

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

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

ANIMAL HYBRIDS: AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION CONF.10.17

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Resolution Conf. 10.17 on animal hybrids, adopted at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Harare, June 1997), refers in three paragraphs to the "recent lineage" of hybrid animals. The resolution, however, contains no definition of this term.
3. The need for a harmonized understanding of the term was discussed by the Animals Committee at its 14th meeting (Caracas, May 1998). It was noted that, at the time of the discussion of this subject at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, when the resolution was adopted, a statement was made by one delegation that the "recent lineage" of a hybrid animal should be understood to mean the previous four generations of its lineage. There was no objection to this at the time. The Animals Committee agreed that this interpretation provided a good guideline for the Parties.
4. The Secretariat issued a Notification to Parties (No. 1998/28, 30 June 1998) to inform them of the interpretation endorsed by the Animals Committee and recommended that the term "recent lineage" of a hybrid animal, as the term is used in Resolution Conf. 10.17, be understood to mean the previous four generation of its lineage. It also requested the Parties, in the same Notification, to inform it of any problems encountered in applying this guideline. As of 12 November 1999, no Party has informed the Secretariat of any problem with this interpretation.
5. Consequently, the Secretariat hereby proposes an amendment to Resolution Conf. 10.17 to incorporate the above-mentioned interpretation. The Annex contains the proposed new text including the amendment, which is in bold type.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION CONF. 10.17

Animal hybrids

RECALLING Resolution Conf. 2.13 on the problem of hybrids, adopted at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (San José, 1979);

CONCERNED that trade in hybrids of species included in the appendices should be controlled in order to support the controls on trade in the species included in Appendices I and II;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

DECIDES that:

- a) hybrids may be specifically included in the appendices but only if they form distinct and stable populations in the wild;
- b) hybrid animals that have in their recent lineage one or more specimens of species included in Appendix I or II shall be subject to the provisions of the Convention just as if they were full species, even if the hybrid concerned is not specifically included in the appendices;
- c) if at least one of the animals in the recent lineage is of a species included in Appendix I, the hybrids shall be treated as specimens of species included in Appendix I (and shall be eligible for the exemptions of Article VII when applicable); ~~and~~
- d) if at least one of the animals in the recent lineage is of a species included in Appendix II, and there are no specimens of an Appendix-I species in such lineage, the hybrids shall be treated as specimens of species included in Appendix II; **and**
- e) **as a guideline, the words “recent lineage”, as used in this Resolution, shall generally be interpreted to refer to the previous four generations of the lineage;**

RECOMMENDS that, when Parties are considering the making of non-detriment findings, in accordance with Article III, paragraph 2(a), or Article IV, paragraph 2(a), for specimens of hybrids that are subject to the provisions of the Convention, they take into account any potential detriment to the survival of the listed species; and

REPEALS Resolution Conf. 2.13 (San José, 1979) – Problem of Hybrids.