

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



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Committee I

Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE HAWKSBILL TURTLE (*ERETMOCHELYS IMBRICATA*)

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of document CoP17 Doc. 59 as agreed at the second session of Committee I (see document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 2).

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.AA The Secretariat shall collaborate with the Secretariat of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC), the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, in particular its Indian Ocean South East Asia Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding (IOSEA) and other relevant organizations and multilateral agreements with mandates relating to the regional and global conservation, management and sustainable use of marine turtles, to:
- a) subject to external funding, undertake a study on the legal and illegal international trade in marine turtles, *inter alia* to research its status, scope and trends, conservation impacts and management options, and to identify areas where immediate mitigation efforts may be needed;
 - b) encourage communication and coordination among CITES, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Ramsar Convention, Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) and the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW Protocol) and others agreements, as appropriate, to address relevant recommendations arising from the IAC study "Conservation Status of Hawksbill Turtles in the Wider Caribbean, Western Atlantic and Eastern Pacific Regions", published in 2014, and to ensure compatibility of activities, optimize resources and enhance synergies; and
 - c) report on the implementation of the present decision to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, and to the Conference of the Parties at its the 18th meeting.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.BB The Standing Committee shall review the information and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in compliance with Decision 17.AA, and formulate its own recommendations as appropriate.