

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



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Committee II

CITES and livelihoods

DRAFT DECISIONS ON CITES AND LIVELIHOODS

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Chair, on the basis of document CoP17 Doc. 16, after discussion in the fifth session of Committee II (see document CoP17 Com. II Rec. 5).

Directed to Parties and others

17.AA Parties are invited to:

- a) promote the use of the CITES and livelihoods toolkit, guidelines and handbook to carry out rapid assessments of the impact of the implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities, the implementation of activities which mitigate any negative impacts;
- b) encourage the conduct of new case studies on how legal and sustainable trade can generate economic incentives for the conservation of wildlife and improvement of livelihoods of indigenous and local communities; and
- c) incorporate issues related to CITES and livelihoods into their national socio-economic and development plans, as well as in relevant projects being developed for external funding, including funding by the Global Environment Facility.

17.BB Developing country Parties are encouraged to communicate with their national Ministries of finance, development, or other relevant Ministries, to seek the provision of financial support to the work in 17.AA above.

17.CC Developed country Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and public and private donors/investors are encouraged to provide financial and in-kind resources in support of the work in 17.AA above.

Directed to the Standing Committee

17.CD The Standing Committee shall:

- a) examine the terminology used in different Resolutions and Decisions when referring to "rural", "indigenous" or "local" communities, and
- b) make recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the need for harmonizing them across them.

Directed to the Secretariat

17.DD The Secretariat shall seek external funding from interested Parties, and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to support the work described in Decision 17.AA above.

17.EE Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) facilitate the organization of workshops and side-events to showcase successful livelihood experiences and exchange lessons learnt, in collaboration with interested Parties and relevant international and regional organizations;
- b) continue to update the relevant section on the CITES website to publish experiences and case studies related to CITES and livelihoods submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations;
- c) cooperate with relevant UN agencies and programmes, international and regional organizations to establish an ad hoc livelihoods funding and promote capacity-building activities that support Parties to implement the Convention as an important part of enabling livelihoods; and
- d) report at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the work above and other progress made with regard to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.6.