

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

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Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Johannesburg (South Africa), 24 September - 5 October 2016

Strategic matters

REVISION OF THE CITES STRATEGIC VISION: 2008-2020

1. This document has been submitted by the Secretariat.
2. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* through Resolution Conf. 14.2.
3. At its 16th meeting (Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted a revised and extended version of this document in the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020* contained in the Annex to Resolution 16.3. Minor amendments are proposed to the Strategic Vision at the present meeting in document CoP17 Doc. 14.5 on *Cooperation with other organizations*.
4. At its 66th meeting (Geneva, January 2016), the Standing Committee adopted a revised set of [indicators](#) to measure progress in the implementation of the *CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2020*.
5. The 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in 2019, and the 19th meeting will be held in 2022. In order to be prepared for the development of a strategic vision for the period after 2020, the Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties adopt the draft decisions contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

17.A The Standing Committee shall:

- a) establish a Strategic Plan Working Group, with representation from all regions and from the Animals and Plants Committees, to develop, with the assistance and cooperation of the Secretariat, a proposal for a strategic vision for the period after 2020 and any associated action plan and indicators to measure progress;
- b) through the working group, review progress in implementing the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020* against the adopted indicators, taking account of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, its Sustainable Development Goals and Targets, and of any emerging replacement for the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets*; and
- c) submit a proposal for a CITES strategic vision for the period after 2020 and any associated action plan and indicators, in time for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**Directed to Parties:**

17.B Parties are requested to evaluate their efforts in relation to the implementation of the *CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2020* and the associated Action Plan and to submit the outcome thereof to the Standing Committee's Strategic Plan Working Group through their regional representatives on that working group.

TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SOURCE OF FUNDING  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR DECISIONS

The Secretariat believes that the measurement of progress with the implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2020, using the indicators adopted by the Standing Committee, will require the use of an external consultant at a cost of USD 15,000, but that, otherwise, the tasks envisaged in the proposed draft decisions in the present document can be accomplished within existing resources.