

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



Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Johannesburg (South Africa), 24 September – 5 October 2016

Committee I

Review of precious corals in international trade [Order Antipatharia/family Coralliidae]

DRAFT DECISIONS ON PRECIOUS CORALS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of document CoP17 Doc. 52 as agreed at the second session of Committee I (see document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 2).

Directed to the Secretariat

17.xxa The Secretariat, subject to external funding, is requested to:

- i) issue a notification that invites precious coral range States and relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organizations, on a voluntary basis, to complete a questionnaire/survey (Annex 1) to report data on their precious coral resources (black, red, and pink coral species including species within the order Antipatharia, and family Coralliidae), especially current and historical abundance, biological status, management, and any known harvest for domestic or international trade; and
- ii) compile range States' and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations' data into a report for submission to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee for its consideration.

17.xxb The Secretariat, subject to external funding, is requested to collaborate with FAO to commission a study by species experts on CITES and non-CITES listed precious coral species (black, red, and pink coral species including species within the order Antipatharia, and family Coralliidae) including:

- i) consideration of any responses received to the Notification issued in response to decision 17.xxa;
- ii) compilation of available data and information on the biology, population status, use and trade in each species, as well as identification of gaps in such data and information;
- iii) comparison of the management and harvest regulation schemes for black and red and pink coral species; and
- iv) preparation of a report for consideration at the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee, on the conservation status and trade of precious corals, including guidance, if appropriate, on the actions needed to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of precious corals.

Directed to the Animals Committee

17.xxc The Animals Committee is requested to:

- i) analyse the outcomes of the precious coral survey and the FAO study and prepare recommendations, as appropriate, on actions needed to enhance the conservation and sustainable harvest and use of all precious corals in international trade; and
- ii) report these recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting.

Directed to the Standing Committee

17.xxd The Standing Committee is requested to consider the information and recommendations of the Animals Committee, made in accordance with Decision 17.xxc, and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the Parties or for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Questionnaire on the conservation of and trade in precious coral species

of black, red, and pink coral species within the order Antipatharia and the family Coralliidae

The term 'specimen' as used in this questionnaire is as defined in Article I, paragraph b) i) and ii) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora¹

A. GENERAL INFORMATION AND POPULATION STATUS

Please provide as much information as possible, to the species or population level, in answer to the questions below – the information should cover at least the last five years²

Information is requested from precious coral range States.

Country	
Function of agency/agencies completing this questionnaire (CITES Management Authority, CITES Scientific Authority, Wildlife Authority, Police, Customs, Other)	
Contact details of agency/agencies completing this questionnaire	
Contact person(s) (name, email, job title, function)	

¹ (b) "Specimen" means:

(i) any animal or plant, whether alive or dead;

(ii) in the case of an animal: for species included in Appendices I and II, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof; and for species included in Appendix III, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof specified in Appendix III in relation to the species

² Please use additional sheets for any question, if needed.

A.1	<p>Is your country a range State for precious corals?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please indicate which species occur in your country. If 'No', please proceed to Section B. If there is uncertainty regarding which species occur in your country, indicate 'unknown'.</p>			
	Species	Species	Species	Species
A.2	<p>Does recent information, not already available, exist about the conservation status of each precious coral species in your country?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide a link, reference or additional information about the species' status.</p>			
A.3	<p>Based on the best available information, did the precious coral population(s) in your country over the last 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ increase <input type="checkbox"/> ○ remain stable <input type="checkbox"/> ○ decline <input type="checkbox"/> ○ data deficient <input type="checkbox"/> <p>Please indicate on what source of information your answer is based (e.g. indicate the reference and the date of reference)</p>			

A.4	If available, please provide data or information on the impact of (international and domestic) legal trade, and, if possible illegal trade, on the precious coral population(s) in your country.
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B. LEGISLATION / REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

B.1	<p>Has your country adopted legislation, or other measures, to manage harvest and regulate international trade in precious coral(s), or specimens of precious coral?</p> <p align="center">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes' go to question B.1.1</p>																														
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B.2	What penalties can be imposed, in accordance with your national legislation or trade measures, for illegal activity concerning harvest and/or trade in precious coral, or specimens of precious coral?

C.1	Is harvest of precious coral managed in your country? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If your answer to the question above is 'Yes' please go to question C.1.1
C.1.1	Please provide detailed information on how harvest is managed. Do you have management plans or management measures to address harvest?

D. INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Have any precious coral, or precious coral specimens been legally **imported** into your country since 1 January 2010 that are not reflected in the CITES annual reports submitted?³

Yes

No

Please indicate information about each import separately and refer to CITES codes for source and purpose⁴

D.1

Species	Specimen (i.e. Jewellery, decorative, live, coral sand or other)	Quantity*	Unit of measure**	Date	Origin	Country of last re-export	Source	Purpose

Additional Information

- - For jewelry and decorative items, quantity should be the number of items AND the weight of raw coral used to produce these items
- ** - For jewelry and decorative items, unit of measure should identify the number of items AND a unit of weight as either wet weight or dry weight

³ Data already provided in CITES annual reports do not need to be included.

⁴ See Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) <http://www.cites.org/eng/res/12/12-03R16.php>.

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Have any precious coral, or precious coral specimens been legally **exported** or **re-exported** from your country since 1 January 2010 that are not reflected in the CITES annual reports submitted?⁵

Yes

No

Please indicate information about each export or re-export separately⁶

D.2

Species	Specimen (i.e. Jewellery, decorative, live, coral sand or Other)	Quantity*	Unit of measure**	Date	Origin	Destination	Source	Purpose

Additional Information

- - For jewelry and decorative items, quantity should be the number of items AND the weight of raw coral used to produce these items
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F. CURRENT OR PAST RESEARCH ON PRECIOUS CORAL POPULATIONS

For the following please provide as much information as possible, covering at least the last five years

F.1	Is there, or have there been, research projects which relate to the conservation needs of precious coral in your country?					
	Project	Year	Study objective	Primary findings	Conservation benefits identified	Implementation
Additional information						

H. MARICULTURE ACTIVITIES

For the following please provide as much information as possible, covering at least the last five years

H.1	Are precious corals maricultured in your country? <p style="text-align: center;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> If yes go to question H.1.1																											
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