

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



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Committee I

Saiga antelope (Saiga spp.)

DRAFT DECISIONS ON SAIGA ANTELOPE (SAIGA SPP.)

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Draft Decisions

Directed to range States of saiga antelope (Saiga spp.) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives

- 17.AA The range States of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.) and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives, as identified by the Secretariat on the basis of CITES trade data, should:
- a) fully implement the measures directed to them in the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope (2016-2020)* [MTIWP (2016-2020)], developed in support of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga* spp.) and its Saiga Action Plan; and
 - b) provide information to the Secretariat on the measures and activities they undertook to implement the actions directed to them in the MTIWP (2016-2020).
- 17.BB Important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives are encouraged to carefully manage the trade in, and consumption of saiga products and derivatives, for example through promoting the use of alternative products with similar medicinal properties, engaging with traditional Asian medicine industries and consumers of saiga products, education and information campaigns, and developing labelling schemes.
- 17.CC Range States of *Saiga* spp. and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives are encouraged to address challenges in controlling illicit trade in saiga horns and derivatives thereof by:
- a) supporting the development of tools to facilitate the identification, sourcing and determination of age of saiga horns;
 - b) ensuring effective stockpile management;
 - c) promoting training of, and cross-border collaboration amongst, enforcement agencies; and
 - d) tackling new illegal trade channels such as those using social media.

- 17.DD Range States of *Saiga* spp. and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives are encouraged to collaborate to enhance *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation of saiga antelopes, develop joint actions and programmes in support of saiga conservation and restoration, and leverage financial and other resources for undertaking these activities and supporting the implementation of Decisions 17.AA to 17.CC.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.EE Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat should assist saiga range States and major trading and consumer States, upon request, in ensuring effective stockpile management and monitoring, including the development of inventories and improving stockpile security.
- 17.FF The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting Parties to report on their implementation of, and experiences with the simplified procedures to issue permits and certificates to facilitate and expedite trade that will have a negligible impact, or none, on the conservation of the species concerned, as agreed under Section XII of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16), and submit a compilation of this information and its recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 17.GG Based on information submitted by range States and consumer and trading countries, and in collaboration with the CMS Secretariat, the CITES Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee regarding the implementation of Decisions 17.AA to 17.FF.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.HH The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat, and make any recommendations it considers appropriate for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 17.II The Standing Committee shall consider the report and recommendations from the Secretariat provided in accordance with Decisions 17.II, and make recommendations for consideration by the Parties, if deemed necessary.

Directed to saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders

- 17.JJ Saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate in the conservation and restoration of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.), and to support the implementation of the MTIWP (2016-2020) and Decisions 17.AA to 17.DD.