

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



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13 June 2007: 13h00-14h05, 15h00-15h10

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The Chairman announced the continued delay in discussing the issues relating to African elephants.

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Amendment of the Appendices

68. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

The United States of America re-introduced proposal CoP14 Prop. 21 to include red and pink coral, *Corallium* species, in CITES Appendix II, annotated with a delayed entry into force for 18 months. They reiterated that recent taxonomic revisions had divided the family Coralliidae into two genera, *Corallium* and *Paracorallium* and that currently 31 species had been recognized. They indicated their willingness to work with the Nomenclature Committee to determine the correct taxonomy. Additionally, they indicated three items to be discussed: reporting requirements; exemptions for personal and household effects; and draft decisions to guide implementation of the listing, including two proposed workshops. They concluded by summarizing the draft decisions contained in document CoP14 Com. I. 15.

The Chairman proposed discussing the listing proposal first and the remaining issues afterwards.

Swan International, and TRAFFIC, also speaking on behalf of WWF, supported the proposal as amended by the United States.

Germany, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, supported the amended proposal, but also recommended an additional annotation be added to exclude fossil corals. Earthtrust supported the proposal, noting that currently there existed no control or monitoring of this genus in the Pacific nor were there any international monitoring bodies involved in monitoring this genus.

Mexico opposed the proposal based on uncertainties regarding the treatment of the personal effects and concerns about fossil coral annotations. Japan, Morocco, and Saint Kitts and Nevis opposed the proposal, suggesting that the item be reconsidered until after completion of the suggested workshops. Norway, Assocoral, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and IWMC – The World Conservation Trust opposed the proposal on the grounds that the FAO *Ad Hoc* Expert Advisory Panel had concluded that the genus did not meet the biological criteria for listing in Appendix II. Assocoral and IWMC further opposed the proposal on the grounds that effective management procedures were already in place in the Mediterranean.

The Chairman called for a vote on the proposal as amended by Germany, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States. It was accepted with 62 in favour, 28 opposed and 13 abstentions (see Annex).

Saint Kitts and Nevis sought clarification of the procedure for requesting a secret ballot and the Chairman explained that it was necessary to make a point of order rather than a request to make an intervention.

The United States responded to the comments made by IWMC – The World Conservation Trust and ASSOCORAL on the effects of the listing, if adopted, on the livelihoods of people involved in the red coral trade. They noted that this was of local significance but felt that this should not affect adoption of the proposal, which related to global problems with trade in the genus. They were also aware of comments about the quality of the data in the supporting statement but considered that these had been adequately addressed by consultation with delegates at the meeting.

The United States then provided the wording for the proposed exemption for personal and household effects, which replaced wording agreed in Summary Record CoP14 Com. I Rep. 10. They considered that it should be included in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP13) and could be dealt with as an addition to paragraph b) ii) of document CoP14 Com. II. 16. The exemption would read:

Pink and red corals (*Corallium* spp.) – up to a maximum of seven specimens of finished items or 1 kg, including any ancillary mounting, per person, whichever is the lesser. Where a specimen, such as jewellery, is comprised of multiple pieces of *Corallium* and other items, it should be treated as one specimen.

The wording was accepted by consensus.

The United States noted concerns about the taxonomy of the species in the family Coralliidae and explained that this would be dealt with in collaboration with the Nomenclature Committee. They also proposed acceptance of reporting of, and issuance of permits and certificates for, trade in *Corallium* spp. to the generic level, as recommended in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP13), under section XIV e), on the basis that finished products would not be readily identified to the species level.

The Chairman closed the discussion, noting that the draft decisions in document CoP14 Com. I. 15 would be dealt with in plenary.

The Chairman corrected an omission in Summary Record CoP14 Com. I. Rep. 4, in so far as it had not reflected two amendments agreed in session to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP13). Firstly the United States had suggested replacing the word “taken” with “derived” in the definition of ‘artificially propagated’ [paragraph g)], and this had been reflected in document Com. I. 9 (Rev. 1). Secondly Suriname had suggested replacing the word “fixed” with “annual” in the new paragraph added under *Regarding the establishment of export quotas for timber species*, and this correction needed to be made to the text in document Com. I. 9 (Rev. 1).

The Minister of Mines, Environment and Tourism for Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Francis Nhema updated the Committee on negotiations between the African countries regarding the elephant proposals. He indicated that they had reached agreement on a number of issues, but that more time was needed before a conclusion was reached.

The Chairman suggested that Committee I should convene a final session to discuss remaining business, including elephant proposals and working group reports. The session was closed at 15h10.

Result of the vote

Parties	Vote
Afghanistan AF	0
Albania AL	0
Algeria DZ	0
Antigua and Barbuda AG	2
Argentina AR	3
Australia AU	1
Austria AT	1
Azerbaijan AZ	0
Bahamas BS	3
Bangladesh BD	0
Barbados BB	0
Belarus BY	0
Belgium BE	1
Belize BZ	0
Benin BJ	0
Bhutan BT	0
Bolivia BO	2
Botswana BW	1
Brazil BR	1
Brunei Darussalam BN	0
Bulgaria BG	1
Burkina Faso BF	1
Burundi BI	1
Cambodia KH	2
Cameroon CM	2
Canada CA	2
Cape Verde CV	0
Central African Republic CF	0
Chad TD	0
Chile CL	2
China CN	2
Colombia CO	1
Comoros KM	0
Congo CG	0
Costa Rica CR	1
Côte d'Ivoire CI	1
Croatia HR	1
Cuba CU	2
Cyprus CY	1
Czech Republic CZ	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo CD	0
Denmark DK	1
Djibouti DJ	0
Dominica DM	1
Dominican Republic DO	3
Ecuador EC	0
Egypt EG	1

Parties	Vote
El Salvador SV	0
Equatorial Guinea GQ	0
Eritrea ER	1
Estonia EE	1
Ethiopia ET	3
Fiji FJ	1
Finland FI	1
France FR	1
Gabon GA	0
Gambia GM	0
Georgia GE	0
Germany DE	1
Ghana GH	0
Greece GR	1
Grenada GD	0
Guatemala GT	0
Guinea GN	0
Guinea-Bissau GW	0
Guyana GY	3
Honduras HN	0
Hungary HU	1
Iceland IS	2
India IN	1
Indonesia ID	2
Iran (Islamic Republic of) IR	0
Ireland IE	1
Israel IL	1
Italy IT	1
Jamaica JM	3
Japan JP	2
Jordan JO	1
Kazakhstan KZ	0
Kenya KE	0
Kuwait KW	1
Lao People's Democratic Republic LA	2
Latvia LV	1
Lesotho LS	0
Liberia LR	0
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya LY	0
Liechtenstein LI	1
Lithuania LT	1
Luxembourg LU	1
Madagascar MG	3
Malawi MW	1
Malaysia MY	2
Mali ML	0
Malta MT	1

Parties	Vote
Mauritania MR	0
Mauritius MU	2
Mexico MX	2
Monaco MC	1
Mongolia MN	0
Montenegro ME	0
Morocco MA	2
Mozambique MZ	1
Myanmar MM	0
Namibia NA	0
Nepal NP	3
Netherlands NL	1
New Zealand NZ	2
Nicaragua NI	0
Niger NE	3
Nigeria NG	0
Norway NO	2
Pakistan PK	1
Palau PW	1
Panama PA	0
Papua New Guinea PG	0
Paraguay PY	0
Peru PE	0
Philippines PH	0
Poland PL	1
Portugal PT	1
Qatar QA	2
Republic of Korea KR	2
Republic of Moldova MD	0
Romania RO	1
Russian Federation RU	1
Rwanda RW	2
Saint Kitts and Nevis KN	2
Saint Lucia LC	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines VC	2
Samoa WS	0
San Marino SM	1
Sao Tome and Principe ST	0
Saudi Arabia SA	0
Senegal SN	3
Serbia RS	1
Seychelles SC	0
Sierra Leone SL	0
Singapore SG	2
Slovakia SK	1
Slovenia SI	1
Solomon Islands SB	0
Somalia SO	0
South Africa ZA	2
Spain ES	1
Sri Lanka LK	0
Sudan SD	0

Parties	Vote
Suriname SR	2
Swaziland SZ	1
Sweden SE	1
Switzerland CH	3
Syrian Arab Republic SY	1
Thailand TH	2
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	0
Togo TG	2
Trinidad and Tobago TT	1
Tunisia TN	0
Turkey TR	1
Uganda UG	1
Ukraine UA	1
United Arab Emirates AE	3
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland GB	1
United Republic of Tanzania TZ	0
United States of America US	1
Uruguay UY	1
Uzbekistan UZ	0
Vanuatu VU	0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) VE	0
Viet Nam VN	0
Yemen YE	3
Zambia ZM	0
Zimbabwe ZW	1