

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

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Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

Reports on National Reports under Article VIII,
Paragraph 7, of the Convention

TRADE MONITORING

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Technical Committee.

BACKGROUND

1. At its first meeting in Brussels in June 1984, TEC considered the report of the Working Group on Annual Reports (Doc. TEC. 1.12) and agreed that the role of the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Unit (WTMU) of the IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre as consultant to the Secretariat was essential and that additional, external funding was required to provide for the increase in work required of WTMU. The Secretariat was asked to prepare a draft resolution on this subject, and this is attached hereto as Annex 1 having been subject to minor editorial changes at the meeting of the TEC Regional Co-ordinators held in Kuala Lumpur in October, 1984.
2. As further background information, attached hereto as Annex 2 is the "Summary report to the CITES Secretariat of work conducted under consultancy contract in 1984".

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Trade Monitoring

CONSIDERING that the provisions of Article XII, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention require the Secretariat to study the periodic reports of Parties;

ACKNOWLEDGING the valuable assistance in meeting this responsibility provided by the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Unit (WTMU) of the IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre under contract to the CITES Secretariat;

RECOGNIZING the importance of this work in enabling the Parties to monitor implementation of the Convention and assess the impact of trade on wild populations of fauna and flora;

NOTING the report of the Working Group on Annual Reports (document Doc. TEC. 1.12) and that, with the increasing number of Parties and the increasing volume of data, the workload in this respect is also increasing substantially, and will continue to do so;

NOTING also that the Technical Committee at its first meeting (Brussels, 1984) agreed that extra financial support was required for this work in addition to that allocated within the Secretariat's budget;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

URGES every Party to endeavour to locate additional sources of funding to support the trade monitoring work of the Secretariat and WTMU and to provide such contributions to the Secretariat; and

APPEALS to all non-governmental organizations interested in furthering the objectives of the Convention to make financial contributions to the Secretariat to supplement the consultancy fee paid to the IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre, for the express purpose of increasing the work performed by WTMU under contract to the Secretariat.

IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre

SUMMARY REPORT TO THE CITES SECRETARIAT OF WORK CONDUCTED
UNDER CONSULTANCY CONTRACT IN 1984

This report covers the period 1 January to 31 December 1984 and outlines the work of WTMU carried out under the consultancy contract of the IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre with the CITES Secretariat, for the provision of technical and scientific support and advice relating to international trade in wildlife.

It should be noted that, as in previous years, WTMU is supported financially by a number of bodies and that much of the work reported here is, therefore, not specifically funded by CITES.

Staffing

On 1 January 1984, WTMU consisted of six full-time staff members: the Head, three research officers, a publications assistant and a secretary. The staff did not increase during the year but the services of consultants and sandwich placement students were employed. Administrative and computer services were provided by the IUCN Conservation Monitoring Centre, of which WTMU is part.

Activities

The main part of WTMU's activities consists of the collection, storage, processing, analysis and dissemination of information and data on the international trade in wildlife and wildlife products. Work conducted in 1984 included:

- a) The routine collection, storage and processing of data on wildlife trade and on dealers in wildlife, from a wide variety of sources such as CITES annual reports, customs statistics, other published and unpublished reports and an international network of informants.
- b) Entry into a computerized data base of: 1) all trade data submitted by the Parties to CITES in their annual reports for 1983 received by the end of November 1984 and 2) all trade data from annual reports for other years, received during 1984. The number of records in the data base increased by 96977 during the year.
- c) Provision of advice and information to the CITES Secretariat, government agencies, conservation and trade NGOs, the press and interested individuals.
- d) Co-ordination of the Network of TRAFFIC offices, including the provision of advice and documents requested and of comments on various drafts of reports produced for publication.
- e) Organisation of the annual meeting of the Directors of TRAFFIC offices, provision of chairmanship and minuting.
- f) The collection and processing of information on national legislation affecting the protection of and trade in wildlife.

- g) The continued collection and processing of information and data on the farming, ranching and commercial captive-breeding of wild animals.
- h) The compilation of information and news on wildlife trade for dissemination in the Traffic Bulletin.
- i) The provision of advice to the UK Government on applications to import, export or re-export wild animals or plants or their derivatives.
- j) Preparatory work for an analysis of CITES trade statistics for 1981, 1982 and 1983 to form the basis of a report on the implementation of the Convention, for presentation at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Meetings attended

Staff members of WTMU gave presentations at the following meetings:

- i) CITES Technical Committee - Plant Working Group, USA, February.
- ii) IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist Group, India, April.
- iii) CITES Technical Committee - Working Group on Annual Reports, Switzerland, April.
- iv) World Wildlife Fund National Organisations meeting, USA, May.
- v) Seminar on CITES Implementation in Africa, Belgium, June.
- vi) Fourth World Conference on Breeding Endangered Species in Captivity, Netherlands, September.
- vii) Seminar on CITES Implementation in Asia and Oceania, Malaysia, October.
- viii) IUCN/SSC Crocodile Specialist Group, Venezuela, October.

In addition, CMC staff participated in the following CITES meetings:

- i) CITES Technical Committee, Belgium, June.
- ii) CITES Technical Committee - Regional Co-ordinators, Malaysia, October.
- iii) CITES Technical Committee - Working Group on Significant Trade in Appendix II Species, Switzerland, December.

Output

Specific outputs in 1984 included:

- a) A comparative tabulation of 1982 CITES trade statistics for all countries Party to the Convention in 1982, submitted to the CITES Secretariat for transmission to the Parties. Production of a comparative tabulation of 1983 statistics, due in 1984, was postponed until 1985, at the request of the Secretariat, owing to a delay in the production of annual reports by some major trading Parties.

- b) A report on the international trade in ivory of the African elephant (Loxodonta africana), in two parts:
- i) The Hong Kong and Japanese Trade in Unworked Ivory, 1983.
 - ii) Analysis and interpretation of CITES trade statistics for manufactured ivory.

These were presented at the CITES TEC meeting in Brussels, June 1984, and published in Traffic Bulletin vol. VI no. 2.

- c) A brief report on international trade in skins and live specimens of Nile crocodile Crocodylus niloticus, as shown by CITES statistics for the period 1975-1983. This was presented at the CITES TEC meeting in Brussels, June 1984, and published in Traffic Bulletin vol. VI no. 2.
- d) A report on the interpretation and perception of the issue of "high trade-volume" in Appendix II species. This also was presented at the CITES TEC meeting in Brussels, June 1984.
- e) A confidential report on the results of A Survey of Wildlife Farming Operations, carried out during 1983 and early 1984.
- f) CITES Identification Manual sheets, produced for the UK Nature Conservancy Council, on all birdwing butterflies, all species of flamingo, psittaciformes, Oxyura leucocephala, Caecobarbus geertsii and Antipatharia.
- g) The annual report of the UK to CITES for 1981, produced for the UK Department of the Environment.
- h) A report on the European trade in sealskins (published in Traffic Bulletin vol. VI no. 3/4).
- i) A report on the European trade in meat and skins of kangaroos (to be published in Traffic Bulletin vol. VI no. 5).
- j) A report on the trade in peccary skins (published in Traffic Bulletin vol. VI no. 2.).
- k) A preliminary report on the trade in marine turtles during 1980-82 (unpublished).
- l) A paper, with TRAFFIC (USA), on The Crocodile Skin Trade, 1979-1982, presented at the IUCN/SSC Crocodile Specialist Group meeting, Caracas, October 1984.
- m) A paper entitled A World Survey of Crocodile Farming Operations, also presented at the IUCN/SSC Crocodile Specialist Group meeting, Caracas, October 1984.
- n) Revised annotated CITES appendices, including common English names and dates of listing, of all species listed in the appendices as at 14 March 1984, and a list of nomenclatural inconsistencies. (Unpublished, but to be revised and published after the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties).
- o) A record of specific reservations entered by Parties to CITES, as at 1 September 1984, with dates of entry and (where appropriate) withdrawal of reservations (to be published with annotated appendices).

- p) An inset on the international trade in live primates, for the Report on the State of the Environment, of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, with tabulations indicating world trade volume 1980-82.
- q) The following computer printouts of CITES trade statistics:
1. All trade in live Pongidae, 1979-82; for Swiss Government;
 2. All trade in live Hylobatidae, 1979-82; for Swiss Government;
 3. All trade in live Prosimians, 1979-82; for Swiss Government;
 4. All trade in live Cordylidae, 1981-82; for Swiss Government;
 5. All trade in Hippotragus equinus, live and trophies, 1981-82; for Swiss Government;
 6. All trade in Canidae, live and skins, 1979-82;
 7. Gross/Net trade analysis of trade in Canis lupus, skins, 1979-82; for Swiss Government;
 8. Gross/Net trade analysis of trade in Dusicyon spp., skins, 1979-82; for Swiss Government;
 9. Selected High Trade-Volume species, 164 reports for US Fish and Wildlife Service;
 10. Trade from Mexico (export/re-export, country of origin) 1975-82; 16 reports for CITES Secretariat;
 11. Bird trade of Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Columbia, in 1982; for the Prescott-Allens;
 12. Trade of Tunisia; 1980 update for CITES Secretariat;
 13. Trade of Guatemala; 1981 update for CITES Secretariat;
 14. Trade of Pakistan; 1982 update for CITES Secretariat;
 15. Trade of Liberia; 1982 update for CITES Secretariat;
 16. Trade of Senegal; 1981 update for CITES Secretariat;
 17. EEC trade in cacti; for Sara Oldfield, Kew Gardens;
 18. Trade of Pakistan in 1982; for WWF-Pakistan;
 19. All European trade in marine turtles; for Mr. Philippen, F.R.Germany;
 20. All trade in Cyclamen; for TRAFFIC Netherlands;
 21. All trade in Chelonia mydas; for UK Government;
 22. Trade of Republic of Korea in Ursidae, 1982; for CITES Secretariat;
 23. Trade of Pakistan, 1975-82; for A. Rao, Pakistan Government;
 24. All trade in cacti, 1981-83; for IUCN/SSC Cactus and Succulent Specialist Group;
 25. Trade of Singapore, 1982; for CITES Secretariat;
 26. Trade of Thailand, 1982; for CITES Secretariat;
 27. All trade in Crocodylia; for Romulus Whitaker;
 28. Trade of Australia, 1982; for CITES Secretariat;
 29. Trade of Ecuador, 1982; for CITES Secretariat;
 30. Trade from Republic of South Africa (export/re-export, country of origin) 1982; for South African Government.
- r) Four issues of the Traffic Bulletin, two of which were double issues (vol. V, nos. 5/6; vol. VI, nos. 3/4). These included special reports on: The Reptile Skin Trade in Bangladesh; World Trade in Tegu Skins; The Butterfly Trade; International Trade in Elephant Ivory; The Pecarry Skin Trade; South American Cats in Trade; Zimbabwe's Ivory Carving Industry; Nile Crocodile Skin Trade; The Japanese Trade in Bonytongue and CITES-listed Fish; World Trade in Monitor Lizard Skins; and The European Trade in Sealskins.