

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



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Committee II

CITES compliance matters

DRAFT DECISIONS ON LEGAL ACQUISITION FINDINGS AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, on the basis of document CoP17 Doc. 23, as agreed in the sixth session of Committee II (see document CoP17 Com. II Rec. 6).

Directed to the Parties

- 17.A Parties are encouraged to provide to the Secretariat with: any examples and relevant information regarding methodologies, practical tools, legislative information, forensic expertise and other resources used to monitor compliance with the Convention and to verify the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported in accordance with Article III, paragraph 2(b), Article IV, paragraph 2(b), and Article V, paragraph 2(a) of the Convention (referred to as a 'legal acquisition finding').

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.B The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat:
- a) consider whether a Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) should be established to assist countries with difficulties in achieving compliance, including how such a CAP would be funded;
 - b) consider further guidance for verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported;
 - c) provide guidance on verifying the legal acquisition of founder stock of captive-bred CITES listed species to be exported; and
 - d) make appropriate recommendations for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.C Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat, in collaboration with other relevant institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, shall:
- a) organize an international workshop on guiding principles, methodologies, practical tools, information, forensic expertise, compliance risk assessments and other legal resources needed by Management Authorities to verify the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported; and

- b) prepare, and submit for consideration by the Standing Committee, a proposal for further guidance for verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported.
- 17.D The Secretariat shall assist the Standing Committee in the preparation of its findings and recommendations with regard to the implementation of Decision 17.B.
- 17.E The Secretariat shall report on the implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 to the Standing Committee and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.