

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



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Summary record of the eleventh session of Committee I

2 October 2016: 14h15 – 17h35

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Amendment of the Appendices

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Proposal CoP17 Prop. 21 (cont.): Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, the European Union, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, South Africa, the United States of America, Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela supported proposal CoP17 Prop.21, noting that the ranching project was a model in terms of good management and local participation.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 21 to transfer *Crocodylus acutus* population from the Integrated Management District of Mangroves of the Bay of Cispata, Tinajones, La Balsa and Surrounding Areas of the department of Cordoba, Republic of Colombia, from Appendix I to Appendix II was accepted by consensus.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 22 to delete the zero quota for wild specimens of *Crocodylus moreletii* traded for commercial purposes from the Appendix-II listing of the population of Mexico was introduced by Mexico.

Belize, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, the European Union and its member States, Liberia, Peru, Switzerland, the United States of America, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Responsible Ecosystems Sourcing Platform supported the proposal.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 22 to delete the zero quota for wild specimens of *Crocodylus moreletii* traded for commercial purposes from the Appendix-II listing of the population of Mexico was accepted by consensus.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 23 to maintain the Malagasy population of *Crocodylus niloticus* in Appendix II subject to an annotation detailed in the proposal was introduced by Madagascar, who modified the annotation to provide further clarification, while suggesting that the Committee might like to propose further amendments.

Equatorial Guinea and Somalia supported the proposal.

The European Union and its member States, supported by Chad and the United States, were in general support of the proposal, but expressed reservations concerning the implementation of the proposed annotations. It noted the need for robust monitoring systems and the use of science to ensure sustainable harvesting and quotas. IUCN noted the importance to the artisanal industry of the sustainable management of trade in wild harvested skins. Wildlife Management International indicated their willingness to assist in drafting amendments to the annotation in the proposal.

The Chair established a drafting group to finalise the text of the annotation, comprising Egypt, the European Union, Madagascar, the United States of America, IUCN and Wildlife Management International.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 24 to transfer *Crocodylus porosus* in Malaysia from Appendix I to Appendix II, with wild harvest restricted to the State of Sarawak and a zero quota for wild specimens for the other States of Malaysia (Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia), with no change in the zero quota unless approved by the Parties, was introduced by Malaysia.

Cambodia, the European Union, Pakistan, the Philippines and Qatar supported the proposal. IUCN stated that it believed the management scheme proposed by Malaysia was sound.

Indonesia, supported by the Republic of Korea, raised concerns over unsustainability of the proposed harvesting specimens from the wild, the potential for smuggling across shared borders and a lack of robust traceability mechanisms in the proposal.

Malaysia emphasized that the proposal included consumptive and non-consumptive use and was underpinned by data from regular monitoring efforts. They considered the proposal included sufficient measures to prevent illegal trade. Given reassurance, Indonesia and the Republic of Korea withdrew their objections.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 24 to transfer *Crocodylus porosus* in Malaysia from Appendix I to Appendix II, with conditions detailed in the proposal, was accepted by consensus.

Species specific matters

80. CITES Appendix III – an added-value for the conservation of threatened wildlife with restricted distribution

The European Union introduced document CoP17 Com. I 4 (Rev. 1) containing draft decisions prepared by a drafting group established by the Committee. These were agreed.

75.2 Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group

The Secretariat, supported by the Congo, introduced document CoP17 Com. I 5 outlining the proposed changes to Decisions 14.73 and 14.74 and noting an additional draft decision. These were agreed.

69. Illegal trade in the helmeted hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*)

Indonesia introduced document CoP17 Com. I 6 containing a draft resolution and three draft decisions which were agreed.

65. Conservation of and trade in East African Sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*)

Kenya introduced document CoP17 Com. I 8 containing proposed changes to Decisions 16.153 and 16.154 which were agreed.

55.2 Implementation of the Convention for trade in Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.).

Document CoP17 Com. I 9 was introduced by Canada as Chair of the drafting group.

The United States of America suggested minor amendments to 17.BB a) to replace “species of these genera to be exported” with commercially valuable species in these genera from Madagascar and to

delete “for export” in 17BB b) and e). This was supported by the European Union and its member States who proposed the replacement of ‘Further’ in 17.BB with Continue to.

In response to a suggestion from the Environmental Investigation Agency that reports from Madagascar on the implementation of the draft decision be made available on the CITES website on receipt by the Secretariat, Madagascar indicated they would prefer circulation of any reports to be restricted to the Secretariat and Standing Committee.

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 9 were accepted as amended by the United States of America and the European Union.

62. International trade in rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]

The Secretariat introduced document CoP17 Com. I 23 containing a draft decision which was agreed.

63. Guidelines to determine the possible impact of trade in lycaons (*Lycaon pictus*) on the conservation of the species.

Burkina Faso introduced document CoP17 Com. I 28 containing four draft decisions which were agreed.

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Peru introduced document CoP17 Com. I 7, concerning the amendment to the five annotations of the populations of *Vicugna vicugna* in Appendix II, and indicated that the English and French versions of the document contained inaccuracies.

Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, the European Union and its members States, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela all expressed their support.

The European Union and its member States proposed a number of textual amendments to all three language versions of the document. The Chair noted that the working group had produced the document in Spanish and that the Secretariat would ensure that the translated versions would match.

Document CoP17 Com. I 7 was accepted on the understanding that the English and French versions would be accurately aligned with the original Spanish version.

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

81. Standard nomenclature: Report of the Animals and Plants Committees

Document CoP17 Com. I 18 was introduced by the nomenclature expert for flora as chair of the working group on the CITES Cactaceae Checklist established in the third session of Committee. The nomenclature expert for flora asked that the following text be on record:

The Working group recommended that the editor of the Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition) should insert, at regular intervals in the checklist, a clear and simple legend explaining the key terms and symbols used in the text.

The Chair requested a minor amendment in draft decision 17.XX directed to the Parties to replace “list” with checklist. With these amendments, the draft decisions were agreed.

The inclusion of the new reference to the third edition of the CITES Cactaceae Checklist in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16) on *Nomenclature* was agreed.

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The Chair suggested that proposals CoP17 Prop. 25 and Prop. 26 be considered together.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 25 to include *Abronia anzuetoi*, *A. campbelli*, *A. fimbriata*, *A. frosti* and *A. meledona* in Appendix I and *A. aurita*, *A. gaiophantasma*, *A. montecristoi*, *A. salvadorensis* and *A. vasconcelosii* in Appendix II with annotation a) 0 (zero) export quota for wild specimens and b) 0 (zero) export quota for specimens bred in non-range countries of the species, was introduced by Guatemala, who informed the Committee that they wished to withdraw annotation b). They noted that Proposal CoP17 Prop 26 was to list the entire genus *Abronia* in Appendix II and asked that the proponent exclude the ten species in the current proposal.

Brazil, Chile, the European Union and its member States, Honduras and Mexico all supported the proposal.

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 26 to include the genus *Abronia* in Appendix II was presented by Mexico also on behalf of the European Union and its member States. They agreed to exclude the ten species covered by proposal CoP17 Prop. 26 from the proposal.

Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Peru, the United States of America, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Pro Wildlife and Species Survival Network supported both proposals as amended.

Amended proposal CoP17 Prop.25 to include *Abronia anzuetoi*, *A. campbelli*, *A. fimbriata*, *A. frosti* and *A. meledona* in Appendix I; and *A. aurita*, *A. gaiophantasma*, *A. montecristoi*, *A. salvadorensis* and *A. vasconcelosii* in Appendix II with a zero export quota for wild specimens was accepted by consensus.

Amended proposal CoP17 Prop.26 to include the genus *Abronia* excluding the ten species in amended proposal CoP17 Prop. 25 with no annotation was accepted by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 17h35.