

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

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Species specific matters

BANGGAI CARDINALFISH  
(*PTERAPOGON KAUDERNI*)

1. This document has been submitted by the Animals Committee.\*
2. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted six Decisions on *Banggai cardinalfish* (*Pterapogon kauderni*) as follows:

***Directed to Indonesia***

17.259 *Indonesia should implement conservation and management measures to ensure the sustainability of international trade in Pterapogon kauderni, and report progress on these measures to the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting.*

***Directed to the Secretariat***

17.260 *Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall commission a study to assess the impact of international trade on the conservation status of Pterapogon kauderni and to advise on suitable conservation and management measures, as appropriate.*

17.261 *The Secretariat shall share the results of the study as referred to under Decision 17.260 with the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting.*

***Directed to the Animals Committee***

17.262 *The Animals Committee shall, at its 30th meeting, review the progress report submitted by Indonesia as referred to under Decision 17.259, as well as the results of the study as referred to under Decision 17.260, and make its recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

***Directed to donor Parties and other relevant organizations***

17.263 *Donor Parties and other relevant organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), are invited and encouraged to provide support to Indonesia and to the Secretariat for the purpose of implementing Decisions 17.260 to 17.262.*

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### Implementation of Decisions 17.259 – 17.261 and 17.263

3. The Secretariat reported on its implementation of Decision 17.260 to the Animals Committee at its 29th (AC29, Geneva, July 2017) and 30th meeting (AC30, Geneva, July 2018) in documents [AC29 Doc. 25.1](#) and [AC30 Doc. 21.1](#), respectively.
4. The study called for in Decision 17.260 was generously co-financed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the European Union, and made available to AC30 in information document [AC30 Inf. 16](#).
5. As per Decision 17.259, Indonesia also submitted an initial progress report on its implementation of conservation and management measures to ensure the sustainability of international trade in *P. kauderni* at AC29 (see in document [AC29 Doc. 25.2](#)), and submitted an update at AC30 (see document [AC30 Doc. 21.2](#)).

### Implementation of Decisions 17.262

6. The Animals Committee addressed its mandate in Decision 17.262 at both AC29 and AC30 by establishing in-session working groups on Banggai cardinalfish at each of these meetings. At AC29, the mandate of the working group was as follows:

*Taking into consideration document AC29 Doc. 25.2, as well as discussions in plenary and any additional information, the working group shall:*

- a) make recommendations on Indonesia's plan to conserve and manage *Pterapogon kauderni*;
  - b) based on the above, provide guidance to the Secretariat on how the study requested in Decision 17.260 can best assist and support Indonesia in its efforts to conserve and manage this species; and
  - c) suggest ways to improve the presentation, structure and content of the report that will be submitted to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC30).
7. Based on the discussions of the working group, the Animals Committee congratulated Indonesia for its comprehensive action plan and the valuable progress underway and adopted several recommendations, which can be found in document [AC29 Com. 10 \(Rev. by Sec\)](#), and in which AC29:
  - a) lists additional information that Indonesia may wish to provide in its report to AC30; and
  - b) recommends that the study called for in Decision 17.260 should:
    - i) assess the impact of international trade on the conservation status of *Pterapogon kauderni*;
    - ii) analyse the utilization and trade of the species including specimens sourced from the wild and captive breeding within and outside of Indonesia, and
    - iii) further assess the potential conservation risks and benefits from international trade in specimens of Banggai Cardinalfish from these sources.
8. The in-session working group that was established at AC30 had the following mandate:

*Taking into account documents AC30 Doc. 21.1 and Doc. 21.2, the study contained in information document AC30 Inf. 16, as well as the discussion in plenary and any other pertinent information, the in-session working group shall:*

- a) review the progress report submitted by Indonesia (AC30 Doc. 21.2);
  - b) review the results of the study (AC30 Inf. 16), in particular any advice on suitable conservation and management measures it contains; and
  - c) develop draft recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

9. Based on the discussions and report of the in-session working group at AC30, the Animals Committee adopted further recommendations, which can be found in document [AC30 Com.1 \(Rev. by Sec\)](#), and listed additional activities that Indonesia may wish to undertake to prevent further decline and ideally rebuild its populations of *Pterapogon kauderni*, including those arising from the recommendations of the study contained in [AC30 Inf. 16](#).
10. AC30 further adopted draft decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting (CoP18, Colombo, 2019). These draft decisions are shown in Annex 1 to this document.

#### Recommendations

11. The Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt the draft decisions contained in Annex 1 to this document.

#### COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat re-iterates its gratitude to the European Union and the United States of America for funding the implementation of Decision 17.260 and congratulates Indonesia for its efforts to conserve and manage *Pterapogon kauderni*.
- B. The Secretariat supports the draft decisions proposed in Annex 1 but would like to offer several editorial amendments below to improve their clarity or bring them in line with common practice. Proposed new text is underlined; proposed deletions of text are shown in ~~strikeout~~.
- C. The Secretariat's assessment of the resource implications of the adoption of the proposed draft decisions is shown in Annex 2.
- D. The Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties adopt the draft decisions contained in Annex 1, with the amendments proposed below, and agree that Decisions 17.259 to 17.263 have been implemented and can be deleted.

#### ***Directed to Indonesia***

- 18.AA Indonesia is encouraged to continue its conservation and management measures to ensure the sustainability of international trade in *Pterapogon kauderni*, and report progress on these measures and in particular on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Animals Committee in document AC30 Com.1 (Rev. by Sec) at its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, to the Animals Committee at its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### ***Directed to Parties***

- 18.BB ~~Parties are Encouraged~~ the Parties to consider supporting Indonesia in implementing decision 18.AA

#### ***Directed to the Animals Committee***

- 18.CC The Animals Committee shall, ~~at its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting~~, review the progress report submitted by Indonesia as referred to under Decision 18.AA, and make its recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties at its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, as appropriate.

**Draft decisions on Banggai cardinalfish (*Pterapogon kauderni*)**

***Directed to Indonesia***

18.AA Indonesia is encouraged to continue its conservation and management measures to ensure the sustainability of international trade in *Pterapogon kauderni*, and report progress on these measures, in particular on the implementation of recommendations by the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting, to the Animals Committee at its 31st meeting.

***Directed to Parties***

18.BB Encourages the Parties to consider supporting Indonesia in implementing decision 18.AA.

***Directed to the Animals Committee***

18.CC The Animals Committee shall, at its 31st meeting, review the progress report submitted by Indonesia as referred to under Decision 18.AA, and make its recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

**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 Secretariat assesses that the proposed decisions would have no direct financial consequences but will have workload implications for the Animals Committee and the Secretariat.