

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



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Summary record of the fourteenth session for committee I

26 August 2019: 09h10 - 12h00

Chair: R. Hay (New Zealand)

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**Adoption of Summary Records**

CoP18 Com. I Rec. 3

The United States asked for the fifth paragraph to begin “Noting the general support for the proposal, as well as the concerns raised, the Chair asked...”; that the last paragraph under item 68.1 would end “...and encouraged ~~also~~ other Parties to fund this work”; and that a new, third paragraph under item 82 would read “A small drafting group was established comprising the European Union, Indonesia and the United States”

New Zealand asked for the first paragraph under Item 68.1 to be amended to begin “~~The Chair~~ On behalf of the Animals Committee, New Zealand introduced document CoP18 Doc. 68.1...”

Summary record CoP18 Com. I Rec. 3 was adopted with these amendments.

CoP18 Com. I Rec. 4

The United States asked that the second sentence of the third paragraph under item 72 be amended to begin “Monaco and Sri Lanka supported these...”. It also asked to be disassociated from the expression of concern regarding regional conversion factors in the third paragraph under item 85: accordingly, the Secretariat suggested revised wording as follows: “...Belize, supported by Antigua and Barbuda, and Bahamas, ~~and the United States of America~~, expressed concern that regional conversion factors had not been agreed and proposed amendments to the draft decisions. The United States also proposed amendments.”

Canada asked that the third sentence of the second paragraph under item 94 be amended to read “Canada supported work on the ~~international~~ trade of marine ornamental fishes in general but had concerns regarding CITES work on non-listed species and therefore did not support the draft decisions in the document.”

The European Pet Organization asked that the end of the last sentence under paragraph three of item 94 be reworded to end as follows “...IWMC-World Conservation Trust, did not believe document CoP18 Doc. 94 was an accurate representation of the trade and that it was important that any future work on this matter involve industry and other key actors, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

Summary record CoP18 Com. I Rec. 4 was adopted with these amendments.

#### CoP18 Com. I Rec. 5

The European Union asked for an insertion in paragraph two under item 73 such that the relevant section would read: "It also proposed additional amendments to the preamble and paragraph 1, f) of the operative text".

Summary record CoP18 Com. I Rec. 5 was adopted with this amendment.

#### CoP18 Com. I Rec. 6

The United States asked for removal of "at its 31<sup>st</sup> or, as appropriate, 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting" from paragraph EE c) of the draft decisions set out under item 97.

Summary record CoP18 Com. I Rec. 6 was adopted with this amendment.

#### CoP18 Com. I Rec. 7

The United States pointed out that the name of the Center for Biological Diversity in paragraph four under item 12 needed capitalized initials. It also highlighted that some text for proposed revision of the draft decision under item 99 needed underlining as follows: "The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:...".

Summary record CoP18 Com. I Rec. 7 was adopted with this amendment.

### **Species specific matters (cont.)**

#### 62. Draft decisions on the conservation of amphibians (Amphibia) (cont.)

Mexico, as chair of the working group on amphibians, introduced in-session document CoP18 Com. I. 2, noting that the group had made substantial changes to the draft decisions that had been introduced in the fourth session of the Committee. The revised draft decisions, as set out in in-session document CoP18 Com. I. 2, were accepted.

#### 79. Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes) (cont.)

The European Union, as chair of the working group on songbirds, reported that the group had agreed by consensus the draft decisions set out in in-session document CoP18 Com. I. 3. These draft decisions were accepted.

#### 82. Banggai cardinalfish (*Pterapogon kauderni*) (cont.)

The Chair asked for comments on in-session document CoP18 Com.I.4 containing draft decisions produced by the working group on this species. The United States proposed that draft decision 18.BB be reworded as follows: "Parties are encouraged Encourages the Parties to consider supporting Indonesia in implementing decision 18.AA". With this change, the draft decisions in in-session document CoP18 Com. I. 4 were accepted and it was agreed to delete Decisions 17.259 to 17.263.

#### 73. Great apes (Hominidae spp.) (cont.)

The United States of America, as chair of the working group on great apes, introduced in-session document CoP18 Com. I. 6 containing the group's proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16) on *Conservation of and trade in great apes*. The Secretariat noted that two amendments proposed in-session by the European Union still needed to be incorporated into this version, namely pluralization of "conflict" in paragraph two of the preambular text and alteration of paragraph 1, sub-paragraph f) so that it would read "support, in accordance with the Convention and where feasible, the repatriation of seized live animals to their countries or origin, if suitable facilities for keeping them exist; and". The United States pointed out that "countries of origin" in this sub-paragraph should be corrected to "countries of origin".

The amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16), as presented in in-session document CoP18 Com. I.6 and as amended by the Secretariat and the United States of America, were agreed. The deletion of Decisions 17.232 and 17.233 was agreed.

70. Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and other marine turtles (Cheloniidae and Dermochelyidae) (cont.)

Australia, as chair of the working group on marine turtles, noted that the group had wished to adopt decisions at the current meeting of the Conference of the Parties rather than deferring these, and that it had worked with reference to information document CoP18 Inf. 18 on marine turtles. The draft decisions produced by the group, as set out in document CoP18 Com. I. 7, were accepted with an amendment from Australia to draft decision 18.CC b) to insert established after “harvest quotas are”. The deletion of Decisions 17.222 and 17.223 was agreed.

**Proposals to amend the Appendices (cont.)**

105. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

China introduced **proposal CoP18 Prop. 18** to include *Syrmaticus reevesii* in Appendix II. It noted that the species, endemic to China, had been classified as endangered in the country’s Biodiversity Red List and that, despite domestic-level protection, it continued to be illegally poached. It further noted that there were small feral and captive-bred populations of *S. reevesii* outside China, but that there was no technology to distinguish specimens from different sources. It drew attention to the materials to assist feather identification provided in Annex 4 of the proposal.

India, Mali and Qatar supported the proposal. The United States suggested that an Appendix-III listing would be more appropriate, while the European Union suggested that the scope of the proposal could be reduced to include China’s populations of the species only. China demurred, as it thought this would impede efforts to protect wild populations.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 18** to include *Syrmaticus reevesii* in Appendix II was accepted by consensus.

Senegal introduced **proposal CoP18 Prop. 19**, co-proposed with Burkina Faso and Côte d’Ivoire, to transfer *Balearica pavonina* from Appendix II to Appendix I. It noted that, despite inclusion of the crane in Appendix II since 1985, continued legal and illegal trade for domestic and international markets had contributed to marked population declines. It further noted that the proposal had the support of both the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union. Côte d’Ivoire provided further introductory remarks. Nigeria and Gabon spoke in support of the proposal.

**Proposal Cop18 Prop. 19** to transfer *Balearica pavonina* from Appendix II to Appendix I was accepted by consensus.

Australia introduced proposals **CoP18 Prop. 20** and **CoP18 Prop. 21** to transfer *Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis* and *Dasyornis longirostris* from Appendix I to Appendix II, noting that these proposals resulted from the Animals Committee’s review in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) on *Periodic Review of the Appendices*. For both species, Australia highlighted that there was no recorded trade, no known instances of illegal trade and no known demand. It noted that *Dasyornis b. litoralis* was considered to have become extinct; although they believed it was unlikely there would be demand for the species if rediscovered, it suggested transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II as a precautionary measure in the light of its resemblance to *Dasyornis longirostris*. Senegal expressed support for both proposals.

**Proposals CoP18 Prop. 20** and **CoP18 Prop. 21** to transfer *Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis* and *Dasyornis longirostris* from Appendix I to Appendix II were accepted by consensus.

Mexico introduced **proposal CoP18 Prop. 22** to transfer the Mexican populations of *Crocodylus acutus* from Appendix I to Appendix II. It highlighted that recent data provided evidence that the species had become widely distributed in Mexico and could be found at high densities. In order to allow time for refinement of their management programme for *C. acutus*, Mexico requested the proposal be amended to include a zero export quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes.

Canada, Colombia, Cuba, the European Union and the United States supported the amended proposal. The United States believed further research on wild populations of *C. acutus* with collaboration by all range States was needed.

The IUCN Species Survival Commission Crocodile Specialist Group stated its view that the population of *C. acutus* in Mexico was expanding in size and no longer met Appendix-I criteria, and that the zero export quota for wild specimens would be a significant safeguard.

Amended **proposal CoP18 Prop. 22** to transfer the Mexican populations of *Crocodylus acutus* from Appendix I to Appendix II with a zero export quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes was accepted by consensus.

Sri Lanka withdrew **proposal CoP18 Prop. 23**.

Sri Lanka introduced **proposals CoP18 Prop. 24, CoP18 Prop. 25 and CoP18 Prop. 26**, respectively to include *Ceratophora* spp., *Cophotis ceylanica* and *Cophotis dumbara*, and *Lyriocephalus scutatus* in Appendix I. It noted that, while nationally protected, the species continued to be traded illegally for the pet market in Europe, the United States and Japan, and that individuals in trade were highly likely to have been removed illegally from the wild.

Sri Lanka announced that it wished to amend **proposal CoP18 Prop. 24** as indicated below.

*Ceratophora aspera*– include in Appendix II with a zero export quota

*Ceratophora erdeleni* – include in Appendix I

*Ceratophora karu*– include in Appendix I

*Ceratophora stoddartii* – include in Appendix II with a zero export quota

*Ceratophora tennentii* – include in Appendix I

Fiji expressed support for the proposals, and the Maldives noted its support for Sri Lanka's amendment to proposal CoP18 Prop. 24. The European Union expressed support for Proposals 24 and 25 but suggested that the zero export quotas in proposal CoP18 Prop. 24 should apply to commercial trade only. Regarding proposal CoP18 Prop. 26, the European Union noted that *Lyriocephalus scutatus* was not threatened, had a wide range, and could adapt to moderately altered environments. It argued that the species did not appear to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I, but given the strength of demand it would support the listing of the species in Appendix II with a zero quota for commercial trade. Sri Lanka countered that the range of *L. scutatus* overlapped with areas with a high population density.

Sri Lanka agreed to the amendment proposed by the European Union for proposals CoP18 Prop. 24 and CoP18 Prop. 26 to clarify that the zero export quota for *C. aspera*, and *C. stoddartii* applied to wild specimens for commercial purposes.

The United States raised concerns regarding the captive breeding of *C. stoddartii*, *C. aspera* and *L. scutatus*, and called for a draft decision to be directed to the Animals Committee to consider these species under its review under Resolution Conf. 17.7 on *Review of trade in animal species reported as produced in captivity*. Sri Lanka stated that it was happy to work with the United States to develop these decisions.

**Proposal Cop18 Prop. 25** to include to include *Cophotis ceylanica* and *Cophotis dumbara* in Appendix I was accepted by consensus. The Chair postponed decisions on proposals 24 and 26 until the draft decisions proposed by the United States were available for consideration, and formed a drafting group comprising the European Union, Sri Lanka, and the United States.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 27** to include the populations of *Goniurosaurus* spp. from China and Viet Nam in Appendix II was introduced by China.

Canada, the European Union, India and Viet Nam supported the proposal. The European Union drew attention to the fact that some species met the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I, but supported the proposal that all species be listed in Appendix II to reduce the implementation challenges associated with split-listing and ensure that any new species described in future were listed by default. Japan also supported the proposal, noting that the species endemic to Japan would not be part of the listing in Appendix II but may be considered for Appendix III in the near future.

Canada suggested an amendment to the annotation specifying the exclusion of some species; however the European Union and the Nomenclature Specialist of the Animals Committee highlighted that the proposed amendment might result in listing uncertainties due to an forthcoming taxonomic revision. The Chair asked Canada, China, the European Union, Viet Nam and TRAFFIC to confer in the margins of the meeting with a view to agreeing specific wording for an annotation.

The drafting group returned with the proposal for the listing of *Goniurosaurus* spp. in Appendix II with the note “(except the species native to Japan)”.

Amended **proposal CoP18 Prop. 27** to include the populations of *Goniurosaurus* spp. (except the species native to Japan) was accepted by consensus.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 28** to include *Gekko gecko* in Appendix II was introduced by the European Union. India, the Philippines and the United States, as co-proponents, expressed their support.

China opposed the proposal, highlighting the wide distribution of the species across Asia, its presence in other countries, and successes of captive-breeding programmes in reducing demand on wild populations for traditional Chinese medicine. Thailand brought attention to the opposition by a number of range States expressed in Annex 1 of the proposal, and suggested that protection at national level was sufficient. Viet Nam proposed inclusion in Appendix III.

As there was no consensus, the Chair called for a vote. With 103 votes in favour, 17 against and 18 abstentions, proposal CoP18 Prop. 28 to include *Gekko gecko* in Appendix II was accepted.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 29** to include *Gonatodes daudini* in Appendix I was introduced by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, emphasizing that listing under Appendix I would support existing conservation measures.

Brazil (also speaking on behalf of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), Cuba, India, Japan and St Lucia all supported the proposal.

Proposal CoP18 Prop. 29 to include *Gonatodes daudini* in Appendix I was accepted by consensus.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 30** to include *Paroedura androyensis* in Appendix II was introduced by Madagascar. The European Union as a co-proponent, India, Mali, Senegal and South Africa supported the proposal.

Proposal CoP18 Prop. 30 to include *Paroedura androyensis* in Appendix II was accepted by consensus.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 31** to include *Ctenosaura* spp. in Appendix II was introduced by Mexico, that believed that 13 species met criterion A of Annex 2a) of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on *Criteria for the amendment of Appendices I and II*, and five criterion A of Annex 2b) of the Resolution.

Chad, India, Mali and the United States supported the proposal.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 31** to include *Ctenosaura* spp. in Appendix II, was accepted by consensus and it was agreed to include Iverson *et al.*, 2016, in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP17) on *Standard nomenclature* as a standard nomenclature reference for *Ctenosaura* spp.

**Proposal CoP18 Prop. 32** to include *Pseudocerastes urarachnoides* in Appendix II was introduced by Iran and accepted by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 12h00.



## Motion Proposal 28 [26.08.2019 11:19:02 AM]

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Quorum: Yes > 66.66%

EU-Vote: block

YES: 85.83%

1	Afghanistan	YES
2	Albania	Not Allowed
3	Algeria	YES
4	Angola	YES
5	Antigua and Barbuda	ABST
6	Argentina	YES
7	Armenia	Not Present
8	Australia	YES
9	Austria	YES (eu)
10	Azerbaijan	YES
11	Bahamas	YES
12	Bahrain	Not Present
13	Bangladesh	YES
14	Barbados	YES
15	Belarus	Not Allowed
16	Belgium	YES (eu)
17	Belize	NO
18	Benin	Not Present
19	Bhutan	YES
20	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Not Present
21	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Not Allowed
22	Botswana	ABST
23	Brazil	YES
24	Brunei Darussalam	Not Allowed
25	Bulgaria	YES (eu)
26	Burkina Faso	YES
27	Burundi	YES
28	Cabo Verde	YES
29	Cambodia	NO
30	Cameroon	YES
31	Canada	YES
32	Central African Republic	YES
33	Chad	YES
34	Chile	YES
35	China	NO
36	Colombia	YES
37	Comoros	YES
38	Congo	Not Allowed
39	Costa Rica	YES
40	Côte d'Ivoire	Present
41	Croatia	YES (eu)
42	Cuba	ABST
43	Cyprus	YES (eu)
44	Czech Republic	YES (eu)
45	Democratic Republic of the Congo	ABST
46	Denmark	YES (eu)
47	Djibouti	Not Allowed
48	Dominica	Not Allowed
49	Dominican Republic	YES



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50	Ecuador	Present
51	Egypt	YES
52	El Salvador	Not Allowed
53	Equatorial Guinea	Not Allowed
54	Eritrea	NO
55	Estonia	YES (eu)
56	Eswatini	ABST
57	Ethiopia	ABST
58	European Union	Voted
59	Fiji	YES
60	Finland	YES (eu)
61	France	YES (eu)
62	Gabon	YES
63	Gambia	Not Allowed
64	Georgia	YES
65	Germany	YES (eu)
66	Ghana	YES
67	Greece	YES (eu)
68	Grenada	Not Allowed
69	Guatemala	Not Present
70	Guinea	YES
71	Guinea-Bissau	Not Allowed
72	Guyana	YES
73	Honduras	Present
74	Hungary	YES (eu)
75	Iceland	YES
76	India	YES
77	Indonesia	NO
78	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Not Allowed
79	Iraq	Not Allowed
80	Ireland	YES (eu)
81	Israel	YES
82	Italy	YES (eu)
83	Jamaica	YES
84	Japan	NO
85	Jordan	YES
86	Kazakhstan	Not Allowed
87	Kenya	YES
88	Kuwait	Not Present
89	Kyrgyzstan	YES
90	Lao People's Democratic Republic	YES
91	Latvia	YES (eu)
92	Lebanon	ABST
93	Lesotho	ABST
94	Liberia	Not Allowed
95	Libya	Not Allowed
96	Liechtenstein	NO
97	Lithuania	YES (eu)
98	Luxembourg	YES (eu)
99	Madagascar	YES
100	Malawi	ABST
101	Malaysia	YES
102	Maldives	YES



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103	Mali	YES
104	Malta	YES (eu)
105	Mauritania	Not Present
106	Mauritius	Not Allowed
107	Mexico	YES
108	Monaco	YES
109	Mongolia	YES
110	Montenegro	YES
111	Morocco	YES
112	Mozambique	ABST
113	Myanmar	YES
114	Namibia	ABST
115	Nepal	YES
116	Netherlands	YES (eu)
117	New Zealand	YES
118	Nicaragua	YES
119	Niger	YES
120	Nigeria	YES
121	North Macedonia	YES
122	Norway	YES
123	Oman	YES
124	Pakistan	Not Present
125	Palau	NO
126	Panama	Not Allowed
127	Papua New Guinea	NO
128	Paraguay	Not Allowed
129	Peru	ABST
130	Philippines	YES
131	Poland	YES (eu)
132	Portugal	YES (eu)
133	Qatar	YES
134	Republic of Korea	NO
135	Republic of Moldova	YES
136	Romania	YES (eu)
137	Russian Federation	Present
138	Rwanda	ABST
139	Saint Kitts and Nevis	ABST
140	Saint Lucia	ABST
141	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	ABST
142	Samoa	YES
143	San Marino	Not Allowed
144	Sao Tome and Principe	Not Allowed
145	Saudi Arabia	YES
146	Senegal	YES
147	Serbia	Not Allowed
148	Seychelles	Not Present
149	Sierra Leone	Not Present
150	Singapore	NO
151	Slovakia	YES (eu)
152	Slovenia	YES (eu)
153	Solomon Islands	Present
154	Somalia	Not Present
155	South Africa	NO





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156	Spain	YES (eu)
157	Sri Lanka	YES
158	Sudan	NO
159	Suriname	YES
160	Sweden	YES (eu)
161	Switzerland	NO
162	Syrian Arab Republic	Not Allowed
163	Tajikistan	Present
164	Thailand	NO
165	Togo	YES
166	Tonga	YES
167	Trinidad and Tobago	YES
168	Tunisia	YES
169	Turkey	YES
170	Uganda	NO
171	Ukraine	YES
172	United Arab Emirates	YES
173	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	YES (eu)
174	United Republic of Tanzania	YES
175	United States of America	YES
176	Uruguay	YES
177	Uzbekistan	Not Allowed
178	Vanuatu	Not Present
179	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	ABST
180	Viet Nam	NO
181	Yemen	Not Allowed
182	Zambia	ABST
183	Zimbabwe	YES