provided by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.YY and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.