

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



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Summary record of the eighth session of Committee I

29 September 2016: 09h30 – 12h10

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Adoption of Summary Records

CoP17 Com. I Rec. 1

Under agenda item 52, the United States of America asked for reviews and assessment to be included after “proposed” in the second sentence of the first paragraph, and for “B1 and B2” to be replaced with D1 and D2 in the penultimate paragraph. Japan asked for deletion of “and Japan” from the first sentence of the last paragraph and insertion of Japan asked whether the draft questionnaire was an integral part of the draft decision. after the first sentence of that paragraph.

CoP17 Com. I Rec. 2

Under agenda item 56.1, the European Union asked for “Germany on behalf of” to be removed from the start of both the first and thirds sentences in the second paragraph and indicated that in all records, all member States of the European Union should be designated as the European Union when speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States. They also asked the European Union and its member States to be inserted after “supported by” in the fourth paragraph. In that paragraph, Japan asked the reference to Iceland to be deleted and, while Iceland supported Japan’s proposal. to be added at the end of the sentence. It also asked for replacement of “for” with among in the fifth paragraph. The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources asked for “Shark Advocates” to be replaced by Project Aware Foundation, Shark Advocates International and for “World” to be replaced by Wildlife after “TRAFFIC,” in the seventh paragraph. The Chair pointed out that Committee I had agreed to all draft decisions in Annex 1 of document CoP17 Doc. 56.1, as amended in session, except for decision 17.FF paragraph a), which had been forwarded for review by a drafting group of Committee I.

Under agenda item 56.2, New Zealand asked for New Zealand, on behalf of to be inserted at the start of the first sentence.

Under item 74 New Zealand asked for the insertion of totoaba and before “the vaquita” in the penultimate paragraph. Mexico asked that “expressed concern” be changed to supported Mexico’s concern in the same paragraph. They asked that in the last paragraph “working” be replaced with drafting.

CoP17 Com. I Rec. 3

Under agenda item 56, the Chair indicated that the draft decision should be 17.GG.

CoP17 Com. I Rec. 4

Under agenda item 65, the United States of America asked for and the United States of America to be included after “Uganda” in the first line of the second paragraph.

Under agenda item 76, the United States of America asked for “and Panama” to be replaced with Panama and the United States of America in the first line of the second paragraph.

Summary Records CoP17 Com. I Rec. 1, Rec. 2, Rec. 3 and Rec. 4 were adopted as amended.

Species specific matters

71. Snake trade and conservation management (*Serpentes* spp.)

Switzerland introduced document CoP17 Com.I.1 generated by a drafting group established by Committee I and containing a draft resolution and draft decisions prepared by the group based on document CoP17 Doc. 71 and its annexes.

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I.1 were accepted. The Chair noted the link to document CoP17 Doc. 45 on Traceability and recommended that the Standing Committee’s working group on traceability should include the traceability of snakes in its work.

74. Totoaba - *Totoaba macdonaldi* - Opportunities for international collaboration within the CITES Secretariat

Mexico introduced document CoP17 Com. I. 2 containing six draft decisions generated by a drafting group following earlier discussion of document CoP17 Doc. 74 in the Committee. They asked that the word “working” be replaced with drafting in the chapeau, and that the members of the working group be listed here. On behalf of the drafting group they proposed inserting (*Phocoena sinus*; an endangered species threatened with extinction and listed in Appendix I) after “vaquita” in draft decision 17.CC.

The Committee accepted the draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 2, as amended by the drafting group.

Interpretation and implementation matters

Trade control and traceability

39. Hunting trophies

The European Union introduced document CoP17 Com. I. 3 containing draft resolutions and decisions produced by the drafting group established by Committee I to attend to matters arising from discussion of documents CoP17 Docs 39.1 and 39.2, and drawing on information in document CoP17 Inf. 68.

Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) proposed deleting the word “neighbouring” in paragraph b) iii) of the proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP16) on Control of trade in personal and household effects. The European Union, India and Kenya opposed this.

The International Wildlife Management Consortium (IWMC) World Conservation Trust, on behalf of the International Professional Hunters Association (IPHA) and other sustainable use groups, believed the word “hunting” was misapplied in document CoP17 Com. I.3. Conservation Force voiced concerns relating to the means of determination of “benefits”, as mentioned in paragraph 4 of the draft resolution.

The Committee accepted the draft resolution, the proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP16) and the draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 3.

Amendment of the Appendices

88. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

The Chair proposed that proposals CoP17 Props 53, 54 and 55 be discussed together.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 53, to replace Annotation #5 with Annotation #4 for the Appendix II-listing of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*, was introduced by Thailand.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 54, to include 13 species of *Dalbergia* native to Mexico and Central America in Appendix II, was introduced by Mexico. They proposed amending their original proposal by including Annotation #6 (logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood) to the proposed Appendix II listing.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 55, to include the genus *Dalbergia* in Appendix II with the exception of the species included in Appendix I, was introduced by Guatemala with supporting comments by Argentina, Brazil and Kenya as coproponents. In addition, following earlier discussion with the proponents of proposals CoP17 Props 53 and 54, Guatemala proposed the following annotation:

All parts and derivatives are included, except:

- a) Leaves, flowers, pollen, fruit, and seeds
- b) Non-commercial exports of a maximum total weight of 10 kg per shipment
- c) Parts and derivatives of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* which are covered by Annotation #4
- d) Parts and derivatives of *Dalbergia* spp. originating and exported from Mexico excluding logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood, which remain regulated.

Mexico, supported by the United States of America in their capacity as Chair of the Annotations working group, proposed replacing the words after "Mexico" in paragraph d) with which are covered by Annotation #6.

The three proposals, including the proposed annotation above, were broadly supported by Bahrain, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Belize, Canada, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the European Union and its member States, Kuwait, Nicaragua, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the Environmental Investigation Agency speaking on behalf of Born Free Foundation, Center for International Environmental Law, Global Eye, Species Survival Network, the World Resources Institute and WWF.

Belize noted that while it supported all three proposals in principle, it wished to express concern regarding implementation of the proposed genus-level listing in relation to identification, traceability and the potential lack of reporting of trade at the species level. Brazil, while supportive of the proposed annotation, expressed reservations regarding the effectiveness of Annotations #4 and #6 for those species referred to in paragraph c) and amended paragraph d) respectively. China was concerned that all finished products would not be included in the exemption as they believed this would avoid implementation problems.

Egypt, Guyana, India and Pakistan noted their concern that certain *Dalbergia* species were not threatened by unsustainable trade and therefore did not meet the criteria for listing in Appendix II. Pakistan requested that one species in particular, *Dalbergia sisso*, be excluded from the listing. Qatar noted the difficulties regarding implementation of the listing in relation to identification.

The Chair noted full support for proposals CoP17 Props. 53 and 54, the latter as amended by the inclusion of Annotation #6.

While noting the concerns raised by some Parties, the Chair concluded that the Committee also supported proposal CoP17 Prop. 55. This proposal, to list the genus *Dalbergia* in Appendix II with the exception of the species listed in Appendix I, including the annotation proposed by Guatemala as amended by Mexico, was accepted by consensus. This proposal superseded proposals CoP17 Props. 53 and 54. Specifically, the accepted annotation for *Dalbergia* spp. under Appendix II reads:

All parts and derivatives are included, except:

- a) Leaves, flowers, pollen, fruit, and seeds
- b) Non-commercial exports of a maximum total weight of 10 kg per shipment
- c) Parts and derivatives of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* which are covered by Annotation #4
- d) Parts and derivatives of *Dalbergia* spp. originating and exported from Mexico which are covered by Annotation #6. The meeting was adjourned at 12h10.