

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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SUMMARY

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Adoption of Executive Summaries

The executive summary of the fourth session in document SC74 Sum. 4 was adopted with the following amendments:

- Under agenda item 28.4, recommendation l) iii) and iv), insert “progress report” between “NIAP” and “template” to read “NIAP progress report template”;
- Under agenda item 28.5, recommendation d) should refer to Decision 18.293 and not 18.292;
- Under agenda item 28.5, recommendation e), before “the 30 April 2022 report”, replace “and” with “, taking into consideration”; and
- Under agenda item 28.5, the recommendation before the draft decisions should read as follows: “The Committee agreed to submit the following draft decisions, along with renewed and revised decisions as identified in paragraph e) above”.

The executive summary of the fifth session in document SC74 Sum. 5 was adopted with the following amendments:

- Under agenda item 31, after “Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees should”, insert “, in consultation with the Secretariat, and if appropriate”; and
- Under agenda item 32, second paragraph, correct the number of the Resolution from “11.33” to “11.3”.

The executive summary of the sixth session in document SC74 Sum. 6 was adopted with the following amendment:

- Under agenda item 69, replace “working group” with “drafting group”.

The executive summary of the seventh session in document SC74 Sum. 7 was adopted.

72. Rosewood tree species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]:
Report of the Plants Committee SC74 Doc. 72

The Committee recommended that the Plants Committee submit to CoP19 the following draft decisions:

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

Subject to external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) in consultation with the Plants Committee, develop the objectives of the proposed study of rosewood tree species, taking into account findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- b) commission a study on the conservation and trade rosewood-tree species identified, taking into account the priorities, findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- c) report on the progress of the study to the Plants Committee;
- d) taking into account the above, organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts, with a view to presenting and discussing the results, and develop recommendations; and
- e) submit the final study for consideration by the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop, if held.

19.BB Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall consider any progress reported by the Secretariat in relation to the implementation of Decision 19.AA, work with the Secretariat to develop the objectives of the study, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

19.CC Directed to the Parties

Parties are invited to collaborate with the Secretariat and the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB, and support the work of the study and the international workshop, including seeking external resources from relevant organizations and stakeholders.

19.DD Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report relating to the implementation of Decision 19.AA to 19.CC;
- b) identify any implementation and enforcement issues associated with the international trade in rosewood tree species, particularly those identified as a priority by the Plants Committee; and
- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

84. Products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids:
Report of the Plants Committee SC74 Doc. 84

The Committee:

- a) agreed that future work on orchid annotations be undertaken in close collaboration with any Standing Committee discussions related to annotations, as per the recommendation of the Plants Committee contained in paragraph 5, subparagraphs f) and g) of document SC74 Doc. 84;
- b) agreed to submit to CoP19 the following amended draft decisions

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

Subject to availability of external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) consult with Parties and stakeholders and undertake a study to compile an overview of Appendix-II orchid taxa that are particularly affected by wild harvest for international trade to inform the following assessments:
 - i) an assessment of the conservation impacts of exempting artificially propagated Appendix-II listed orchid taxa from CITES regulations, including as articulated in footnote annotation 10 of the CITES Appendices, including identification challenges and look-alike issues; and
 - ii) an assessment of the conservation impacts of exempting derivatives and/or finished products of certain Appendix-II listed orchid taxa from CITES regulations through amendments to annotation #4; and
- b) report to the Plants Committee.

19.BB Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall consider the study as per Decision 19.AA, and make recommendations on how to improve CITES implementation for Appendix-II listed orchids to the Standing Committee ~~or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.~~

19.CC Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall review any recommendations of the Plants Committee, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, ~~as appropriate.~~

- c) agreed to propose to CoP19 the deletion of Decisions 18.327 to 18.330.

58. Specimens grown from wild-collected seeds or spores that are deemed to be artificially propagated:

Report of the Plants Committee *No document*

The Committee noted that this agenda item was considered under agenda item 6.

60. Stocks and stockpiles: Report of the working group SC74 Doc. 60

The Committee noted document SC74 Doc. 60 and requested the Secretariat to work with the Standing Committee Chair to revise Decision 17.170 (Rev. CoP18) and propose its adoption to CoP19, noting that the context of the discussion relating to this issue should be included in Standing Committee's report to CoP19.

61. Stocks and stockpiles (elephant ivory)

61.1 Guidance on ivory stockpiles: Report of the working group SC74 Doc. 61.1

The Committee approved the "Practical guidance on ivory stockpile management" in Annex 1 to document SC74 Doc. 61.1 and the "Review of elephant destruction methods" in Annex 2.

The Committee requested the Standing Committee Chair to work with the Chair of the intersessional working group on guidance on ivory stockpiles to propose to CoP19 a draft decision based on paragraph 10 of document SC74 Doc. 61.1.

61.2 Annual inventories of stockpiles: Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 61.2

The Committee:

- a) appealed to Parties to step up their efforts to comply with the provisions of paragraph 7 e) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on *Trade in elephant specimens* concerning stockpiles, with a view of submitting the required information to the Secretariat every year;

- b) requested the Secretariat to issue an additional Notification to the Parties to underscore the request for provision of information on government held ivory stockpiles and to remind Parties about the provisions of paragraph 7 e) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18);
- c) recommended that regional Members and Alternate regional Members, as part of their regular contact with Parties in their region, remind Parties of the obligations of paragraph 7 e) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18);
- d) noted that the Secretariat will put in place arrangements to conduct a technical mission to Burundi, in accordance with paragraph 29 e) in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.3 on *CITES compliance procedures*, to verify the current status of the Burundi stockpile, and to report to the Committee on its findings; and
- e) agreed to propose to CoP19 the renewal of Decisions 18.184 and 18.185 so that it considers the Secretariat's report at SC77.

71. Great apes (Hominidae spp.): Report of the Secretariat..... SC74 Doc. 71

The Committee:

- a) noted the report of the Secretariat provided in document SC74 Doc. 71; and
- b) agreed to include details of its consideration of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP18) in its report under paragraph 2 i) of Annex 1 to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of Committees*, including the importance of including the conservation of great apes in any collaboration with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements as part of the broader work on partnership and synergies.

76. Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*): Report of the Secretariat..... SC74 Doc. 76

The Committee:

- a) noted document SC74 Doc. 76 and the oral updates provided China, Guinea, India and Switzerland;
- b) encouraged Parties affected by illegal trade in specimens of Tibetan antelope to continue to approach the CITES Management Authority of Switzerland for assistance with identification methods and exchange of information and knowledge about this topic;
- c) encouraged India and Italy to enhance efforts to strengthen the capacity of its border officials concerning the identification of Tibetan antelope specimens, in particular garments and cloth, including by drawing upon the support available from Switzerland, as appropriate; and
- d) agreed to report on this matter to CoP19 as part of the report of the Chair under paragraph 2 i) in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*.

77. Helmeted hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*): Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 77

The Committee:

- a) noted document SC74 Doc. 77 on the implementation of Decisions 18.266 to 18.268;
- b) recalled paragraph 2 of Resolution Conf. 17.11 on *Conservation of, and trade in, helmeted hornbill* and encouraged range States to respond to the Secretariat's invitation to provide assistance in their implementation of that Resolution;
- c) encouraged relevant range, transit and consumer States to actively take part in the INTERPOL-led meeting of a Regional Investigative and Analytical Case Management on illegal trade in helmeted hornbill, expected to be held in 2022; and
- d) requested the Chair of the Standing Committee to include information on the implementation of Decisions 18.266 to 18.269 in its report to CoP19.

78. Saiga antelope (*Saiga spp.*):
Report of the Secretariat and the Animals Committee SC74 Doc. 78

The Committee:

- a) noted document SC74 Doc. 78;
- b) commended the saiga antelope range States for their efforts in restoring saiga antelope populations in the wild, and saiga range States and major trading and consumer States for their contributions to the implementation of the Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope; and
- c) agreed to submit to CoP19 the following draft decisions proposed by the Animals Committee and amended by the Secretariat with new text underlined for submission to CoP19:

19.AA Directed to range States of saiga antelope (*Saiga spp.*) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives

- a) The range States of the saiga antelope (*Saiga spp.*) and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives, as identified by the Secretariat on the basis of CITES trade data, should fully implement the measures directed to them in the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope for 2021-2025* [MTIWP (2021-2025)], developed in support of the *Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (Saiga spp.)* and its *Saiga Action Plan*; and
- b) Consistent with the measures directed to saiga range States in MTIWP (2021-2025), the range States of the saiga antelope are encouraged to establish internal market controls for saiga parts, including registration of stockpiles, labelling of parts and products, and registration of manufacturers and traders, and report such information to the CITES Secretariat.

19.BB Directed to the Secretariat

Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) review, in consultation with the CMS Secretariat, the conservation of and trade in saiga antelope, *Saiga spp.*, based on available data on legal and illegal trade, materials and outcomes of the fourth meeting of Saiga MOU signatories, and stakeholder consultations, and report any consequent findings and recommendations to the Animals Committee, and to the Standing Committee in the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)* and the joint CMS-CITES work programme;
- b) consult saiga range States and major trading and consumer States concerning their management of stockpiles of saiga specimens; review processes and practices; and provide assistance in ensuring effective stockpile management and monitoring, including the development of inventories and strengthening stockpile security;
- c) provide training to strengthen cross-border cooperation in CITES implementation, identification of saiga products and techniques for countering illegal trade; and
- ed) report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision, as appropriate.

19.CC Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall, as appropriate, consider any findings and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.271 (Rev. CoP19), and make recommendations to the Standing Committee.

19.DD Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall, as appropriate, consider any findings and recommendations submitted by the Animals Committee and the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.271 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.272 (Rev. CoP19), and make recommendations as necessary.

19.EE Directed to saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders

Saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate in the conservation and restoration of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.), and to support the implementation of MTIWP (2021-2025) as well as the technical coordination of the Saiga MOU.

63. West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.):
Report of the Animals Committee SC74 Doc. 63

The Committee agreed to submit to CoP19 the following draft decisions to replace Decisions 18.186 to 18.192:

19.AA Directed to West African range States (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo)

West African range States for *Gyps africanus* (Whitebacked vulture), *Gyps fulvus* (Griffon vulture), *Gyps rueppelli* (Rüppell's vulture), *Necrosyrtes monachus* (Hooded vulture), *Neophron percnopterus* (Egyptian vulture), *Torgos tracheliotos* (Lappet-faced vulture), and *Trigonoceps occipitalis* (White-headed vulture) are urged to:

- a) integrate illegal vulture trade considerations into their implementation of the West Africa Strategy on Combatting Wildlife Crime (WASCWC) and any decisions relating to Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting;
- b) ensure that national laws to protect vultures and control trade in vulture parts and derivatives are effectively implemented, and ensure that penalties for non-compliance are sufficient to deter illegal trade;
- c) ensure that any international trade in West African vultures is not allowed except in accordance with CITES requirements, and if international trade is found not to be in accordance with CITES requirements, consider implementing a zero export quota;
- d) follow Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings*, and, in cases where there is an interest in exporting globally threatened vulture species, consider submitting non-detriment findings for the export of vulture specimens to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website and review by the Animals Committee;
- e) identify any trade-related issues associated with the implementation of the Vulture Multispecies Action Plan of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);
- f) work with relevant experts and organizations for implementing demand reduction strategies for vultures and their parts and derivatives including for belief-based use and

consumption and, where appropriate, expand the implementation of strategies that have been successful;

- g) work with relevant organizations to initiate wide-scale public awareness campaigns at regional, national and local levels about the impacts of trade in these species, including the importance of vulture species to ecology and human health, the negative impacts of belief-based use of vulture body parts, and existing national and international legislation that protects vultures; and
- h) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision to assist it in reporting to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

19.BB Directed to Parties, West African range States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Parties, West African range States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged, subject to resources, to:

- a) collaborate in the conservation and restoration of West African vultures and support the implementation of the Vulture Multispecies Action Plan of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to conserve African-Eurasian Vultures; and
- b) gather and exchange scientific knowledge and expertise on West African vultures, with a particular focus on:
 - i) documenting the scale of vulture trade by surveying markets in and outside West Africa, and identifying inter-regional and international trade routes;
 - ii) characterizing links between poisoning and trade in vultures, and contributing to the African Wildlife Poison Database; and
 - iii) updating the conservation and population status information of West African vultures, and *Gyps africanus* (white-backed vultures), *Gyps rueppellii* (Rüppell's vultures) and *Torgos tracheliotus* (lappet-faced vultures) in particular.

19.CC Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) cooperate with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) partner organizations, regional and subregional wildlife enforcement networks, and competent national authorities, where relevant and feasible, to consider vultures in the context of ICWC's enforcement and capacity-building efforts in West Africa;
- b) subject to external funding, support the production of identification materials focusing on parts and derivatives of vulture species for use by law enforcement officials;
- c) liaise with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to assist in the implementation of the trade-related aspects of the Vulture Multispecies Action Plan (MsAP) subject to external funding, and share information based on the work of the Animals Committee;
- d) subject to external funding, support the implementation of capacity-building activities aimed at providing support to the West African range States in implementing the trade-related aspects of the Vulture MsAP;
- e) in collaboration with the CMS Secretariat, consider available trade data and conservation status information from the whole geographic range of the vulture species concerned for inclusion in its reporting to the Animals and Standing Committees; and

- f) collect information from West African vulture range States on their implementation of Decision 19.AA, and report as appropriate this and other information on the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.CC a), b), c), d) and e) to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, at their first regular meetings following the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with conclusions and recommendations for their consideration.

19.DD Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) encourage West African range States to undertake a Periodic Review of the vulture species referred to in Decision 19.AA pursuant to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) on *Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II*, taking note of the offer of the Vulture Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature to assist range States in such an effort;
- b) consider any reports or requests for advice submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in CITES-listed West African vulture species;
- c) consider the reports and recommendations of the Secretariat submitted in accordance with Decision 19.CC, paragraph e): and
- d) make recommendations as appropriate for consideration by range States, Parties, the Standing Committee and the Secretariat.

19.EE Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall review the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.DD and make recommendations as appropriate to West African vulture range States, Parties and the Secretariat, and for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

19.FF Directed to Parties, donor organizations and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Donor Parties and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide support for implementing Decisions 19.AA to 19.CC and ensuring the survival of West African vultures.

48. Labelling system for trade in caviar:
Report of the working group..... SC74 Doc. 48

The Committee agreed to propose to CoP19 the deletion of Decision 18.146 and the submission of the following draft decisions:

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall prepare, in consultation with relevant information technology, industry and other experts, an analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of incorporating QR codes into the application of the *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar* contained in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish*, and present its analysis and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

19.BB Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider the report on the use of QR codes in the application of the *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar* prepared by the Secretariat, and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to work with the Standing Committee Chair to propose to CoP19 a new sub-paragraph b) in draft decision 19.BB above in order to consider reviewing the caviar labelling system and opportunities to improve the functioning of the caviar labelling system and make recommendations to CoP20, taking into account the study on *Identification of species, subspecies, source and origin of sturgeons and paddlefish species and specimens (Acipenseriformes spp.) in trade* in the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 47.

47. Identification and traceability of sturgeons and paddlefishes (Acipenseriformes spp.): Report of the Animals Committee SC74 Doc. 47

The Committee noted the implementation by the Secretariat of the recommendations of the Animals Committee and reported on in paragraphs 6 to 8 of document SC74 Doc. 47.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to publish the list of laboratories and the summary table – Table 2 of the study on *Identification of species, subspecies, source and origin of sturgeons and paddlefish species and specimens (Acipenseriformes spp.) in trade* on the CITES website and to share the study with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime to support enforcement agencies in detecting illegal trade in sturgeon and paddlefish specimens.

The Committee further invited Parties to make use of the identification methods described in the study.

The Committee agreed that Decisions 16.136 (Rev. CoP18) to 16.138 (Rev. CoP18) have been implemented.

46. Identification materials: Report of the Animals and Plants Committee and the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 46

The Committee:

- a) noted document SC74 Doc. 46 and the progress made in implementation of Decisions 18.135 to 18.137;
- b) agreed to submit to CoP19 the draft resolution on *Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species* contained in Annex 1 to document SC74 Doc. 46 with the additional amendment below:

RECALLING that the CITES Identification Manual was begun in 1977 and continued through Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) on *Identification Manual*. However, much of the information has become outdated since it has not been updated since 2009; ~~but has become obsolete in 2009 when the Identification Manual was no longer updated due to the need for more dynamic and multi-faceted approaches in the future;~~

- c) agreed to submit to CoP19 the following draft decisions:

19.AA Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

The Animals and Plants Committees shall establish a joint working group on identification materials and undertake the following working group tasks, in consultation with the Secretariat:

- a) review selected identification materials and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions or Resolutions;
- b) consider ways to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species; and
- c) report on the progress with these activities at the meeting(s) of the Animals and Plants Committees.

19.BB Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue collecting information on identification materials and share it through the CITES website and the CITES Virtual College; and
- b) report on the progress and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

19.CC Directed to Parties

Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the working group on identification materials by providing to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspection officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.

- d) agreed to submit to CoP19 the following draft decisions, should the Conference of the Parties not adopt the draft resolution on *Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species*:

19.AA Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) establish a joint working group on identification materials and undertake the following working group tasks, in consultation with the Secretariat:
 - i) continue to draft the proposed new resolution on identification materials if necessary; [to be deleted if the Conference of the Parties adopts the resolution]
 - ii) review selected identification materials, including material compiled as per Decision 18.136 paragraph a), and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions or Resolutions;
 - iii) consider ways to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species; and
 - iv) report on the progress with these activities at the meeting(s) of the Animals and Plants Committees; and
- b) submit the proposed new resolution on identification materials to the Standing Committee for inputs and onward submission to the Conference of the Parties. [to be deleted if the Conference of the Parties adopts the resolution]

19.BB Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue collecting information on identification materials and share it through the CITES Website and the CITES Virtual College;
- b) provide inputs to the proposed new resolution on identification materials drafted by the joint working group on identification materials called for in Decision 19.AA [to be deleted if the Conference of the Parties adopts the resolution]; and
- c) report on the progress and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

[to be deleted if the Conference of the Parties adopts the resolution]

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) provide inputs on the draft resolution text prepared by the Animals and Plants Committees to ensure that the needs for identification materials expressed by Parties and authorities responsible for wildlife law enforcement are taken into account; and
- b) submit the revised draft resolution to the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting.

19.DD Directed to Parties

Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the working group on identification materials by providing to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspection officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.

- e) invited the Conference of the Parties to agree that Decisions 18.135 to 18.139 have been implemented and can be deleted.

51. Introduction from the sea:

Report of the Secretariat SC74 Doc. 51

The Committee noted document SC74 Doc. 51 and the advice provided by Parties and observers on the responses to the 10 questions more frequently asked on CITES trade from areas beyond national jurisdiction. The Committee invited Parties and observers to provide these comments to the Secretariat.

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

CITES TRADE FROM THE HIGH SEAS AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.AA The Secretariat shall monitor the negotiations on the development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) and report to the Standing Committee the results, as appropriate.
- 19.BB The Secretariat shall continue to monitor the implementation of Resolution 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Introduction from the sea* and report as appropriate to the Standing Committee. ~~In doing so, the Secretariat shall explore the feasibility of establishing a register with the list of flag-of-convenience States and territories. The list could include the vessels which are authorized to harvest CITES-listed species and the respective zones.~~
- 19.CC The Secretariat shall approach and work with the States that are most active in the trade in CITES species from the sea, including flag-of-convenience States and territories, with a view to encouraging them to fulfil their CITES responsibilities.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.DD The Standing Committee shall, as appropriate, review intersessionally the 10 questions most frequently asked on 'CITES trade from areas beyond national jurisdiction ~~the high seas~~' and the responses prepared by the Secretariat and provide recommendations to the Secretariat regarding the possible amendment of the Annex to Resolution Conf 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Introduction from the sea*.