

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



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Committee II

Combating wildlife cybercrime

DRAFT DECISIONS ON COMBATING WILDLIFE CYBERCRIME

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, on the basis of document CoP17 Doc.29, as agreed at the seventh session of Committee II (see document CoP17 Com. II Rec. 7).

Directed to Parties

17.A All Parties should:

- a) provide the Secretariat with any changes or updates to domestic legislation that pertain to wildlife cybercrime as well as any other relevant domestic measures;
- b) provide the Secretariat any best practice models that pertain to regulation of online marketplaces and social media platforms, including enforcement protocols; and
- c) seek input from purveyors and owners of online marketplaces and social media platforms for the purpose of sharing any relevant information with the Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

17.B The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to available resources and where appropriate, engage with relevant social media platforms, search engines and e-commerce platforms to address illegal international trade in CITES-listed species through these platforms, and raise awareness of the conservation plight of CITES-listed species affected by illegal trade;
- b) in its enforcement-support role, provide assistance and expertise regarding wildlife cybercrime enforcement operations and investigations;
- c) share on its e-portal any information received from Parties, the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), and other experts regarding domestic measures to address wildlife cybercrime and any relevant best practices, manuals, or guidance, including any information provided by Parties pursuant to Decision 17.A;
- d) engage with INTERPOL on efforts to combat wildlife crime linked to the Internet, and invite INTERPOL to consider establishing capacity, at the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in

Singapore, to support the efforts of Parties to combat such crimes, and to develop guidelines for Parties on how to combat wildlife crime linked to the Internet more effectively;

- e) liaise with ICCWC regarding best practices and model domestic measures for addressing illegal e-commerce and wildlife cybercrime; and
- f) report on its discussion with INTERPOL and ICCWC at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee, and subsequently at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.C The Standing Committee, at its 69th meeting, shall form a workshop on wildlife cybercrime that includes both producer and consumer countries and those with large internet companies, non-governmental organizations with expertise, lawyers, and other relevant experts.
- 17.D The workshop shall work intersessionally, reporting to each Standing Committee meeting prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and preparing, if appropriate, a draft resolution for presentation to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 17.E The Standing Committee shall consider the reports of the Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of decision 17.B, paragraph f), as well as any other information presented to the Standing Committee and, if necessary, make recommendations for consideration by the Parties at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.