

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



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Committee I

Agenda items 28 and 29

DRAFT REVISION OF RESOLUTIONS CONF. 11.16 (REV. CoP14) AND CONF. 12.3 (REV. COP14)
AND
DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the United States of America, as co-chair of the joint working groups established in the second session of Committee I, and is based on documents CoP15 Doc. 28 and CoP15 Doc. 29.

Ranching and trade in ranched specimens
of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II

1. The editorial changes to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) included in Annex 3 of Document CoP15 Doc. 28 should be accepted.
2. The following draft decision should be accepted:

Directed to the Animals Committee

15.XX The Animals Committee shall:

- a) evaluate the merit of reinstating the ability to transfer suitably qualified populations that continue to meet the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14) Annex I from Appendix I to Appendix II pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) or Resolution Conf. 9.20 (Rev.); and
- b) if merit is found, draft a revision of the terms of paragraph A. 2 in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14) to eliminate the requirement that downlisting proposals pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) or Resolution Conf. 9.20 (Rev.) must also meet the criteria in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14).

Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species

1. The definition of ranching proposed by the Secretariat in Document CoP15 Doc. 29 and the inclusion of this definition in Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) should be accepted.
2. The following draft decisions should be accepted:

Directed to the Secretariat

15.XX The Secretariat shall:

- a) contingent on the availability of external funds, contract an appropriate expert to prepare a guide to advise the Parties on the appropriate use of source codes;

- b) provide a draft of this guide to the Animals and Plants Committees for review and comment; and
- c) prepare and distribute the final product, incorporating the feedback of the Animals and Plants Committees, to inform the Parties on the appropriate use of source codes.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 15.XX The Animals and Plants Committees shall review and provide feedback to the Secretariat on the draft guide to advise the Parties on the appropriate use of source codes.
3. The Committee should consider and agree to one of two options regarding amendment of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) to define source code R:
- Option 1: Specimens originating from a ranching operation for animal species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II, in conformity with Resolution Conf. 9.20 (Rev.) or Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14)
- Option 2: Ranched specimens are animals reared in a controlled environment, taken as eggs or juveniles from the wild, where they would otherwise have had a very low probability of surviving to adulthood