

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



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Johannesburg (South Africa), 24 September - 5 October 2016

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

Periodic review of the Appendices

REVIEW OF THE APPENDICES: FELIDAE SPP.

1. This document has been submitted by the Chair of the Animals Committee.*
2. The 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties amended Decision 13.93 as follows:

Directed to the Animals Committee

13.93 (Rev. CoP16) *The Animals Committee shall complete its Review of the Appendices for Felidae. The Animals Committee shall provide a report at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the result of the review of all Felidae.*

3. The Animals Committee reported at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16) that significant progress had been achieved in implementing Decision 13.93 [see document CoP16 Doc. 74.2 (Rev.1)]. At the time of CoP16, the reviews remaining were a review of *Panthera leo* (conducted by Namibia and Kenya), and of *Puma concolor cougar* and *P. c. coryi* (conducted by Canada and the United States of America).
4. Canada and the United States submitted their review of *Puma concolor coryi* and *Puma concolor cougar* to the 28th meeting of the Animals Committee. The Committee agreed with the recommendation to transfer these species from Appendix I to Appendix II (see AC28 Summary Record).
5. A draft review of *Panthera leo* was presented at the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC27 Doc.24.3.3). During that meeting, the Animals Committee took note of information from IUCN on the (then) upcoming 2015 Red List Assessment of lion, and requested this information be incorporated into the review. Namibia and Kenya reported their progress on this review at the 28th meeting of the Animals Committee. Further, during the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee, Kenya and Namibia expressed their continued interest in completing this review.
6. While progress has been made, full implementation of Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP16) is not yet complete and the Animals Committee recommends the extension of this Decision until the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to complete the periodic review of *Panthera leo*.

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Recommendation

7. The Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt the following revised Decision (deletions in ~~strikeout~~ text, additions in underline text):

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 13.93 (Rev. CoP16~~7~~) The Animals Committee shall complete its Review of the Appendices for *Panthera leo*, to complete its review for Felidae. The Animals Committee shall provide a report at the 17~~8~~th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the result of the review of all Felidae.

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat supports the recommendation in paragraph 7, and the proposed extension of Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP16) to allow the Animals Committee to complete its review of the Appendices for *Panthera leo* in the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16). It concurs with the view that its implementation can be accommodated within current budget allocations (see Annex). However, the Secretariat notes that the draft decision would no longer be necessary if proposal CoP17 Prop. 4 is not withdrawn, and the Conference of the Parties takes a decision on it (see comments in paragraph B).
- B. Proposal CoP17 Prop. 4 concerns the transfer of all African populations of *Panthera leo* from Appendix II to Appendix I (proposal submitted by Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Togo). If the Conference of the Parties takes a decision on the proposal, or an amended version thereof, at its 17th meeting, the further review of *Panthera leo* by the Animal Committee under the Periodic Review process would become unnecessary because the Parties will have decided on the appropriate listing of the species in the Appendices. The Secretariat further reminds that Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) strongly encourages that *species that were the subject of listing proposals at the previous three meetings of the CoP (whether or not the proposals were adopted)* not be considered for review by the Animals or Plants Committees.

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

According to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the Conference of the Parties decided that any draft resolutions or decisions submitted for consideration at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties that have budgetary and workload implications for the Secretariat or permanent committees must contain or be accompanied by a budget for the work involved and an indication of the source of funding. The authors note the following:

- This activity continues within the context of the Periodic Review of the Appendices. As such, there are no additional financial implications beyond the support provided by the CoP to meetings and work of the Animals Committee.