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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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INFORMATION ON THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE
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**18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
(CITES CoP 18)**

Information on the exercise of the right to vote by
the European Union or the EU Member States

1. CoP 18 will be the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties after the entry into force of the Gaborone Amendment to Article XXI of the Convention in November 2013 and the subsequent accession of the European Union (EU) as the first regional economic integration organisation (REIO) in 2015.
2. In relation to the Rules of Procedure, Rule 26 (Right to vote), the EU and its Member States would like to inform all Parties that, should a matter on the agenda of the CITES CoP 18 be submitted to a vote, the right to vote by the EU or the EU Member States will be exercised in accordance with the Annex to this document. With the exception of budgetary matters, the EU and its Member States will cast their votes in accordance with positions agreed between them, as has been the practice at previous CoPs meetings.
3. Votes in application of CITES CoP Rules of Procedure 14 (Publicity of debates), 20 (Procedural motions) and 21 (Motions to open and reopen debates in plenary sessions) will be cast by the EU Member States.
4. The indications in the Annex may be subject to change in view of new circumstances or information. Any change will be communicated to Parties in advance of the vote.
5. This information on the exercise of the right to vote is provided by the EU and its Member States, on their own initiative, for practical purposes for CoP 18 and it is without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the EU and its Member States in other international fora.

Annex

<i>Agenda item</i>		<i>Voter</i>
Opening ceremony		
Administrative and financial matters		
1.	Election of Chair, Alternate Chair and Vice-Chairs of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II	Member States (MS)
2.	Adoption of the agenda	MS
3.	Adoption of the working programme	MS
4.	Rules of Procedure	MS (EU ¹)
	4.1 Rules of Procedure for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties	
	4.2 Review of the Rules of Procedure	
5.	Credentials Committee	
	5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee	
	5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee	
6.	Admission of observers	MS
7.	Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties	MS
	7.1 Administration of the Secretariat	
	7.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative and other matters	
	7.3 Financial reports for 2016-2019	
	7.4 Budget and work programme for 2020 to 2022	
	7.5 Access to funding, including GEF funding	
	7.6 Sponsored delegates project	
8.	Draft resolution on language strategy for the Convention	MS

¹ If and when there is a vote concerning REIO/EU rights in particular.

Strategic matters			
9.	Committee reports and recommendations		MS
	9.1	Standing Committee	
		9.1.1	Report of the Chair
		9.1.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members
	9.2	Animals Committee	
		9.2.1	Report of the Chair
		9.2.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members

	9.3	Plants Committee	
		9.3.1	Report of the Chair
		9.3.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members
10.	CITES Strategic Vision post-2020		MS
11.	Review of the Convention		MS
12.	Securing better implementation of marine fish species listings in the Appendices		MS
13.	Revision of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Establishment of committees</i>		MS
14.	Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees		MS
15.	Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements		MS
	15.1	Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions	
	15.2	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)	
	15.3	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	
	15.4	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
	15.5	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime	
	15.6	Cooperation between CITES and the World Heritage Convention	
16.	CITES tree species programme		MS

17.	Rural communities		MS
	17.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	17.2	Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP17) and Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)	
	17.3	Participatory mechanism for rural communities	
18.	CITES and livelihoods		MS
	18.1	Report of the Secretariat	
	18.2	Proposal by Peru	
	18.3	Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)	
19.	Food security and livelihoods		MS
20.	Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species		MS
21.	Capacity building and identification materials		MS
	21.1	Capacity-building and identification materials	
	21.2	Capacity-building activities specified in Resolutions and Decisions	
	21.3	Framework to facilitate coordination, transparency and accountability of CITES capacity-building efforts	
22.	United Nations World Wildlife Day		MS
23.	Youth engagement		MS

Interpretation and implementation matters			
<u>Existing Resolutions and Decisions</u>			
24.	Review of Resolutions		MS
25.	Review of Decisions		MS
<u>General compliance and enforcement</u>			
26.	National laws for implementation of the Convention		MS
27.	CITES compliance matters		MS
28.	Compliance Assistance Programme		MS

29.	Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews		MS
30.	Compliance in relation to Malagasy ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.)		MS
	30.1	Report of Madagascar	
	30.2	Report of the Standing Committee	
31.	Domestic markets for frequently illegally traded specimens		MS
32.	Enforcement matters		MS
33.	Combating wildlife cybercrime		MS
	33.1	Report of the Secretariat	
	33.2	Report of the Standing Committee	
34.	Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa		MS
35.	Disposal of confiscated specimens		MS
36.	Storage and management of illegal trade data collected through the Parties' annual illegal trade reports		MS
37.	Working conditions of wildlife rangers and their implications for implementation of CITES		MS
<u>Regulation of trade</u>			
38.	Designation and roles of Management Authorities		MS
39.	Guidance for making legal acquisition findings		MS
40.	Due diligence by CITES Parties and obligations of importing countries		MS
41.	Electronic systems and information technologies		MS
42.	Traceability		MS
43.	Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA		MS
44.	Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'		EU
	44.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	44.2	International trade in live African elephants: Proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i>	
45.	Non-detriment findings		MS

46.	Quotas for leopard hunting trophies		EU
47.	Enhancement of quotas for markhor hunting trophies		EU
48.	Black rhinoceros hunting trophies: Export quota for South Africa		EU
49.	Implications of the transfer of a species to Appendix I		EU
	49.1	Report of the Secretariat	
	49.2	Trade in 'pre-Appendix-I' specimens	
50.	Amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Implementation of the Convention for timber species</i>		EU
51.	Stocks and stockpiles		MS
52.	Introduction from the sea		EU
53.	Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates		EU
54.	Identification of specimens in trade		MS
	54.1	Identification Manual	
	54.2	Identification of CITES-listed tree species	
	54.3	Identification of sturgeons and paddlefish specimens in trade	
55.	CITES implementation for trade in medicinal plant species		MS
<u>Exemptions and special trade provisions</u>			
56.	Simplified procedure for permits and certificates		EU
57.	Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens		EU
58.	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on <i>Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity</i>		EU
59.	Definition of the term 'artificially propagated'		EU
	59.1	Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated'	
	59.2	Source codes for plant specimens in trade	
Species specific matters			
60.	Illegal trade in cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>)		MS

61.	Sturgeons and paddlefish (<i>Acipenseriformes</i> spp.)		MS
62.	Draft decisions on the conservation of amphibians (<i>Amphibia</i>)		MS
63.	Eels (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.)		MS
64.	Precious corals (Order <i>Antipatharia</i> and family <i>Coralliidae</i>)		MS
65.	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on <i>Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa</i> [<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.]		MS
66.	Trade in <i>Boswellia</i> spp. (<i>Burseraceae</i>)		MS
67.	Humphead wrasse (<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>)		MS
68.	Sharks and rays (<i>Elasmobranchii</i> spp.)		MS
	68.1	Report of the Animals Committee	
	68.2	Report of the Secretariat	

69.	Elephants (<i>Elephantidae</i> spp.)		
	69.1	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	MS
	69.2	Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)	
	69.3	Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)	
	69.4	Ivory stockpiles: proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	MS
	69.5	Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on the closure of domestic ivory markets	MS
70.	Hawksbill turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>) and other marine turtles (<i>Cheloniidae</i> and <i>Dermochelyidae</i>)		MS
71.	Asian big cats (<i>Felidae</i> spp.)		MS
	71.1	Report of the Secretariat	
	71.2	Draft decisions on Asian big cats	
72.	Seahorses (<i>Hippocampus</i> spp.) on CITES – a roadmap to success		MS
73.	Great apes (<i>Hominidae</i> spp.)		MS
74.	Rosewood timber species [<i>Leguminosae</i> (<i>Fabaceae</i>)]		MS
75.	Pangolins (<i>Manis</i> spp.)		MS
76.	African lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>)		MS

	76.1	Report of the Secretariat	
	76.2	Conservation of and trade in African lions	
77.	Jaguar (<i>Panthera onca</i>)		MS
	77.1	Jaguar trade	
	77.2	Illegal trade in jaguar	
78.	Illegal trade in Tibetan antelope (<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>)		MS
79.	Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes)		MS
80.	African cherry (<i>Prunus africana</i>)		MS
81.	African grey parrots (<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>)		MS
82.	Banggai cardinalfish (<i>Pterapogon kauderni</i>)		MS
83.	Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)		MS
	83.1	Report of the Standing Committee and the Secretariat	
	83.2	Revisions to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</i> , and associated decisions	
84.	Helmeted hornbill (<i>Rhinoplax vigil</i>)		MS
85.	Queen conch (<i>Strombus gigas</i>)		MS
86.	Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga</i> spp.)		MS
87.	Conservation of the Titicaca water frog (<i>Telmatobius culeus</i>)		MS
88.	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)		MS
89.	Totoaba (<i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i>)		MS
90.	Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i>)		MS
91.	Conservation of vicuña (<i>Vicugna vicugna</i>) and trade in its fibre and products		MS
92.	Appendix-I listed species		MS
93.	Neotropical tree species		MS
94.	Conservation management of and trade in marine ornamental fishes		MS
95.	Guidance materials, activities and tools aimed at enhancing Parties' capacity to regulate bushmeat trade		MS
96.	African Carnivores Initiative		MS
97.	West African vulture trade and conservation management		MS

<u>Maintenance of the Appendices</u>		
98.	Reservations with respect to amendments to Appendices I and II	MS
99.	Standard nomenclature	EU
100.	Inclusion of species in Appendix III	MS
101.	Annotations	EU
102.	Annotations for Appendix-II orchids	EU
103.	Guidance for the publication of the Appendices	EU
104.	Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on <i>Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II</i>	MS
Proposals to amend the Appendices		
105.	Proposals to amend Appendices I and II	EU
Conclusion of the meeting		
106.	Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties	MS
107.	Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary-General, Host Government)	