

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



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**Committee I**

Freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae spp.)

DRAFT DECISIONS ON FRESHWATER STINGRAYS (POTAMOTRYGONIDAE SPP.)

*This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of document CoP17 Doc. 87 as agreed at the third session of Committee I (see document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 3).*

**Directed to range States**

- 17.AA Range States of freshwater stingrays (family *Potamotrygonidae*) are encouraged to continue to exchange information on the conservation and management of, and trade in these species.
- 17.BB Range States of freshwater stingrays (family *Potamotrygonidae*) are encouraged to include all species of concern<sup>1</sup>, as identified by the Animals Committee, in Appendix III, and consider options for including species in Appendix II.

**Directed to the Parties and interested organizations**

- 17.CC Parties and interested organizations are encouraged to conduct or promote research concerning the captive breeding and sustainable use of freshwater stingrays (family *Potamotrygonidae*) at the global level, including the species involved, the numbers produced, the source of parental stock, and the international trade dynamics and market developments, and the collaboration between Parties with *ex situ* breeding operations for freshwater stingrays and those with *in situ* conservation programs.

**Directed to the Parties, the Secretariat and interested organizations**

- 17.DD The CITES Secretariat, subject to external funding, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations (including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and Parties are encouraged to support range States in the mathematical modelling of population trends for freshwater stingrays (family *Potamotrygonidae*) and the Secretariat shall report any such activities to the Animals Committee as appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> Species of priority concern as identified by the Animals Committee in the Annex to document AC28 Doc. 18:

- Paratrygon "aiereba" species complex (Amazon and Orinoco basins)
- *Potamotrygon leopoldi* (Amazon basin)
- *Potamotrygon schroederi* (Amazon and Orinoco basins)
- *Potamotrygon brachyuran* (other catchment basins)
- *Potamotrygon* "motoro" species complex (all catchments)

*Note that the priority species identified include both undescribed species and clusters of species.*