

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



Seventy-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee
Panama City (Panama), 25 November 2022

SUMMARY RECORD

1. Opening remarks of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General welcomed the participants and made opening remarks.

Procedural matters

2. Election of officers

The Secretary-General, as temporary chair of the meeting, confirmed that, following the elections at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19), the current members of the Standing Committee were as follows:

Africa: Chad (Democratic Republic of the Congo as alternate), Kenya (United Republic of Tanzania as alternate), Madagascar (Zambia as alternate) and Morocco (Senegal as alternate);

Asia: Indonesia (India as alternate), Japan (China as alternate) and Kuwait (Singapore as alternate);

Central and South America and the Caribbean: Brazil (Ecuador as alternate), Dominican Republic (Cuba as alternate) and Honduras (Nicaragua as alternate);

Europe: Belgium (Spain as alternate), Georgia (Israel as alternate), Poland (Ireland as alternate), and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Belarus as alternate);

North America: United States of America (Canada as alternate);

Oceania: New Zealand (Australia as alternate);

Depositary Government: Switzerland; and

Previous Host Country: Panama.

By acclamation, the Committee elected the United States of America as Chair of the Standing Committee and Madagascar as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Rosemarie Gnam, as the representative of the United States of America, took the chair for the rest of the meeting. She thanked the members of the Committee for the privilege and for the confidence they are showing in her country.

3. Agenda

The Chair requested the Secretariat to introduce the agenda of the meeting contained in document SC76 Doc. 2.

There were no interventions.

The Standing Committee adopted the provisional agenda.

4. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

There were no interventions.

The Committee noted the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee as amended at its 70th meeting.

5. Tasks assigned to the Standing Committee by the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

The Chair explained that it was her intention to initiate intersessional working groups on a number of key activities directed to the Committee by CoP19 with a view to initiating the work associated with decisions directed at the Standing Committee before the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee. She explained that the Committee will take note of the interest of participants in joining these intersessional working groups. The Secretariat would then issue a Notification to the Parties in January 2023 asking for expressions of interest from Parties and observers in joining these working groups. The Standing Committee would subsequently confirm the final membership ensuring respect for its Rules of Procedure concerning the balance of representation between Parties and observers. The membership of the working groups established later in the meeting was agreed with this caveat.

The Standing Committee established the following intersessional working groups:

- Annotations with **Canada** as interim Chair;

Membership was agreed as follows: Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Namibia, Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Conservation Alliance of Kenya, Conservation Force, Center for International Environmental Law, Humane Society International, International Association of Violin and Bow Makers, International Fur Federation, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, League of American Orchestras, Lewis and Clark – Global Alliance for Animals and the Environment, South African Taxidermy & Tannery Association, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature,

- Indigenous peoples and local communities with **Canada** as Chair;

Membership was agreed as follows: Australia, Botswana, Cambodia, Canada, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, European Union, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Namibia, New Zealand, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe; International Union for Conservation of Nature, Amboseli Ecosystem Trust, Animal Welfare Institute, CAMPFIRE Association, Community Based Natural Resource Management Forum, Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa, Conservation Force, Dallas Safari Club, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation, Fauna & Flora International, Humane Society International, International Fur Federation, Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association, Ngamiland Council of NGOs, Pan African Wildlife Conservation Network, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa, ProWildlife, Safari Club International Foundation, South African Taxidermy & Tannery Association, Species Survival Network, Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature. It was agreed that expression of interest from observer organization for this intersessional working group and especially representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities as specified in paragraph b) of Decision 18.31 (Rev. CoP19) would be sought through the January 2023 Notification to be issued by the Secretariat.

- Livelihoods with **Peru** and **Zambia** as co-Chairs;

Membership was agreed as follows: Botswana, China, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Gabon, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Namibia, Peru, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe. It was agreed that expression of interest

from observer organization for this intersessional working group would be sought through the January 2023 Notification to be issued by the Secretariat.

- Electronic systems and information technology with **Switzerland** as Chair;
- Jaguars with **Brazil** as Chair;
- Purpose-of-transaction codes with **Georgia** as Chair;
- Labelling system for trade in caviar with a Chair still to be determined;
- Species at risk of extinction affected by international trade with the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** as Chair;
- Sharks and rays with the **United States of America** as Chair;
- Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa with **Nigeria** as Chair;
- Reducing the risk of future zoonotic disease emergence with **Israel** and **Singapore** as co-Chairs;
- Biotechnology with a Chair still to be determined;
- Review of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) with **Kenya** and **New Zealand** as co-Chairs;
- Review of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) with the **United States of America** as Chair;
- Movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and of musical instruments with **Australia** as Chair;
- Rules of Procedure with the **United States of America** as Chair;
- Review of trade in CITES-listed animal and plants not of wild source with **Belgium** and **Canada** as co-Chairs.

The Secretariat recalled that the Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) of the Standing Committee shall be composed of two country representatives from Africa and one from each of the other CITES regions, nominated by the region, plus the Depositary Government; and that the Subcommittee shall elect a Chair from among its members. Membership of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee was agreed as follows:

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| – Africa: | Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania; |
| – Asia: | Japan; |
| – Central and South America and the Caribbean: | Peru; |
| – Europe: | European Union; |
| – North America: | United States of America; |
| – Oceania: | New Zealand; |
| – Depositary Government: | Switzerland. |

The Secretariat explained that in the past the Committee had established a MIKE and ETIS Subgroup to oversee these two programmes and according to its previously established terms of reference:

- The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup will normally consist of eight members of the Standing Committee: two from Anglophone Africa, two from Francophone Africa, two from Asia and two from Europe or North America.*
- The members of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup should be Party members (and in certain cases, alternate members) of the Standing Committee that are: a) involved in the on-the-ground implementation of the MIKE programme; b) funding or otherwise actively supporting MIKE or ETIS; or c) showing a particular interest in the implementation and developments of MIKE and ETIS.*

The Standing Committee agreed to the following composition of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup:

- Four African elephant range States (2 anglophone and 2 francophone): Chad, Kenya, Senegal and Zambia;
- Two Asian elephant range States: China and Indonesia; and
- Two representatives from Europe and North America: Belgium and the United States of America.

6. Any other business

There were no interventions and no decisions taken by the Committee.

7. Determination of the time and venue of the 77th meeting

The Standing Committee noted that its 77th meeting would take place in Geneva from 6 to 10 November 2023.

8. Closing remarks

The Chair thanked all participants for their cooperation and closed the meeting at 17h35.