

RESOLUTION CONF. 14.7

*MANAGEMENT OF NATIONALLY ESTABLISHED EXPORT QUOTAS*

1. The *Guidelines for management of nationally established export quotas* in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.7 include the following statement in paragraph 19:

*Unless otherwise indicated by the Conference of the Parties, once the Secretariat has received and published details of an annual export quota from a Party, it should publish the same quota for following years until it receives a revised quota from that Party.*

2. This provision has caused some problems and the Secretariat has received communications from a number of Management Authorities of Parties that were surprised to see quotas for their countries published on the CITES website even when they had not informed the Secretariat of a quota. In several cases, the Party concerned then informed the Secretariat that the published quota was incorrect and provided a correction.
3. The Secretariat believes that it would be preferable to avoid the publication of incorrect information, and that it would be better not to include any annual export quota in the list published on the CITES website unless the Party concerned has requested the Secretariat to publish it.

Recommendation

4. For the reasons above, the Secretariat recommends that the first sentence of paragraph 19 of the *Guidelines for management of nationally established export quotas* be deleted.