

DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO CITES IN EFFECT AFTER ITS 19TH MEETING

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Administrative and financial matters

Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties

Directed to the Standing Committee with the support of the Secretariat

18.1 (Rev. CoP19) With the support of the Secretariat, the Standing Committee shall review Rule 25.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties and propose amendments, as appropriate, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with the view to ensuring the effective conduct of meetings.

Terms of reference of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 18.2** The Standing Committee shall consider whether the terms of reference of the Standing Committee Finance and Budget Subcommittee should be annexed to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*.

Emerging operational issues of the committees

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.1** The Secretariat shall:
- a) prepare a document for consideration by the Standing Committee containing information relating to the risk-assessment approaches implemented by the Secretariat to determine the best course of action if intersessional work and meetings are affected by emerging operational issues, such as those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, and referred to in paragraph 2 g) of Annex 1 to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*;
 - b) prepare a document for consideration by the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plants Committee reflecting the Secretariat's recommendations for the exceptional circumstances under which it may be appropriate to hold an online meeting or make hybrid options available to Parties to facilitate participation in a face-to-face meeting of the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plants Committee; and
 - c) based on the guidance provided to the committees relating to the use of the Rules of Procedures for the online meetings of the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee, 31st meeting of the Animals Committee and 25th meeting of the Plants Committee, provide the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plants Committee with a document highlighting the provisions in the Rules of Procedure that may require further consideration for online and hybrid meetings.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.2** The Animals and Plants Committees shall:
- a) taking into account the document prepared by the Secretariat under Decision 19.1, paragraphs b) and c),
 - i) consider the exceptional circumstances under which it may be appropriate to hold an online meeting or make hybrid options available to Parties to facilitate participation in a face-to-face meeting of the Animals and Plants Committees; and
 - ii) consider whether adjustments to Rules of Procedures of the committees are required to facilitate online and hybrid meetings and decision-making where these are required and agreed; and
 - b) propose amendments to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees* and their Rules of Procedure, as appropriate, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.3** The Standing Committee shall, by its 78th meeting:
- a) develop and adopt guidance on a structured, risk-assessment approach to be followed to determine the best course of action if intersessional work and meetings are affected by emerging operational issues, such as those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic and referred to in paragraph 2 g) of Annex 1 to Resolution Conf. 18.2. In developing this guidance, the Standing Committee will consider the document developed by the Secretariat under Decision 19.1.
 - b) develop and adopt guidance on the exceptional circumstances under which it may be appropriate to hold an online meeting or make hybrid options available to Parties to facilitate participation in a face-to-face meeting of the Standing Committee. In

developing this guidance, the Committee will consider the document prepared by the Secretariat under Decision 19.1; and

- c) review the Rules of Procedures of the Standing Committee, taking into account the document developed by the Secretariat under Decision 19.1, to consider whether adjustments are needed to permit and facilitate online and hybrid meetings and decision-making where these are required and agreed.

Access to funding

Directed to Parties

- 18.4** Parties are invited to provide non-reimbursable loan of personnel services to the CITES Secretariat noting that the salary and administrative fee of non-reimbursable loan personnel shall be covered by the Party, with such personnel remaining under the administrative authority of the sending Party. Non-reimbursable loan personnel shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the CITES Secretariat.
- 19.4** Parties are encouraged to:
- a) engage with their Global Environment Facility (GEF) national focal points in order to take part in the national GEF processes and facilitate use of allocated GEF funding through the Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program;
 - b) contribute to the development and implementation of GEF projects, in line with existing GEF procedures and guidelines, that may have components related to the implementation of CITES, by communicating with their national GEF counterparts and informing them of relevant CITES requirements and processes; and
 - c) monitor the progress of the GEF Global Wildlife Program and the discussion on the establishment of the Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program under the eighth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-8) and ensure that national projects, where applicable, can enhance the beneficiary Parties' ability to meet their obligations under CITES.

Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities

- 19.5** All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance for ensuring the effective implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
- 19.6** In providing financial assistance, Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are encouraged to take into consideration the administrative and financial management support needed to ensure that the funded activities are managed in an efficient, effective and accountable manner, and that they do not affect the Secretariat's core administrative tasks.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.7** The Secretariat shall:
- a) continue to participate in the Program Steering Committee of the GEF Global Wildlife Program, Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program, or other GEF mechanisms as appropriate, to ensure that GEF projects under the program are, as far as possible, aligned with CITES Decisions and Resolutions and contribute to the enhanced implementation of the Convention; and
 - b) provide technical advice and in-kind support to Parties in the development and implementation of their GEF projects under the Global Wildlife Program, Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program, or other GEF mechanisms as appropriate.
- 19.8** The Secretariat shall report on the progress on the implementation of Decisions 19.5 and 19.7 and make any recommendations, as necessary, to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.9 The Standing Committee shall review the Secretariat's report and make recommendations, as necessary, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Sponsored Delegates Project

Directed to the Secretariat

18.12

The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue to apply clear selection criteria, taking into account the various possible options for the selection criteria and additional ways to prioritize beneficiary Parties, including the guidelines of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD-DAC) and the prioritization of small island developing States and least developed countries;
- b) explore further the practical arrangements for the provision of support under the Sponsored Delegates Project for delegates attending the meetings of the Animals, Plants and Standing Committees; and
- c) bring any recommendations to the attention of the Standing Committee or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

19.10

Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall:

- a) offer to provide financial support for the participation at meetings of the Standing Committee of a maximum of two delegates from each developing country Party subject to an Article-XIII process; and
- b) report on the implementation of paragraph a) and bring any recommendations to the attention of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Strategic matters

CITES Strategic Vision

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.11** The Secretariat shall undertake a comparative analysis in order to illustrate the linkages between the *CITES Strategic Vision 2021-2030* and highlight areas of alignment with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as a starting point for an assessment of how CITES can contribute to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework and its monitoring framework; make recommendations for additional actions as appropriate; and present its analysis to the Animals and Plants Committees, followed by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.12** The Animals and Plants Committees shall review the information provided by the Secretariat under Decision 19.11 and make further recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.13** The Standing Committee shall review the comments and recommendations provided by the Animals and Plants Committees and by the Secretariat under Decisions 19.11 and 19.12 and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committee

- 19.14** The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees, make recommendations on new or revised indicators for objective 1.4 of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030*, for consideration by the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade

Directed to the Secretariat

19.15

The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification to the Parties, requesting Parties to report on any measures they have in place to prevent and mitigate the risk of pathogen spillover and transmission from wildlife trade and associated wildlife supply chains including markets, and make the results available on the CITES website as a compilation of responses that could be useful to other Parties;
- b) review its Cooperation Agreement with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) to identify any necessary updates to reflect guidance provided by the Animals and Standing Committees and work with WOAH to, *inter alia*, develop a joint programme of work to identify effective and practical solutions for reducing pathogen spillover risk in wildlife supply chains;
- c) collaborate with the Convention on Migratory Species to assess the potential risk of pathogen spillover and identify practical solutions for reducing pathogen spillover risk from wildlife;
- d) following any necessary consultations, prepare a report summarizing existing activities or formal agreements with other entities (such as, among others, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and other relevant biodiversity-related agreements, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO) and International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) as well as possible emerging opportunities, and identify opportunities for additional practical collaboration towards reducing the risk of pathogen spillover or zoonotic disease transmission in international wildlife trade supply chains, including consideration of a possible CITES advisory body; and
- e) report to the Animals and Standing Committees on the implementation of Decision 19.15, paragraphs a) to d).

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committee

19.16

The Animals and Plants Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat under Decision 19.15 and make recommendations to the Standing Committee, including on proposed effective and practical solutions for reducing pathogen spillover risk in wildlife supply chains, opportunities for practical collaboration under the direction of existing Resolutions, Decisions or agreements, and consideration of a possible CITES advisory body.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees

19.17

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review the report of the Secretariat under Decision 19.15, taking into account the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees under Decision 19.16;
- b) taking into account the information provided by the Secretariat and the Animals and Plants Committees, consider the establishment of a CITES advisory body to provide guidance based on best available science to Parties, in their efforts to reduce the risk of zoonotic pathogen spillover and transmission from wildlife trade and associated wildlife supply chains, including markets;
- c) taking into account proposals in document CoP19 Doc. 23.2 and in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees, consider the need for and development of a

Resolution on actions CITES Parties and others could take to advance a 'One Health' approach as it pertains to international wildlife trade; and

- d) provide its guidance to the Secretariat and its recommendations, which may include a new draft Resolution, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the United Nations Environment Programme

19.18 The Conference of the Parties invites the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to share information from relevant work carried out under the Quadripartite Collaboration for One Health or other relevant initiatives, with the Parties *via* the Secretariat.

Directed to Parties

19.19 Parties are invited to:

- a) endorse the Quadripartite's (FAO/UNEP/WHO/WOAH) definition of the term zoonoses as "infectious diseases that can be spread between animals and humans; can be spread by food, water, fomites or vectors".
- b) take into consideration a multi-sectoral approach such as defined by the One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP) when implementing the Convention, contributing to managing, preventing and mitigating the risk of pathogen spillover and zoonotic disease emergence by:
 - i) ensuring live animals are being traded in accordance with Articles III, IV, V and VII, which require that living specimens are so prepared and shipped as to minimise the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment, and Article VII which further requires that all living specimens, during any period of transit, holding or shipment, are properly cared for so as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment;
 - ii) regulating, registering, or otherwise administering captive-breeding, farming, and ranching facilities, including in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on *Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*, Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev. CoP19) on *Specimens of animal species bred in captivity*, and Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) on *Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II*;
- c) develop and strengthen synergies with appropriate national and international animal and public health authorities, taking account of relevant definitions, standards and guidance from the WHO, WOA, FAO, UNEP and other international bodies and expert organizations as appropriate; and
- d) building on such synergies, ensure that CITES Authorities, if requested, work with relevant national authorities including national WOA and WHO focal points to develop and implement strategies that aim to identify and reduce the risk of transmission and spillover of zoonotic diseases and pathogen emergence from traded wildlife.

Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizations

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.20** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, prepare for consideration by the Standing Committee a partnership strategy for the Parties, the Permanent Committees and the Secretariat to identify priorities for collaboration that specifically enhance the implementation of the Convention, as well as its effectiveness and efficiency, through strategic partnerships.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.21** The Standing Committee shall review the draft partnership strategy developed by the Secretariat under Decision 19.20 and make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

Directed to Parties

- 17.55 (Rev. CoP19)** Parties are encouraged to strengthen synergies among biodiversity multilateral environmental agreements at the national level by, among others, improving coordination and cooperation between national focal points and strengthening capacity-building activities.

Directed to the Standing Committee, with support of the Secretariat

- 17.56 (Rev. CoP19)** The Standing Committee shall, with support of the Secretariat, explore options consistent with the *CITES Strategic Vision* to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies at all relevant levels between CITES and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the outcomes of the Second Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II), as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. This should involve the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, and, as appropriate, engagement with other relevant organizations and processes, including processes under the Rio Conventions. The Standing Committee shall report on the implementation of this Decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

Directed to the Plants Committee, in collaboration with the Secretariat

- 19.22** The Plants Committee shall, in collaboration with the Secretariat:
- a) taking into account the relevant outcomes under the *Convention on Biological Diversity* (CBD) regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC, consider the need to revise Resolution Conf. 16.5 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation*;
 - b) if considered appropriate, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5 with a view to ensure that a two-way collaboration between both Conventions is reflected; and
 - c) present its recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in coordination with the Plants Committee and the Secretariat

- 19.23** The Standing Committee shall consider any report prepared in response to Decision 19.22, and in coordination with the Plants Committee and the Secretariat, convey its recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Cooperation on the Black sea bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*)

Directed to the Secretariat

- 18.55** The Secretariat shall continue its collaboration with the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS) for effective conservation of CITES-listed species of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea, in the context of, and in accordance with, Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and Synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)*.

Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative

Directed to range States of African carnivores

18.59 Relevant range States of African carnivores are urged to work through the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative to implement CITES Resolutions and Decisions relating to the species covered by this Initiative.

Directed to Parties

18.60 (Rev. CoP19) Parties are invited to recognize the importance of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative in implementing CITES Resolutions and Decisions relating to the species covered by the Initiative, and in seeking synergies as appropriate to implement complementary CMS resolutions and decisions.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations

18.61 Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support relevant African range States, through the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative, in their implementation of CITES Resolutions and Decisions relating to the species covered by this Initiative.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.24 The Secretariat shall inform the Animals Committee regarding the activities and outputs of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivore Initiative (ACI) that relate to the Committee's mandate and request advice from the Animals Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.25 The Animals Committee shall advise the Secretariat, as appropriate, on information that it provides regarding the activities and outputs of the ACI that are relevant to the Animals Committee's mandate.

International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC)

Directed to Parties

- 19.26** Parties are invited to provide feedback to the Secretariat on ICCWC support and tools, to be drawn upon by the Consortium in its implementation of the *ICCWC Vision 2030* to continue to enhance its interventions at national, regional and international level.
- 19.27** Parties are encouraged to provide funding support to the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) for the implementation of the *ICCWC Vision 2030* and its associated *Strategic Action Plan for 2023-2026* to ensure that the Consortium continues to take a leading role in providing coordinated global support to the law-enforcement community.

IPBES Assessment report on the sustainable use of wild species

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.28** The Animals and Plants Committee shall review the scientific aspects of the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES); consider their relevance to the implementation of the Convention; and provide the results of their review and any associated recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.29** The Standing Committee shall consider the review of the IPBES thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species and associated recommendations prepared by the Animals and Plants Committees; make additional recommendations as appropriate; and submit the resulting conclusions and any recommendations as appropriate to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

World Wildlife Trade Report

Directed to the Secretariat

19.30

The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification to the Parties providing the pilot *World Wildlife Trade Report*, seeking feedback and views on such a report and the potential utility and drawbacks of producing such a report periodically; and
- b) provide the responses received from the Notification to the Standing Committee and present findings and make recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees

19.31

The Standing Committee shall review the responses to the Notification and the findings and recommendations of the Secretariat, consult with the Animals and Plants Committees as appropriate and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

CITES and forests

Directed to the Secretariat, in consultation with the Plants Committee

19.32

The Secretariat shall:

- a) prepare a report for the consideration of the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee summarizing existing Resolutions and Decisions and supportive provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention relevant to forests, focusing on CITES-listed tree-species, (a 'CITES forest compendium') and provide information on possible measures to enhance the implementation of the Convention to contribute more effectively to, global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives, while avoiding duplication and supporting joint action; and,
- b) subject to the availability of external resources, and following consultation with the Plants Committee on the terms of reference, prepare an interdisciplinary study to assist decision-making processes on the future of any initiative relating to *CITES and forests* by:
 - i) defining the scope of such an initiative;
 - ii) furthering the understanding of the role of sustainable use and conservation in trade of CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species, in the conservation and sustainable use of forests;
 - iii) developing recommendations to enhance the timely and effective implementation of the CITES forest compendium, including exploring resource mobilization strategies.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.33

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) provide input to and consider any report from the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.32; and,
- b) advise the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.32 and the Standing Committee on its implementation of Decision 19.34 to ensure that any initiative relating to CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species, is technically and scientifically coherent, and supportive of provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.34

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report by the Secretariat and the Plants Committee resulting from the implementation of Decisions 19.32 and 19.33;
- b) based on the above, explore options aligned with the mandate and the *CITES Strategic Vision* to:
 - i) enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species, and CITES' contribution to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives, while avoiding duplication and supporting joint action; and,
 - ii) raise awareness of the importance of investing in the conservation, sustainable management and legal trade of CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species;

- c) assess the merits of proposing to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties any measures, including the development of a resolution on *CITES and forests*, aimed at enhancing the implementation of CITES mandates, that would improve visibility, funding opportunities and contributions to global forest policies and initiatives, while avoiding duplication and supporting joint action; and,
- d) prepare a report on its implementation of the present Decision and submit any resulting recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programmes

Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities

19.35 All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support elephant range States and the Secretariat in their efforts to implement the MIKE and ETIS programmes as mandated in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, and the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision 19.36.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.36 The Secretariat shall

- a) subject to external resources, pursue the following approaches to address the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE programme:
 - i) prepare proposals for support to the MIKE programme for consideration by donors;
 - ii) further explore alternative options to secure support from alternative funding sources, such as the private sector and through crowdfunding; and
 - iii) continue to enhance operational performances, including improvements to the MIKE Online Database and online training, and identifying and implementing cost-effective approaches to deliver on MIKE objectives.
- b) provide the Standing Committee with a report on the activities it has undertaken and the results thereof, including funding secured to support the implementation of the MIKE and ETIS programmes.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.37 The Standing Committee shall review the report by the Secretariat in terms of Decision 19.36 and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

Language strategy for the Convention

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.38** The Secretariat shall, subject to extrabudgetary contributions:
- a) provide for the translation of all valid Resolutions and Decisions into the three additional languages (Arabic, Chinese and Russian) drawing on available informal and official translations; and
 - b) arrange for the translation of the CITES website into these additional languages.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.39** The Standing Committee shall, at its 77th meeting, consider the future approach to the language strategy of the Convention in order to provide interpretation in all six languages at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties, with emphasis on the interpretation at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, subject to extrabudgetary contributions.

CAPACITY-BUILDING

Capacity-building

Directed to Parties

19.40 Parties are invited to share ideas, experiences, and information related to the development of an integrated capacity-building framework aiming to guide Parties, the Secretariat and external partners, as appropriate, to identify capacity-building needs and to prioritize, plan, coordinate, implement, monitor and review the benefit of their capacity-building efforts for more effective implementation of the Convention.

Directed to the Standing Committee, with inputs from the Animals and Plants Committees, the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, and the Secretariat

19.41 The Standing Committee shall:

- a) continue the development of an integrated capacity-building framework, including a common language and clear definitions, to improve the implementation of the Convention, with inputs from the Animals and Plants Committees, the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, and the Secretariat;
- b) in doing so, ensure the representation of perspectives and contexts of different regions and stakeholders (including from Parties that fund and Parties that receive capacity-building support) and consider developing a mechanism for Parties to identify the specific needs that, if met, would allow them to achieve full capacity to implement CITES; and
- c) provide a draft integrated capacity-building framework (which may include conceptual models, tools and guidance), along with its recommendations, for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.42 The Animals and Plants Committees shall engage in consultations with the Standing Committee, as called for in Decision 19.41; and with the Secretariat as called for in Decision 19.43.

Directed to the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committees

19.43 The Secretariat shall provide input to the Standing Committee and, subject to the availability of external funding and in consultation with the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committees, organise technical workshops and regional consultations that would facilitate the implementation by the Standing Committee of Decision 19.41.

Compliance Assistance Programme

Directed to Parties

19.44 Parties are invited to continue to provide financial or technical support to Parties subject to compliance mechanisms and other related compliance measures as specified in Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures* to further strengthen their institutional capacity.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.45 The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding:

- a) upon request, conduct technical missions and facilitate the organization of in-country assistance coordination mechanisms to selected Parties eligible to benefit from the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP);
- b) in consultation with the International University of Andalucía which hosts the Masters Course in 'Management and Conservation of Species in Trade – The International Framework' and other relevant universities, explore the possibility and feasibility of training and deploying short term consultants to assist Parties benefiting from the Compliance Assistance Programme; and
- c) report to the Standing Committee on the progress made in the implementation of Decisions 19.44 and 19.45.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.46 The Standing Committee shall monitor progress in the implementation of the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) and report its findings and recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Country-wide Review of Significant Trade

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.47** The Animals and Plants Committees shall:
- a) taking into account the progress made under the Compliance Assistance Programme and the development of a Capacity-Building Framework, consider whether the scientific and management issues identified in the country-wide Review of Significant Trade for Madagascar are sufficiently addressed, or whether a new mechanism should be developed to provide targeted support to Parties at a national level; and
 - b) provide recommendations, including possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* or other existing resolutions, or the development of a new resolution; for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat

- 19.48** The Standing Committee shall review the report and the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees, and in consultation with the Secretariat, make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

CITES Tree Species Programme

Directed to Parties

- 19.49** Parties are invited to provide financial and in-kind support for a capacity-building programme that provides long-term support to Parties on their implementation of the Convention for CITES-listed tree species.

Directed to the Secretariat, the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee

- 19.50** The Secretariat shall bring to the attention of the Plants Committee relevant technical and scientific results of the CITES Tree Species Programme (CTSP) and, subject to external funding:
- a) develop and implement a capacity-building programme covering all relevant regions on the implementation of CITES for tree species included in the Appendices;
 - b) seek advice and guidance from the Plants and Standing Committees to assess the potential for the CITES Tree Species Programme to be made a permanent programme;
 - c) continue cooperation with organizations working on forest related matters, such as the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), and private economic actors to strengthen the support to Parties for implementing the Convention for listed tree species; and
 - d) report on the implementation of this Decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

CITES AND PEOPLE

CITES gender action plan

Directed to the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee

- 19.51** The Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee, subject to available resources, shall draw on the available body of knowledge, lessons and experiences on gender and how it interacts with other identifying factors in matters related to legal and illegal international trade of wild flora and fauna, to develop a draft gender action plan for submission to the Standing Committee. The draft gender action plan should:
- a) consider the needs of indigenous and local peoples of all genders, especially women and girls, as well as how to incorporate their perspectives, skills and talents at all ages, and local and traditional knowledge;
 - b) aim to ensure that women and girls in all their diversity have equal access to, ownership and/or control over the use of wild flora and fauna, can fully and effectively engage in international trade of species of wild fauna and flora, and receive a fair and equitable share of benefits arising from the use and trade of such wildlife; thus reducing poverty and gender gaps through the promotion of economic and decision-making freedom;
 - c) aim to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in wild flora and fauna international trade chains;
 - d) promote gender equality and increase and strengthen the participation and leadership of women at all levels of decision-making and participation in processes related to international wild flora and fauna trade;
 - e) enhance the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of all genders, in particular women, in the implementation of the Convention, including through the engagement of civil society organizations, women's groups and women delegates, and provide opportunities for building their capacities; and
 - f) identify specific actions to advance the objectives above, across international trade chains for sustainable and legal wild flora and fauna, including parts and derivatives, as well as associated activities, including harvesting, law enforcement, and policy-making.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.52** The Standing Committee shall consider any draft gender action plan received from the Secretariat under Decision 19.51 and, if considered appropriate, submit a final version of that action plan, as an annex to the Resolution on *Gender and international trade in wild fauna and flora*, for approval by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders

- 19.53** Parties and relevant stakeholders, are encouraged to:
- a) support the preparation of the "CITES Gender Action Plan" by sharing knowledge, case studies and other relevant experiences with the Secretariat;
 - b) strengthen the evidence base and understanding of the gender-differentiated impacts of sustainable use and international trade in species of wild flora and fauna, and fair and equitable benefit-sharing; and
 - c) provide financial support towards the development and implementation of the Gender Action Plan.

Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities*

Directed to the Standing Committee

17.57 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) examine the terminology used in different Resolutions and Decisions when referring to “indigenous peoples”, “local communities” or “rural communities”; and
- b) make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on whether there is need for consistency of terminology across these Resolutions and Decisions.

18.31 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) establish an intersessional working group to consider how to effectively engage indigenous peoples and local communities* in the CITES processes, taking into account the discussions from the previous intersessional periods, including the information contained in document SC74 Doc. 20.2 and SC70 Doc. 15, experiences shared by Parties and relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and international organizations, and any information provided pursuant to Decision 18.32 (Rev. CoP19); and present its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee;
- b) when establishing the intersessional working group, endeavour to achieve regional balance of Parties and observers, and give special consideration to participation of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities*;
- c) develop non-binding guidance that proponent Parties may use, as appropriate, in consulting with indigenous peoples and local communities* as part of the consultations that may take place on proposals to amend the Appendices; and
- d) make recommendations on the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES processes to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.32 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification inviting Parties to provide information on their experiences and lessons learned in engaging indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES processes; and
- b) compile the information received from the Parties and provide a summary to the Standing Committee.

Directed to Parties

19.54 Parties are invited to:

- a) engage indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES decision-making and implementation processes at the national level to better achieve the objectives of the Convention; and
- b) share their experiences and lessons learned in engaging indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES processes with the Secretariat and other Parties.

* For the purpose of these Decisions, “indigenous peoples and local communities” is understood to include rural communities.

Livelihoods*

Directed to Parties

18.33 (Rev. CoP19) Parties are invited to:

- a) collate or conduct new case studies, using the standard template, that demonstrate how sustainable use of CITES-listed species contributes to the wellbeing and livelihoods of the indigenous peoples and local communities* involved in such use, including trade, and to the conservation of the species. Include examples of facilitating such involvement by wildlife-related authorities and other stakeholders and submit them to the Secretariat ;
- b) engage indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES decision-making and implementation processes at the national level to better achieve the objectives of the Convention; and**
- c) where appropriate, incorporate issues related to CITES implementation and livelihoods into national wildlife conservation and socio-economic development plans, as well as in relevant projects being developed for external funding, including funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.34 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) establish an intersessional working group on CITES and livelihoods, which will work in collaboration with the Secretariat to:
 - i) review new case studies on CITES and livelihoods to draw best practices and lessons learned;
 - ii) review the draft *Guidance on maximising benefits to indigenous peoples and local communities from trade in CITES-listed species* and provide recommendations to the Secretariat and the Standing Committee;
 - iii) review the report on *Exploring the use of registered marks of certification and other traceability mechanisms for products of CITES-listed species produced by indigenous peoples and local communities to enhance conservation and livelihood outcomes*, and provide recommendations to the Standing Committee, including possible next steps, as appropriate;
- b) review the report of the working group on livelihoods and the report of the Secretariat on the progress made under Decisions 18.35 (Rev. CoP19) and on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES and livelihoods*; and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.35 (Rev. CoP19) Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) support the collation of or conduct new case studies on CITES and livelihoods as described in Decision 18.33 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph a), and assist Parties to

* For the purpose of these Decisions, "indigenous peoples and local communities" is understood to include rural communities.

** The Secretariat notes that this paragraph is identical with paragraph a) of Decision 19.54. The Conference of the Parties had agreed to include this issue under Decision 19.54, but did not explicitly delete it from Decision 18.33 (Rev. CoP19).

present the case studies in appropriate platforms, and in formats and manners that are most effective for targeted audiences, including on the CITES website;

- b) organize a joint meeting of the intersessional working group on engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities and the intersessional working group on CITES and livelihoods to support the implementation of Decisions 18.31 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.34 (Rev. CoP19);
- c) organize the production of outreach materials, including short videos based on the case studies, to raise awareness of and promote best practices in CITES implementation and livelihoods including its contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to share such materials on appropriate platforms, including the CITES website, social media channels, external media, and exhibitions; and
- d) report to the Standing Committee on progress made with regard to the implementation of paragraphs a) – c) and Resolution Conf. 16.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES and livelihoods*.

Demand reduction to combat illegal trade

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.55** The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:
- a) organize translation of the *Guidance on demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* into French and Spanish;
 - b) organize regional training seminars on the use of the *Guidance*;
 - c) organize pilot projects to promote the use of *Guidance* for selected species and countries, with necessary adaptation to suit local context when appropriate;
 - d) support all interested Parties in implementing demand-reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species and provide necessary technical support including the use of the guidance; and
 - e) report to the Standing Committee on the progress made in the implementation of this Decision, and make recommendations on follow-up activities, including the identification of priority species and markets that may benefit from a demand reduction strategy and the use of the *Guidance*, taking into account national and regional priorities.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.56** The Standing Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 19.55 and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting with regards to follow-up activities and priority species and markets that may benefit from the adoption of demand reduction strategies and the use of the *Guidance on demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species*.

Directed to Parties

- 19.57** Parties are encouraged, subject to available resources, to translate the *Guidance on demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* into local languages and share their experience in the implementation of the *Guidance*.

Compliance

National laws for implementation of the Convention

Directed to Parties

19.58 Parties with legislation in Category 2 or 3 under the National Legislation Project (NLP) are urged to submit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible and in one of the three working languages of the Convention, details of appropriate measures that have been adopted for the effective implementation of the Convention. Such Parties are also urged to keep the Secretariat informed of legislative progress at any time.

19.59 Parties with legislation in Category 1 under the National Legislation Project are encouraged to inform the Secretariat of any relevant legislative developments and to provide technical or financial assistance to Parties affected by Decision 19.58, either directly or through the Secretariat.

Directed to the Standing Committee with the assistance of the Secretariat

19.60 At its 77th and 78th meetings, the Standing Committee shall review the progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention. With the assistance of the Secretariat, the Standing Committee may identify additional Parties that require its attention as a priority and shall pay particular attention to these Parties. The Standing Committee shall take appropriate compliance measures with regard to Parties affected by Decision 19.58 that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention or taken significant and substantive steps to do so. For Parties that have acceded to the Convention less than eight years ago, the Standing Committee may decide to allow more time to adopt appropriate measures.

19.61 Such compliance measures may include a recommendation to suspend trade with Parties affected by Decision 19.58 that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention, in particular Parties identified as requiring attention as a priority. Any recommendation to suspend trade with the Party concerned shall take effect 60 days after it is agreed, unless the Party adopts appropriate measures before the expiry of the 60 days or takes significant and substantive steps to do so.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.62 The Secretariat shall:

- a) compile and analyse the information submitted by Parties on measures adopted before the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to fulfil the requirements laid down in the text of the Convention and Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) on *National laws for implementation of the Convention*;
- b) assist the Standing Committee in reviewing progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and in identifying additional Parties requiring attention as a priority;
- c) subject to external funding, provide legal advice and assistance to Parties on the development of appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention, including legislative guidance for and training of CITES authorities, legislative drafters, policymakers, the judiciary, parliamentarians and other relevant government officials responsible for the formulation and adoption of CITES-related legislation;
- d) subject to external funding, develop legislative guidance on transit and transshipment and recommend as appropriate possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Transit and transshipment*;

- e) subject to available resources, develop guidance on the implementation of the Convention (e.g., issuance of permits and certificates) in the event of exceptional circumstances that impede the proper functioning of CITES at the national level and submit its recommendations to the Standing Committee for consideration including, as appropriate, possible amendments to relevant Resolutions, including to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates*;
- f) in the provision of legislative assistance, cooperate with the legal programmes of United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank and regional development banks, as well as regional organizations, such as the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, the Association of South East Asian Nations, the League of Arab States, the Organization of American States and the Pacific Regional Environment Programme;
- g) report at the regular meetings of the Standing Committee on Parties' progress in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and, if necessary, recommend the adoption of appropriate compliance measures including, as a last resort, recommendations to suspend trade in specimens of CITES-listed species; and
- h) report at regular meetings of the Standing Committee, as appropriate, and at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made with regard to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) on *National laws for implementation of the Convention* and Decisions 19.58 to 19.62.

Review of Significant Trade

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.108 (Rev. CoP19)** The Secretariat, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and building on the work done to date, shall develop, test and establish a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database as an essential tool for the effective implementation and transparency of the process.
- 17.109 (Rev. CoP19)** The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States.
- 17.110 (Rev. CoP19)** The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within nine months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade (including case studies as appropriate).

Review of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity*

Directed to the Secretariat, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre

- 19.63** The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), produce a comparative analysis of the objectives and processes outlined in Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity* and Resolution Conf 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, and draft recommendations on how these two Resolutions could become more streamlined and better aligned with each other, including possible amendments to one or both Resolutions, for consideration by the Animals and Standing Committees.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.64** The Animals Committee shall review the report and draft recommendations from the Secretariat under Decision 19.63; and make its own recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.65** The Standing Committee shall consider the report and draft recommendations of the Secretariat, the recommendations from the Animals Committee, and make its own recommendations, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Captive-breeding of Sri Lankan agamids

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 18.175** The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat and consider whether to select species-country combinations of *Ceratophora stoddartii*, *Ceratophora aspera* and *Lyriocephalus scutatus* for review under Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity*.

Review of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.66

Taking into account any revisions adopted at CoP19, the Standing Committee shall consider whether the following topics are gaps to be addressed in the content of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*:

- a) the role of professional bodies and whether they should be held to higher standards with regard to violations/compliance;
- b) whether to consider additional guidance in the Resolution relating to compliance and enforcement issues unique to trade in CITES-listed marine species, including issues pertaining to introduction from the sea;
- c) whether to consider adding guidance in the Resolution relating to stockpile management;
- d) whether to consider adding guidance in the Resolution relating to the One Health approach – a collaborative and transdisciplinary approach to achieving optimal health outcomes for people, animals, plants, and their shared environment;
- e) whether to consider adding guidance in the Resolution relating to possible outcomes from currently ongoing discussions in Standing Committee working group on electronic systems and information technologies; and
- f) whether to update timeframes for providing information in response to requests for information from the Secretariat on a potential compliance matter.

The Standing Committee may also identify additional gaps to be addressed in the content of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19). In undertaking its review, the Standing Committee shall make efforts not to duplicate other relevant ongoing work and may refer any of the identified topics to be considered under other relevant work of the Standing Committee as appropriate. Based on its review, the Standing Committee shall make recommendations as appropriate to revise Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) to address gaps identified for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I

Directed to the Standing Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat

19.67

The Standing Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall:

- a) explore whether further non-binding guidance is needed on the implementation of the Convention with respect to possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I, including species that have been transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I, as well as specimens of species included in Appendix II subject to a zero export quota contained in the Appendices, to help address illegal international trade and, if so, request the Secretariat to prepare draft guidance for its endorsement;
- b) consider whether additional recommendations related to the possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I, including species that have been transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I, as well as specimens of species included in Appendix II subject to a zero export quota contained in the Appendices, in relevant Resolutions are warranted to address illegal international trade in such specimens; and
- c) make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including appropriate revisions to existing Resolutions, relating to the regulation of possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I, including species that have been transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I, as well as specimens of species included in Appendix II subject to a zero export quota contained in the Appendices, to help address illegal international trade in such specimens.

Closure of domestic ivory markets

Directed to Parties

18.117 (Rev. CoP19) Parties that have not closed their domestic markets for commercial trade in raw and worked ivory are requested to report to the Secretariat for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 77th and 78th meetings on what measures they are taking to ensure that their domestic ivory markets are not contributing to poaching or illegal trade.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.118 The Secretariat shall compile the reports and make them available to Parties in advance of the Standing Committee meetings.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.119 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the reports under Decision 18.118; and
- b) report on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate and consistent with the scope and mandate of the Convention, to the 20th meeting of Conference of the Parties.

Review of the National Ivory Action Plans Process

Directed to the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair

- 19.68** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair:
- a) contract a consultant to conduct a review of the National Ivory Action Plan Process and the associated *Guidelines* in accordance with the following terms of reference:
 - i) review current updating practices of NIAPs and propose options to ensure that NIAPs remain up to date when circumstances on the ground have changed;
 - ii) provide a better understanding of the reasons behind the lack of reporting or late reporting and consider ways to facilitate timely reporting;
 - iii) consider the relationship between the NIAP process and other Article XIII processes in case there are Parties subject to both processes in parallel, and provide insights thereon;
 - iv) review the different reporting requirements and advise in particular whether and how the NIAP process could benefit from strengthened annual illegal trade reports under Resolution Conf.11.17 (Rev. CoP19) to avoid duplication of efforts of reporting Parties; and
 - v) analyze the different tools under ICCWC and advise whether and how they could be used for enhancing the NIAP process; and
 - b) provide the Standing Committee with a report on the results of the review.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.69** The Secretariat shall undertake any additional tasks directed to it by the Standing Committee under Decision 19.70, paragraph a).

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.70** The Standing Committee shall:
- a) review the report called for in Decision 19.68; and
 - b) prepare a report, along with its recommendations for updating the NIAP Process, for consideration for the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Malagasy palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)
and ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.)

Directed to Madagascar

19.71

Madagascar shall:

- a) strengthen the management of all *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. timber stockpiles in Madagascar (including through traceability and control systems), request financial and technical assistance therefor, and submit regular updates on audited inventories and independent oversight mechanisms, for consideration and further guidance from the Standing Committee;
- b) provide reports on progress on the implementation of paragraph a) of this Decision to the Secretariat 60 days before the 77th and 78th meetings of the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.72

The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, assist with relevant capacity-building activities in Madagascar and transit and destination countries concerned by the trade in specimens of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar;
- b) reissue a Notification to the Parties reminding potential destination countries of shipments of illegal specimens of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar to take appropriate measures to ensure that such timber is not illegally transported or traded, including prohibiting entry, seizing such specimens upon arrival and apply appropriate sanctions against traffickers in accordance with the provisions of the Convention; and
- c) provide reports on progress on the implementation of this Decision and Decision 19.71 directed to Madagascar to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.73

At its 77th and 78th meetings, the Standing Committee shall review reports from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decisions 19.71 and 19.72 and make recommendations to Madagascar as appropriate.

Totoabas (*Totoaba macdonaldi*)

Directed to Parties in collaboration with relevant stakeholders

18.292 (Rev. CoP19) Parties affected by illegal fishing and trafficking of totoabas, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, are encouraged to:

- a) fully implement the measures and activities outlined in the online *Meeting of Range, Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba* agreed outcomes document, as relevant to them, to prevent and combat this illegal trade;
- b) draw upon the secure law enforcement communication channels and tools provided by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization to share information on seizures and arrests associated with totoaba specimen trafficking;
- c) engage in awareness-raising activities on the illegal trade in totoaba, and its severe implications for the conservation of vaquitas (*Phocoena sinus*), including demand reduction campaigns, as well as activities to eliminate supply and demand for illegally sourced specimens of totoaba, taking into consideration the measures and activities outlined in the *Meeting of Range Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba* agreed outcomes document under the heading *Opportunities to eliminate supply and demand for illegally sourced specimens of totoaba*; and
- d) provide financial and in-kind support for the implementation of the study called for in Decision 18.294 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph c) to be presented before the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Directed to Mexico

18.293 (Rev. CoP19) Mexico is urged to:

- a) take immediate actions to further strengthen measures to effectively prevent fishers from using gillnets in the vaquita refuge and vessels from entering the zero-tolerance area and to maintain these areas completely gillnet-free, by implementing a strict zero-tolerance policy concerning unauthorized fishing and fishing gear in these areas, ensuring surveillance on a full time basis, and imposing strict penalties where irregularities are detected, including the seizure of both vessels and unauthorized fishing gear combined with administrative or criminal penalties as applicable;
- b) pursue the urgent implementation of all aspects of the *Agreement regulating gears, systems, methods, techniques and schedules for the performance of fishing activities with smaller and larger vessels in Mexican Marine Zones in the Northern Gulf of California and establishing landing sites, as well as the use of monitoring systems for such vessels* (“the Agreement”), giving priority attention to:
 - i) deploying appropriate authorities with legal powers of seizure and arrest, together with the Navy, to effectively prevent fishers and vessels from fishing with prohibited gear in the vaquita refuge and from entering the zero tolerance area and taking strict action against fishers that use any sites other than the authorized sites for departure and arrival of vessels established by Article 9 of “the Agreement”, to effectively prevent, disrupt and put an end to the activities of fishers that operate illegally;
 - ii) effectively implementing the gillnet ban as anticipated by Article 2 of “the Agreement”; and
 - iii) stepping up efforts to mobilize activities aimed at preventing, detecting and penalizing any manufacturing, possession, selling and transportation of gillnets in the marine area and surrounding areas as determined by “the Agreement”, to ensure the disruption and neutralization of any illegal activities;

- c) build upon the progress made in collecting and analysing information on organized crime groups operating within Mexico involved in illegal fishing and trafficking of totoaba, and the insights and information gained from such work about the structure and *modus operandi* of these groups, to further expand intelligence-driven operations and investigations to address and neutralize them;
- d) maintain resources to ensure uninterrupted gillnet removal to maintain the vaquita refuge and zero tolerance areas net-free, and take all necessary measures to protect net removal teams and destroy confiscated nets;
- e) scale up activities in support of selective fishing gear development and use, and to consider including such matters related to totoabas and vaquitas in its GEF-8 or other suitable funding sources; and
- f) submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of Decision 18.293 (Rev. CoP19), paragraphs a) to e) above, as well as Decision 18.292 (Rev. CoP19), to the Secretariat in a timely manner (at least 60 days in advance of the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee) in time for it to convey this to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting, together with any recommendations it may have.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.294 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek information from Parties on their implementation of Decision 18.292 (Rev. CoP19);
- b) engage with partner agencies of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) in support of activities relevant to ICWC partners, as outlined in the online *Meeting of Range, Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba* agreed outcomes document;
- c) as a matter of urgency, revise the terms of reference for the study on vaquita and totoaba outlined in Annex 2 to document CoP18 Doc. 89 (Rev. 1), in consultation with the Standing Committee, through the Chair, taking into consideration the outcomes of the online *Meeting of Range, Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba* held in October 2021, and the decisions of the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee, and commence the study within the first quarter of 2023, subject to the availability of external resources and in consultation with organizations with relevant expertise; and
- d) report the information communicated by Parties and Mexico in accordance with Decisions 18.292 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.293 (Rev. CoP19), as well as the study undertaken in accordance with paragraph c) above, in a timely manner (at least 45 days in advance of the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee) to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting together with any recommendations it may have.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.295 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review and assess the study undertaken in accordance with Decision 18.294 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph c) and any information and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.294 (Rev. CoP19), as well as the report to be submitted in accordance with Decision 19.74; and
- b) based on its assessment of the study undertaken in accordance with Decision 18.294 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph c), and if not satisfied with timely progress in the implementation of Decisions 18.292 (Rev. CoP19), 18.293 (Rev. CoP19) and 19.74, make recommendations as appropriate, which may where relevant include recommendations within the mandate of the Standing Committee in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*.

Directed to China, Mexico, and the United States of America

19.74 China, Mexico, and the United States of America are requested to jointly submit, through the Chair of the Trilateral Enforcement Contact Group (TECG), a report to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee on the operationalization of the TECG and the activities conducted in accordance with the TECG terms of reference, as well as associated results achieved.

Directed to Parties

19.75 Parties are encouraged to:

- a) support efforts related to the recovery and monitoring of wild populations of totoaba and vaquita;
- b) make every effort to support Mexico in the implementation of Decision 18.293 (Rev. CoP19); and
- c) support efforts to eliminate supply of and demand for illegally sourced specimens of totoaba to address and prevent their illegal trade.

Directed to transit and destination countries

19.76 Transit and destination countries are encouraged to report on implementation of Decision 18.292 (Rev. CoP19) and 19.75 to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Illegal trade and enforcement

Enforcement

Directed to Parties

- 19.77** Parties are encouraged to ensure that:
- a) corruption risk mitigation policies and strategies are in place to address corruption risks associated with wildlife crime; and
 - b) collaboration mechanisms are in place between CITES and anti-corruption authorities to facilitate swift and decisive action where corrupt activities are detected.

- 19.78** Parties are encouraged to, as appropriate, integrate financial crime investigations into the investigation of crimes involving wildlife, and to increase the use of financial investigation techniques to identify criminals involved in wildlife crime and their networks and address associated illicit financial flows from these crimes.

Directed to the Secretariat with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and other bodies

- 19.79** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall work with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and other bodies such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Egmont Centre of Financial Intelligence Unit Excellence and Leadership (ECOFEL), to provide Parties with guidance on the measures they can take to combat money laundering associated with wildlife crime, and to promote the integration of financial crime investigations into the investigation of crimes involving wildlife.

Annual illegal trade reports

Directed to the Secretariat

19.80

Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat shall:

- a) continue its work with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), ensuring that the CITES Illegal Trade Database and its data dissemination platform are maintained in accordance with the requirements agreed by the Conference of the Parties;
- b) engage in efforts to support improving overall submission rates of annual illegal trade reports by Parties in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*, and to improve the quality of data submitted through better use of the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade report*;
- c) report on the implementation of the present Decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Wildlife crime linked to the Internet

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.81** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall commission a study to identify the CITES-listed species that are most commonly found in illegal trade on digital and online platforms, national laws, as well as best practices put in place by Parties to address wildlife crime linked to the Internet, and based on the findings of the study, prepare recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.
- 19.82** The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee, and subsequently the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, on the implementation of Decision 19.81.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.83** The Standing Committee shall review the Secretariat's report called for in Decision 19.81 and make recommendations as appropriate.

Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa

Directed to Parties importing CITES specimens from West and Central Africa

18.90 (Rev. CoP19) Parties importing CITES specimens from West and Central Africa are encouraged to assist their counterparts in West and Central Africa, by implementing measures that will address wildlife crime and support legal trade that is limited to sustainable levels, in particular by:

- a) supporting efforts to determine and ensure sustainable levels of trade through scientific studies that can facilitate the making of robust non-detriment findings;
- b) undertaking due diligence as outlined in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement* and closely scrutinizing consignments of CITES-listed species imported from West and Central Africa and accompanying CITES documents to ensure that illegal species are not laundered into legal trade; and
- c) as a priority, raise any concerns about imports with the exporting State, or with the Animals Committee, Plants Committee, Standing Committee, or the Secretariat.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

18.91 (Rev. CoP19) Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical assistance to Parties in West and Central Africa and mobilize resources to support the implementation of Decisions 19.84, 19.85, paragraphs a) and b), 19.86, 19.87 paragraphs a), b) and c) and 18.90 (Rev. CoP19) and, as appropriate, take these Decisions into consideration in the development of work programmes or activities they initiate in the two subregions.

Directed to Parties

19.84 Parties in West and Central Africa and Parties importing CITES specimens from West and Central Africa are strongly encouraged to enhance collaboration and communication regarding illegal wildlife trade affecting the two subregions, including by:

- a) using existing secure communication channels such as those provided by INTERPOL and the [World Customs Organization](#) for exchange of enforcement and illegal trade related information, and by drawing upon the enforcement focal point information available through the [National CITES Authorities](#) and [Enforcement focal points](#) webpages;
- b) actively pursuing international law enforcement collaboration through the mechanisms established by the [United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime \(UNTOC\)](#); and other relevant information exchange platforms;
- c) reporting seizures on timber exported from West and Central Africa to the exporting countries as soon as practical, as appropriate, including sharing information described in paragraph 2.1 d) under *Strengthen regional and international collaboration to address illegal trade in CITES-listed tree species* in the outcome document of the *Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species*; and
- d) actively pursuing the implementation of the measures and activities outlined in the [Outcome document of the Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species](#).

Directed to Parties in West Africa and Central Africa:

19.85 Parties in West and Central Africa should:

- a) as relevant to them and where not yet done, continue to actively pursue the implementation of the *Recommendations to Parties in West and Central Africa for*

consideration in their implementation of measures and activities to address wildlife crime affecting the two subregions;

- b) engage in regional and bilateral activities to share information on their national legislative and regulatory measures, exchange experiences and best practices, and identify opportunities for regional and cross-border cooperation and joint actions to address illegal trade in wildlife, taking into consideration paragraph 13 e) of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*; and
- c) identify priority actions that could benefit from support, including activities referenced in Decisions 19.84, 19.85, paragraphs a) and b), 19.86, 19.87 paragraphs a), b) and c) and 18.90 (Rev. CoP19), and present these to the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), donors and the development community, to seek support to implement them.

19.86

- a) Parties in West Africa are invited to, through the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, request support from ICWC for the implementation of the ICWC Guidelines for Wildlife Enforcement Networks, to facilitate fully operationalizing the West Africa Network to Combat Wildlife Crime (WAN); and
- b) Parties in Central Africa are invited to, through the Commission of Central African Forests (COMIFAC) or other appropriate platforms, request support from ICWC for the implementation of the ICWC Guidelines for Wildlife Enforcement Networks.

Directed to the Secretariat, with its ICWC partners

19.87

The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, work with its ICWC partners to support Parties in West and Central Africa in addressing illegal trade in wildlife, including by promoting and facilitating collaboration and communication between Parties in West and Central Africa, transit and destination countries, through the convening of Wildlife Inter-Regional Enforcement (WIRE) and Regional Investigative and Analytical Case (RIACM) meetings as appropriate, and by supporting Parties upon request as anticipated in Decision 19.86;
- b) subject to external funding, work with ICWC partners to expedite ICWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit in West and Central African Parties to inform capacity-building activities;
- c) subject to external funding and upon request from Parties, undertake general and targeted capacity-building activities to strengthen the effective implementation of CITES in the two subregions;
- d) issue a Notification to the Parties requesting them to provide information on their implementation of Decisions 19.84, 19.85, 19.86 and 18.90 (Rev. CoP19);
- e) report to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee on the implementation of Decision 19.87, paragraphs a), b) and c), and the responses to the Notification in Decision 19.87, paragraph d), together with any recommendations it may have; and
- f) support the Standing Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.88, paragraph a) and b).

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.88

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) establish a working group, with representation from all regions, to make recommendations on the development and adoption of procedures that will promote enhanced collaboration between source, transit and consumer countries, in particular to promote regular communication between source, transit and consumer countries;

- b) consider whether the establishment and administration of a CITES enforcement fund or other mechanisms that could provide targeted and sustainable financial support to combat wildlife crime and implement CITES to Parties that request such support is needed;
- c) consider the report of the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.87; and
- d) make recommendations to the Parties, the Secretariat, and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species

Directed to Parties

19.89 Parties are encouraged to fully implement the measures and activities outlined in the *Outcome document of the CITES Task Force meeting on illegal trade in specimens of listed tree species*, as relevant to them, to prevent and combat illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species, and to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.90 The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek information from Parties on their implementation of Decision 19.89 and report to the Standing Committee on the work undertaken by Parties to implement the measures and activities outlined in the *Outcome document of the CITES Task Force meeting on illegal trade in specimens of listed tree species*;
- b) subject to external funding, in cooperation with the UNODC / WCO Container Control Programme, work to undertake activities to provide training by experienced CITES enforcement officials on physical inspection of timber shipments in regions significantly affected by illegal trade in CITES-listed tree species; and
- c) where not yet done, encourage and support the undertaking of risk assessments to develop national risk indicators specific to this illegal trade.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.91 The Standing Committee shall consider the report and recommendations of the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.90, paragraph a) and make recommendations to the Parties or the Secretariat as appropriate.

CITES Big Cats Task Force

Directed to the Secretariat

19.92

The Secretariat shall:

subject to external resources

- a) establish and convene, the CITES Big Cats Task Force (Task Force), in accordance with the terms of reference and modus operandi agreed by the Standing Committee as presented in Annex 2 to document CoP19 Doc. 67 on *CITES Big Cats Task Force (Felidae spp.)*;
- b) provide support to the Task Force allowing it to effectively carry out its mandate as stated in the terms of reference, including to:
 - i) discuss enforcement and implementation issues related to the illegal trade in specimens of big cats;
 - ii) as deemed appropriate, exchange intelligence and other information on the illegal trade in big cats; and
 - iii) develop strategies and make recommendations to improve international cooperation regarding the enforcement of CITES concerning illegal trade in specimens of big cats; and
- c) report the findings and recommendations of the Task Force to the 77th and 78th meeting of the Standing Committee for its consideration, and for making its own recommendations as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.93

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider at its 77th meeting the reports submitted by the Secretariat, as per Decision 19.92, and make recommendations to the Secretariat and big cat source, transit, and destination countries, as appropriate.
- b) report on the implementation of the present Decision and any relevant recommendations as appropriate to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.
- c) publish information generated by the Big Cat Task Force on the CITES website to keep relevant stakeholders informed and support the development of appropriate measures by source, transit, and destination countries.

Implementation of the priority recommendations from the review of the ETIS programme

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.94** Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall work with TRAFFIC to, in consultation with the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG) where required, implement the high and medium priority recommendations in Annex 3 to document CoP19 Doc. 21.
- 19.95** The Secretariat shall report progress made with the implementation of the high and medium priority recommendations in Annex 3 to document CoP19 Doc. 21 and make any other recommendations emanating from the implementation to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.96** The Standing Committee shall review the report provided by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.95 and make recommendations to improve the ETIS system and the use of its results for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ETIS categorization of Parties

Directed to the Secretariat, in consultation with the MIKE-ETIS Technical Advisory Group and TRAFFIC

19.97 Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in consultation with the MIKE-ETIS Technical Advisory Group and TRAFFIC, develop draft criteria for the categorization of Parties based on the ETIS analysis and seizure data relating to elephant specimens submitted to TRAFFIC; and submit the draft criteria to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee for consideration.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.98 The Standing Committee shall consider the draft criteria for the categorization of Parties based on the ETIS analysis referred to in Decision 19.97 and recommend the adoption of criteria for the categorization of Parties, as appropriate, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Ivory seizures and domestic ivory markets

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.99** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall engage the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group and TRAFFIC to advise whether an analysis of ivory seizures connected to each Party with a legal domestic market for commercial trade in ivory could be undertaken and, if feasible, carry out the analysis and include the results in the ETIS report to the Standing Committee at its 78th meetings, and to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 19.100** The Secretariat shall report on progress made with respect to the analysis in Decision 19.99 to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.101** The Standing Committee shall consider the Secretariat's report under Decision 19.100 and request the Secretariat to take appropriate measures, if any.

Trade in mammoth ivory

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.102** The Secretariat shall, using available information and research studies, compile information relating to the potential contribution of mammoth ivory trade to illegal trade in elephant ivory and elephant poaching and report its findings to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.103** The Standing Committee shall consider the report and findings provided by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.102 and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)

Directed to Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs

- 19.104** Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs are encouraged to:
- a) review their national legislation taking into consideration the provisions of paragraph 6 c), d), f), and g) in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev.CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*, and where needed revise such legislation to ensure that it adequately addresses illegal wildlife trade, including illegal trade in cheetahs;
 - b) make use of the secure communication channels provided by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization to strengthen information and intelligence exchange, and the resources available through the Cheetahs webpage on the CITES website;
 - c) scale up activities to address illegal online trade in cheetah specimens, including by drawing upon the support available through INTERPOL, the *Wildlife Crime Linked to the Internet: Practical Guidelines for Law Enforcement Practitioners*, and as appropriate, reviewing their implementation of the provisions under “Regarding wildlife crime linked to the Internet”, in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*, and pursue the full implementation of these provisions; and
 - d) report to the Secretariat in advance of the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.105** Subject to available resources and upon request from Parties, the Secretariat shall:
- a) work with INTERPOL and other ICCWC members to support source, transit and destination Parties to combat illegal trade in cheetahs; and
 - b) report to the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting on implementation of Decisions 19.104 and 19.105, paragraph a).

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.106** The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat on implementation of Decisions 19.104 and 19.105, and any relevant outcomes from the CITES Big Cats Task Force specific to the conservation of and illegal trade in cheetahs and develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Marine turtles (Cheloniidae spp. and Dermochelyidae spp.)

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.217 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee is asked to:

- a) review the study contained in information document CoP18 Inf. 18 and any additional information received by the Secretariat in response to Notifications No. 2020/035 and No. 2021/065 and the recommendations of the Animals Committee in document SC74 Doc. 66.2; and
- b) submit its recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Trade in Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*)

Directed to Parties in the trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives

18.226 (Rev. CoP19) All Parties involved in the trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives are encouraged to:

- a) undertake, as necessary, investigations into the illegal trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives, and endeavour to enforce, and where necessary improve, national laws concerning international trade in specimens of Asian elephants with the explicit intention of preventing illegal trade;
- b) develop strategies to manage captive Asian elephant populations;
- c) ensure that trade in, and cross-border movements of, live Asian elephants are conducted in compliance with CITES, including the provisions in Article III, paragraph 3, for Asian elephants of wild origin;
- d) collaborate in the development and application of a regional system for registering, marking and tracing live Asian elephants, requesting as necessary assistance from experts, specialized agencies or the Secretariat; and
- e) at the request of the Secretariat, provide information on the implementation of this Decision for reporting by the Secretariat to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.107 The Secretariat shall:

- a) request a report from Parties on the implementation of paragraphs a) through d) of Decision 18.226 (Rev. CoP19);
- b) subject to the availability of external funding, in collaboration with range States and other relevant stakeholders, develop requirements for a registering, marking and tracing system for live Asian elephants, to be presented to Asian elephant range States with the aim of establishing a global system, or alternatively standardized national systems, for registering, marking and tracing live Asian elephants; and
- c) report any information provided in response to Decision 19.107 paragraph a) and on the implementation of Decision 19.107 paragraph b), as well as findings and recommendations concerning trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives as appropriate, to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.108 The Standing Committee shall consider at its 78th meeting the information, findings and recommendations, as per Decision 19.107, paragraph c), and make recommendations to the Secretariat and to Parties, and report to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, as appropriate.

Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)

Directed to Parties, especially Appendix-I Asian big cat range States

14.69 Parties with intensive operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale shall implement measures to restrict the captive population to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers; tigers should not be bred for trade in their parts and derivatives.

Directed to Parties

19.109 Parties are encouraged to:

- a) inform the Secretariat of forensic research projects, including genetic and other methods, undertaken in their territory focusing on the development of techniques to support addressing illegal trade in Asian big cat specimens, for this information to be made available to Parties;
- b) in accordance with their national regulations, share samples of Asian big cat specimens from living animals, seized animals or products that could contain DNA of Asian big cats with genetic research projects focusing on the development of techniques to address illegal trade in Asian big cat specimens; and
- c) take note that methods for the identification of tiger species and individual identification from different types of specimens of tiger parts and derivatives have been developed in the Czech Republic, and that analytical kits for use of these methods, as well as testing of tiger samples, are available to Parties free of charge.

18.100 Parties affected by illegal trade in Asian big cat specimens, in particular Parties identified in document CoP18 Doc. 71.1, are encouraged to take into consideration the information in Annex 4 to document CoP18 Doc. 71.1, and pursue enforcement efforts to address this illegal trade, including through the initiation of joint investigations and operations aimed at halting the members of organized crime networks across the entire illegal trade chain.

18.101 Parties, in whose territory tourist markets exist that are contributing to illegal cross border trade involving Asian big cat specimens, are encouraged to strengthen law enforcement cooperation with their neighbouring Parties to target such illegal trade.

18.102 (Rev. CoP19) Parties in whose territories there are facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity referred to in Decision 18.108 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph a) are invited to welcome a mission from the Secretariat, to visit these facilities.

18.103 (Rev. CoP19) All Parties that make seizures of tiger skins are encouraged to take note of the information on tiger range States which have photographic identification databases for tigers, and the capacity to identify tigers from photographs of tiger skins, as presented in paragraph 14 in document SC70 Doc. 42.1, and to share images in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP19) on *Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species*, paragraph 1 l) within 90 days of such seizure.

18.105 Parties, in particular those mentioned in section 3.1.5 of Annex 4 to document CoP18 Doc. 71.1, are encouraged to take serious consideration of the concerns regarding illegal trade in leopard parts and derivatives as outlined in Annex 4 to document CoP18 Doc. 71.1 and take measures to address these.

18.106 Consumer States of specimens from tiger and other Asian big cat species are urged to take action to end demand for illegal tiger and other big cat parts and derivatives by working with relevant specialists such as consumer behaviour change, social marketing and communication experts to conduct targeted behaviour change initiatives ensuring initiatives are underpinned by sound evidence, are properly baselined, and have strong monitoring and evaluation built in, including appropriate metrics to assess efficacy; and adopting and implementing appropriate legislative and regulatory measures, to deter consumers from purchasing any illegal big cat products.

18.107 (Rev. CoP19) Parties are invited to report to the Secretariat on implementation of Decisions 14.69, 19.109, 18.100, 18.101, 18.102 (Rev. CoP19), 18.103 (Rev. CoP19), 18.105 and 18.106 in time for the Secretariat to report to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties as per requirements in paragraph 2 a) of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP19).

Directed to the Secretariat

18.108 (Rev. CoP 19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, undertake a mission prior to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee to those Parties identified in document SC70 Doc. 51 and in whose territories there are facilities which may be of concern keeping Asian big cats in captivity, with the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the operations and activities undertaken by these facilities; and
- b) report to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting on implementation of Decision 18.108 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph a), and progress with regard to the missions concerned and formulate recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.109 (Rev CoP19) The Standing Committee at its 77th and 78th meetings shall review the report and recommendations of the Secretariat concerning the implementation of Decisions 19.109, 18.100, 18.101, 18.102 (Rev. CoP19), 18.103 (Rev. CoP19), 18.105, 18.106, 18.107 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.108 (Rev. CoP19) and determine whether any further time-bound, country specific measures are needed to strengthen the implementation of the Convention, of Decision 14.69 and of paragraph 1 h) of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP19).

Jaguars (*Panthera onca*)

Directed to Parties, especially those that are range States of the jaguar, and relevant stakeholders

- 19.110** Parties, especially those that are range States of the jaguar, and relevant stakeholders are encouraged to:
- a) urgently adopt comprehensive legislation and enforcement controls aimed at eliminating the poaching of jaguars and illegal trade in their parts and derivatives, including online sales of specimens;
 - b) include the jaguar as a priority species to be targeted as part of enforcement operations, measures and controls deployed to respond to and address wildlife crime;
 - c) ensure that any illegal domestic and international trade in jaguar specimens detected are included in annual illegal trade reports in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*;
 - d) promote the design and implementation of conservation corridors between range countries of the jaguar, strengthening cooperation mechanisms on a local, national and regional level in order to promote good conservation practices; channel investments to the conservation of the species; reduce the threats to the connectivity of its habitats; and strengthen the capacities of the main players involved, including by mobilizing Global Environment Facility (GEF) funding for this purpose;
 - e) support the development of the proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring illegal killing of jaguars, associated illegal trade in their part and derivatives and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation;
 - f) raise awareness about the importance of the jaguar and its protection status, its role in the ecosystem and the threats it faces, including illegal trade;
 - g) participate in the meeting of jaguar range States referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 19.111, and other events as appropriate, in order to share experiences and knowledge about the priority issues identified to combat illegal trade in jaguars;
 - h) recognize the jaguar as the flagship species of its range countries so that the protection and conservation of the species and its habitat becomes a joint priority due to its ecological significance; and
 - i) provide information to the Secretariat on the measures and activities they undertook to implement the actions directed to them under this Decision.

Directed to the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species and the Coordination Committee for the 2030 Jaguar Conservation Roadmap for the Americas led by the United Nations Development Programme

- 19.111** The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding, cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species and the Coordination Committee for the 2030 Jaguar Conservation Roadmap for the Americas led by the United Nations Development Programme with a view to:
- a) integrate and align conservation efforts, demand reduction strategies, behaviour change and livelihood alternatives to prevent illegal killing of jaguars and associated illegal trade in jaguar part and derivatives;
 - b) develop a proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring illegal killing of jaguars, associated illegal trade in their part and derivatives and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation, including engagement of local communities and indigenous peoples in the monitoring and gender-based approaches as appropriate;
 - c) convene a meeting of jaguar range States to:

- i) identify opportunities for cross-border collaboration and regional cooperation, joint actions, and resource mobilisation aimed at reducing habitat loss, habitat fragmentation and human-animal conflict, and preventing the illegal killing of and illegal trade in jaguars;
- ii) review options for an intergovernmental platform aimed to support jaguar conservation and combating the poaching and illegal trade in jaguars through a continental action plan;
- iii) review the Secretariat's proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring poaching and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation, referred to under paragraph b) of the present Decision; and
- iv) promote the reporting of any illegal domestic and international trade in jaguar specimens in CITES annual illegal trade reports in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*.

19.112

The Secretariat shall:

- a) support Parties in their implementation of Decision 19.110;
- b) issue a Notification to the Parties requesting the information specified in Decision 19.110; and
- c) report on the implementation of the Decisions 19.110 and 19.111 to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties with recommendations as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.113

The Standing Committee shall establish an intersessional working group on jaguars (*Panthera onca*), with the following terms of reference:

- a) based on the Secretariat's analysis in document SC74 Doc. 75, to assess whether a specific draft resolution on jaguars would be appropriate, also taking into consideration the conclusions of the meeting of jaguar range States mentioned in Decision 19.111, paragraph c), where applicable;
- b) to make recommendations to range States, and transit and destination countries, as appropriate; and
- c) to report its conclusions and recommendations at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

19.114

The Standing Committee shall review the implementation of Decision 19.111, as well as the report and recommendations of the Secretariat under Decision 19.112 and the results of the intersessional working group, and make recommendations to range States, transit and destination countries, as appropriate and to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Secretariat's report to the Conference of the Parties under Decision 19.112.

Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)

Directed to Parties where illegal markets for rhinoceros horn exist

18.116 Parties in which illegal markets for rhinoceros horn exist are encouraged to develop demand reduction programmes targeted at key identified audiences, taking into consideration the provisions in Resolution Conf. 17.4 (Rev. CoP19) on *Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* and taking advantage of the experience and expertise developed in other jurisdictions and by other organizations. Parties are urged to close those markets that contribute to poaching or illegal trade.

Directed to Parties

19.115 Parties are encouraged to:

- a) scale up efforts to collect samples from rhinoceros horn seized within their territories for forensic analysis, as anticipated by paragraph 1 g) of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP19) on *Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses*;
- b) use the simplified procedures provided for under the *Regarding the use of simplified procedures to issue permits and certificates* in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates* for law enforcement purposes, to facilitate the exchange of rhinoceros horn samples for DNA analyses; and
- c) use the [Form for collection and sharing of data on rhinoceros horn seizures and on samples for forensic analysis](#) available in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP19), as appropriate, to facilitate exchange of information and samples for analyses.

19.116 Parties are encouraged to:

- a) draw upon the [Directory of illegal trade in rhinoceros horn focal points](#) maintained by the CITES Secretariat, as may be needed, to facilitate contact between relevant agencies in different countries on matters related to rhinoceros poaching and illegal rhinoceros specimen trade; and
- b) if included in the directory, immediately inform the Secretariat if the details of their national focal point should be updated.

Directed to Botswana and South Africa

19.117 Botswana and South Africa are encouraged to review trends associated with the illegal killing of rhinoceroses and illegal trade in rhinoceros' specimens affecting them, and the measures and activities they are implementing to address these crimes, to ensure that these measures and activities are effective and adapted as may be needed to respond to any newly identified trends.

Directed to China, Mozambique, South Africa and Viet Nam

19.118 China (including Hong Kong SAR of China), Mozambique, South Africa and Viet Nam are encouraged to further strengthen their engagement, undertaking joint operations and further strengthening information and intelligence exchange, to build upon collaborative efforts, progress made and successes achieved, and further expand their collaboration to address illegal rhinoceros horn trade.

Directed to Malaysia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates

19.119 Malaysia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are encouraged to scale up their collaboration with Parties known to be associated with illegal rhinoceros specimens transiting their territories, and to review their risk management practices, developing rhinoceros specific risk profiles targeting cargo, luggage and passengers from and destined to these Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.120 Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall:

- a) convene a follow up CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force meeting consisting of representatives of national enforcement agencies, including those involved in combating organised crime from Parties affected by rhinoceros poaching and illegal trade in rhinoceros specimens and, as appropriate, other Parties and experts to develop strategies to further strengthen responses to address rhinoceros poaching and rhinoceros specimen trafficking, taking into consideration the key poaching and trafficking challenges and responses outlined in Annex 4 to document CoP19 Doc. 75, and the outcomes of the October 2013 CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force meeting presented in the [Annex](#) to Notification to the Parties No. 2014/006 of 23 January 2014, and any other relevant matters; and
- b) report to the Standing Committee on the results of the Task Force meeting, together with any recommendations it may have.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.121 The Standing Committee shall consider the reports of the Secretariat in accordance with Decisions 19.120 and 19.122 and make recommendations to the Parties and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.122 The Secretariat shall:

- a) examine the implementation of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP19) and Decisions 19.117, 19.118 and 19.119 regarding measures to address the illegal killing of rhinoceros and trafficking of rhinoceros horn, and;
- b) report to the 77th and 78th meetings of the Standing Committee.

Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)

Directed to Parties affected by illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles

- 19.123** Parties affected by illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles are encouraged to:
- a) initiate national level law enforcement operations specifically targeting illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles, and to participate in global operations such as those initiated by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization, identifying tortoises and freshwater turtles as a priority species for these operations;
 - b) draw the [*Identification guide to tortoises and freshwater turtles: Parts, products and derivatives in trade*](#) to the attention of their national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement and promote its use; and
 - c) translate the guide into their national languages where needed and inform the Secretariat about the availability of such translated versions.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.124** Subject to available funding, the Secretariat shall:
- a) engage with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime to implement activities specifically targeting illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles, which could include providing preparatory support to Parties for global law enforcement operations targeting wildlife crime, convening a further INTERPOL Regional Investigative and Analytical Case Management meeting, as well as a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Wildlife Inter-Regional Enforcement (WIRE) meeting.
 - b) develop a CITES App version of the *Identification guide to tortoises and freshwater turtles: Parts, products and derivatives in trade*, to be made available for use by Parties; and
 - c) report at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of the present Decision and any information received from Parties in accordance with Decision 19.123.

Directed to Madagascar

- 19.125** Madagascar is encouraged to:
- a) prepare a comprehensive conservation strategy for its four critically endangered species (*Astrochelys radiata*, *A. yniphora*, *Pyxis arachnoides* and *P. planicauda*), taking into consideration the multifaceted threats of collection for local consumption and international trade compounded by habitat loss;
 - b) undertake the activities in document CoP19 Doc. 78, paragraph 4 b) i) to iv); and
 - c) present the work prepared under paragraph a) of the present Decision to the Animals Committee for assessment at its 34th meeting.*

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.126** The Animals Committee shall, at its 34th meeting*, review the conservation strategy reported by Madagascar under Decision 19.125 and submit recommendations to the Standing Committee and Secretariat, as appropriate.

* As adopted at CoP19. The Secretariat believes that the intention was for Madagascar report to the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee since the 34th meeting of the Animals Committee would take place after CoP20.

Directed to the Standing Committee and the Secretariat

19.127

The Standing Committee and the Secretariat shall:

- a) consider the recommendations provided by the Animals Committee under Decision 19.126 and prepare new decisions directed to Madagascar outlining future work to combat the ongoing threats of illegal collection and trade of the four *Astrochelys* and *Pyxis* species; and
- b) report at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Decision 19.125 and provide recommendations as per paragraph a) of the present Decision, as appropriate.

Regulation of trade

Legal acquisition findings

Directed to Parties

19.128 Parties are invited to test the 'Rapid guide for making legal acquisition findings' developed by the Secretariat and offer, upon request, peer assistance to other Parties for the improvement of their capacity to verify legal acquisition for different taxa.

19.129 Parties are requested to provide observations and feedback to the Secretariat following their tested use of the Rapid guide for the making of legal acquisition findings.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.130 The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, and taking into consideration the information gathered under Decisions 19.128 and 19.129 on experiences with using the Rapid Guide, develop digital solutions to automate relevant parts of the 'Rapid guide for making legal acquisition findings', inviting Parties to provide input on the development of these digital solutions, and maintain a dedicated webpage regarding the verification of legal acquisition for different taxa and specimens on the CITES website and update it regularly;
- b) subject to external funding, organize workshops and other capacity-building activities related to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Legal acquisition findings* and disseminate training material for the verification of the legal acquisition of CITES specimens; and
- c) report to the Standing Committee on the progress made in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) on the basis of information, experiences and examples submitted by the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.131 The Standing Committee shall monitor progress in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19), assess any reports submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.130, paragraph c) and, where appropriate, make recommendations for improving the verification of legal acquisition by the Parties for submission to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Non-detriment findings

Directed to the Secretariat

19.132

The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, address priorities in capacity-building related to non-detriment findings (NDF) agreed by the Secretariat and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees and Parties, by:
 - i) continuing to support the TAG through which the Animals and Plants Committees provide support and advice for implementation;
 - ii) organizing in consultation with the TAG an international expert workshop on non-detriment findings to review, advance or complete draft guidance materials on NDFs; and
 - iii) undertaking targeted research in support of the development of new or updated NDF guidance materials in close collaboration with the TAG, relevant experts, Parties and organizations to address the agreed workstreams, building on the inventory and gap analysis of existing guidance prepared by the Secretariat;
- b) compile and present the results of the work under paragraph a) to the Animals and Plants Committees for their review and make suggestions on how best to use the outputs to assist Scientific Authorities in the making of NDFs;
- c) make available to Parties on the CITES website the NDF guidance materials resulting from the implementation of the present Decision;
- d) develop a strategy and feedback mechanism for Parties and the wider CITES community to share experiences with using NDF guidance materials, which should allow the Animals and Plants Committees to make recommendations pertaining to review and update the NDF materials as may be needed; and
- e) consult the Animals and Plants Committees on the implementation of the present Decision and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.133

The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) continue the TAG established under the recommendations in document AC31/PC25 Com. 3 through which the Animals and Plants Committees provide support and advice for implementation, and make any appropriate decisions to ensure continued advice and assistance for the implementation of Decisions 19.132 to 19.134;
- b) participate as appropriate in the international expert workshop on NDFs where draft guidance materials are to be reviewed, advanced or completed;
- c) review and make recommendations concerning: the outcomes of the international expert workshop on NDFs; the use of its outputs in support of the making of NDFs by Scientific Authorities; and their publication on the CITES website;
- d) based on the strategy and feedback from Parties and the wider CITES community on experiences with using NDF guidance materials, review and update NDF materials as may be needed; and
- e) report on these activities at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

19.134

Parties are encouraged to:

- a) provide any help and information regarding methodologies, tools, scientific information, expertise and any other resources used to formulate NDFs in order to contribute to such a workshop;
- b) make use of the guidance materials on NDFs resulting from the implementation of Decisions 19.132 and 19.133 and participate as appropriate in the feedback mechanism on NDF guidance, to be developed by the Secretariat as referred to in Decision 19.132, paragraph d); and
- c) provide financial and technical support for the implementation of Decision 19.132, including for an international expert workshop on non-detriment findings.

Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.135** The Secretariat shall invite Parties, other governments and stakeholders through a Notification to the Parties to submit information on their experiences in making non-detriment findings for specimens of CITES Appendix II-listed species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction, to share any non-detriment findings (NDFs) produced, to highlight any difficulties encountered in the process and any suggestions they might have for improvements.
- 19.136** The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:
- a) convene a technical workshop to consider how non-detriment findings might best be achieved for the introduction from the sea of specimens of CITES Appendix II-listed, commercially exploited aquatic organisms taken by multiple Parties in waters beyond national jurisdiction; and invite workshop participants and Parties to contribute relevant information and expertise at the workshop;
 - b) invite the Animals Committee, the Secretariats of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and relevant daughter agreements and MoUs, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), other Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs), other relevant scientific advisory bodies, representatives from States especially those which flag vessels which undertake high seas fisheries, importing countries, fishery stakeholder and industry representatives, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in this workshop;
 - c) taking into consideration the responses to the Notification to the Parties in Decision 19.135, existing NDFs submitted by Parties for specimens taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction, outcomes of the second international expert workshop on Non-detriment findings and any other relevant information, prepare workshop documents on:
 - i) the level (current and anticipated) of trade in CITES-listed species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction;
 - ii) the difficulties encountered by Parties when making NDFs for specimens taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction;
 - iii) the current role, if any, of RFMOs and other RFBs in making data and information available to CITES Scientific Authorities making non-detriment findings; and
 - d) submit findings and recommendations of this workshop to the Animals Committee for their consideration and to make recommendations to the Standing Committee for its consideration, and any recommendations to be considered by the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.137** The Animals Committee shall consider the report of the workshop in Decision 19.136 and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Standing Committee as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.138** The Standing Committee shall consider the recommendations and comments of the Animals Committee and shall submit recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders

19.139

Parties, intergovernmental organizations, RFMOs and other RFBs, non-governmental organizations, fishery stakeholders and others are encouraged to respond to the Notification issued by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.135.

Guidance on non-detriment findings for trade in leopard (*Panthera pardus*) hunting trophies

Directed to Parties with quotas established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP19)

18.166 All Parties which have quotas for leopard hunting trophies established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP19) are encouraged to conduct regular surveys, adjust quotas as appropriate, and exchange information and lessons learnt regarding the process for determining that such quotas are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.168 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals Committee shall review any information submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 18.169 (Rev. CoP19) and make recommendations to the Secretariat and leopard range States, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.169 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall, subject to external resources:

- a) encourage and support all Parties with quotas for leopard hunting trophies established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP19) to exchange information and lessons learnt regarding the process for determining that such quotas are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild; and
- b) in cooperation with range States and relevant experts, develop guidance that can assist Parties in the making of non-detriment findings for trade in leopard hunting trophies in compliance with Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP19), share the draft guidance with the Animals Committee for its review, make such guidance available on the CITES website, and encourage its use by relevant Parties.

Introduction from the sea

Directed to the Secretariat

19.140

The Secretariat shall:

- a) monitor the negotiations on the development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) and report to the Standing Committee the results and make recommendations regarding interactions between CITES and this instrument, as appropriate;
- b) continue to monitor the implementation of Resolution 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Introduction from the sea* and report as appropriate to the Standing Committee;
- c) approach and work with the States that are most active in the trade in CITES marine species particularly from areas beyond national jurisdiction, including flag-of-convenience States and territories, with a view to encouraging and assisting them to fulfil their CITES responsibilities and effectively implement the Convention; and
- d) issue a notification to collect views from Parties and other relevant stakeholders on the ten most frequently asked questions and submit them to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.141

The Standing Committee shall review intersessionally the 10 questions most frequently asked on 'CITES trade from areas beyond national jurisdiction' and the responses prepared by the Secretariat and provide recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties regarding the possible amendment of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Introduction from the sea*.

Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees, in consultation with the Secretariat

- 19.142** The Animals and Plants Committees shall establish a joint working group on identification materials and undertake the following working group tasks, in consultation with the Secretariat:
- a) review selected identification materials and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions or Resolutions;
 - b) consider ways to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species; and
 - c) report on the progress with these activities at the meeting(s) of the Animals and Plants Committees.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.143** The Secretariat shall:
- a) continue collecting information on identification materials and share it through the CITES website and the CITES Virtual College; and
 - b) report on the progress and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties

- 19.144** Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the working group on identification materials by providing to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspection officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.

Identification of timber and other wood products

Directed to the Secretariat, in close consultation with the Plants Committee

- 19.145** The Secretariat shall, in close consultation with the Plants Committee, and subject to external resources:
- a) review the utility and practicality of the online repository, and make recommendations on its development;
 - b) based on the outcomes of the review, liaise with relevant organizations and experts in the development of a depository of timber and other wood products identification resources and a dedicated webpage, taking into account the progress and recommendations reported in document PC25 Doc. 19 and its addendum;
 - c) in undertaking the above, consideration should be given to tailor the compilation of timber and other wood products identification resources for both frontline enforcement officers and to experts involved in identifying timber and other wood products for forensic or legal purposes; and
 - d) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee at its first regular meeting after CoP19 and seek its advice and input.

Directed to Parties

- 19.146** Parties are encouraged to collaborate with the Secretariat in sharing relevant information in support of the implementation of Decisions 19.145 and 19.147.

Directed to the Plants Committee, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders

- 19.147** The Plants Committee shall, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and building on information on existing initiatives, and progress to date:
- a) develop a plan to prioritize the CITES-listed tree species to focus global efforts on developing and sharing identification reference databases and tools, including sampling campaigns for vouchered reference samples;
 - b) prioritize the development of identification material for *Dalbergia* species, taking into consideration progress made in document PC25 Doc. 34 and document CoP19 Doc. 84.1, and giving attention to frontline identification materials to assist differentiating look-alike species that may not be of conservation concern, such as *Dalbergia sissoo*;
 - c) develop a list of available techniques and tools, and evaluate their standards and usefulness to species-specific identification and enforcement for CITES-listed tree species and their look-alikes;
 - d) determine gaps in current knowledge sources for CITES timber identification, on their availability and usefulness, and consider challenges and resourcing required to make these tools more widely available to CITES Parties;
 - e) develop standardized information templates and other tools that could be used by Parties to facilitate sharing information on the content and status of wood sample collections, and exchange with research institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other authorities;
 - f) determine methods to stimulate global, regional and national exchange of best practices in wood identification technologies between Parties, including lessons learned on how Parties have built their timber identification capacity and expertise;
 - g) review the utility and practicality of the online repository and make recommendations on its development to inform implementation of Decision 19.145;

- h) consider the relevant outcomes of the online Task Force meeting on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species presented in the Annex to the Addendum to document SC74 Doc. 33.2; and
- i) update the Standing Committee, as appropriate, on progress made, and report its findings and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.148 The Standing Committee shall consider any report by the Plants Committee relating to the implementation of Decision 19.147 and convey, as appropriate, any recommendations it may have to the Conference of the Parties.

Purpose-of-transaction codes

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.149

The Standing Committee shall re-establish an intersessional joint working group to review the use of purpose-of-transaction codes by Parties, with the following terms of reference:

- a) the working group shall be composed of Parties from as many of the six CITES regions as possible, and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, with expertise in the issuance of CITES documents and use of purpose-of-transaction codes for evaluation within the permit issuance process and trade data analysis;
- b) the working group shall, communicating through electronic media, focus on clearly defining purpose-of transaction codes, other than those adopted as of CoP19, to encourage their consistent use, and consider the possible elimination or amendment of current codes or the inclusion of new ones. In particular the working group shall continue the discussions on purpose codes 'P' and 'T' which were reported in SC74 Doc 43;
- c) the working group shall also clarify the overlap between purpose-of-transaction codes that describe physical locations and purpose-of-transaction codes that describe activities, one or more of which may pertain to any given permit;
- d) the working group shall also consider any Resolution related to or affected by purpose- of-transaction codes, taking into account document CoP19 Doc. 42, to ensure coherent interpretation; and
- e) the working group shall submit a report and any recommendations for amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates*, or to any revision thereof, and recommendations for amendments to any other Resolution identified under paragraph d) above to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee, which shall report, with its recommendations, at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Electronic systems and information technology

Directed to Parties

19.150

Parties are invited to:

- a) use the eCITES Implementation Framework, the latest edition of the CITES electronic permitting toolkit, Guidelines and specifications for Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) of CITES permits and certificates, and the Guidance on CITES electronic signatures in planning and implementing electronic CITES systems;
- b) consider the implementation of electronic CITES systems in a manner designed to meet CITES requirements, including those provided in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates* to increase transparency and efficiency of the permit issuance and control process, to prevent use of fraudulent permits, and to provide quality data for reporting and improved sustainability assessment;
- c) work with the customs, National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and other relevant agencies to ensure that trade in CITES-listed specimens is in compliance with CITES requirements and, where appropriate, in line with, or integrated into, other relevant national cross-border trade systems and procedures;
- d) share experience, challenges and know-how with other Parties on the development and implementation of electronic CITES permit management systems and use of the electronic equivalent of paper-based permits and certificates, and provide inputs to the Secretariat for continuous improvement of eCITES reference materials;
- e) take note of the eCITES BaseSolution as an automated permit management system option that is now available to Parties for implementation;
- f) call upon donor countries and agencies to provide financial support towards the implementation of electronic CITES permit management systems in developing countries; and
- g) submit to the Secretariat information on the use of HS codes for risk-based control procedures.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat

19.151

The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Secretariat, undertake the following tasks:

- a) work with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the International Trade Centre (ITC), the World Bank, the World Customs Organization (WCO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and other relevant partners, to continue the exchange of information and the development and implementation of joint projects that would facilitate Parties' access to electronic permitting systems that comply with CITES requirements and where appropriate are aligned with international trade standards and norms;
- b) work with relevant partners on the further development of standards and solutions for Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) for the exchange of CITES permit and certificate data and the improvement of the validation of CITES permit data by CITES Management Authorities and customs officials;
- c) recognizing the importance of the requirement for endorsement of permits and certificates at export, explore possible alternatives to the physical endorsement;

- d) monitor and advise on Parties' work related to the development of traceability systems for specimens of CITES-listed species to facilitate their harmonization with CITES permits and certificates;
- e) monitor the use of HS codes in implementing risk-based control procedures in different countries;
- f) support the development of the capacity of Management Authorities, especially those with the greatest needs, to electronically collect, secure, maintain, and transmit data using systems compatible with those of the Secretariat and other Management Authorities;
- g) consider ways in which electronic CITES permitting systems can simplify procedures for the non-commercial movement of musical instruments; and
- h) submit reports on activities undertaken under paragraphs a) to g) of the present Decision and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.152

The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding:

- a) undertake a study on the information used by different Parties in a risk-based approach for CITES trade controls;
- b) collect information from Parties on any issues encountered with regard to the application of national data protection laws that affect implementation of Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) for the exchange of CITES permits and certificates;
- c) support the work of the Standing Committee under Decision 19.151 through the organization of workshops, consultations, preparation of studies and guidance materials on relevant topics as identified by the Standing Committee; and
- d) provide capacity-building and advisory services to support Parties interested in implementing electronic solutions for the management and control of CITES permits and certificates and support Parties in establishing electronic permit systems and information exchanges.

Risk assessment and analysis for border control of CITES-listed species

Directed to Parties

- 19.153** Where this has not yet been done, Parties are encouraged to undertake risk assessments to develop risk profiles specific to CITES-listed specimens frequently exported and imported by the Party, and to reach out to the World Customs Organization for support in this regard, where needed.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.154** The Secretariat shall, subject to available resources, work with the World Customs Organization and other partners to develop guidance, including a specific guidance for a risk-based analysis related to the process of analysis and inspection under CITES permit issuing systems, and elements for a national policy on physical inspections and present its report and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.155** The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and endorse any guidance, as appropriate.

Stocks and stockpiles

Directed to the Standing Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat

17.170 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat, review the existing provisions agreed by the Parties concerning controls on stocks of specimens of CITES-listed species. It shall consider their objectives and implementation, the resource implications for Parties and the Secretariat, and the work conducted during the previous intersessional periods, and shall report its conclusions and recommendations at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Stocks and stockpiles (elephant ivory)

Directed to Parties

19.156 Parties are urged to:

- a) comply with the provisions of paragraph 7 e) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade in elephant specimens* concerning reporting on stockpile inventories to ensure the required information is submitted to the Secretariat every year;
- b) ensure that adequate funding, capacity-building and training are available to ensure ivory stockpiles are inventoried, secured, and when appropriate, disposed of properly.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.157 The Secretariat shall:

- a) invite Parties, through a Notification, to submit information about available management tools, and new techniques and technologies related to any of the elements mentioned or referred to in the "Practical guidance on ivory stockpile management"; and
- b) prepare and submit a summary of the responses to the Notification with, as appropriate, draft recommendations relating to the incorporation of new information in the guidance documents or any of the documents referred to in the guidance documents for consideration at the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.184 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) identify those Parties that have not provided information on the level of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significant privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are not well secured and report to the 77th and 78th meetings of the Standing Committee with recommendations as necessary; and
- b) annually publish updated summary data based on the inventories submitted by Parties disaggregated to regional but not country level, including the total ivory stockpiles by weight.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.185 (Rev. CoP19) At its 77th and 78th meetings, the Standing Committee shall consider the report and recommendations of the Secretariat in Decision 18.184 (Rev. CoP19) and determine whether any further actions are necessary in the case of Parties who fail to provide annual inventories of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significantly privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are not well secured.

Transport of live specimens

Directed to the Animals Committee and Plants Committee, in consultation with the Standing Committee, the Secretariat and the International Air Transport Association (IATA)

19.158 The Animals and Plants Committees, in consultation with the Standing Committee, the Secretariat, and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), shall hold a workshop to share best practices related to live animal and plant transport. The Animals and Plants Committees shall invite Parties with expertise in this area to present on their management of live animals and plants in trade and steps to support other Parties in meeting CITES requirements for live animal and plant transport consistent with Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP19) on *Transport of live specimens*.

Directed to Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee

19.159 The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Standing Committee, work with IATA to make relevant sections of the *IATA Live Animal Regulations* and *IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations* available to authorized representatives of Management Authorities and enforcement authorities as electronic or hard copies, depending on the needs of the Party and consider making them accessible to other relevant exporters, transporters and importers, free of charge.

Rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and musical instruments

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.160

The Standing Committee shall consider the need for the development of further appropriate mechanisms, including guidance and capacity-building on simplified procedures in accordance with the recommendations in Part XIII of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates*, to facilitate the efficient international movement of wildlife samples for diagnostic purposes and/or conservation purposes and the non-commercial movement of musical instruments for purposes of performance, display or competition, for consideration by the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Specimens produced through biotechnology

Directed to the Standing Committee, in close collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.161** The Standing Committee, in close collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees, shall:
- a) continue to discuss trade in products of biotechnology, which might potentially affect international trade in CITES-listed specimens in a way that would threaten their survival, including enforcement of CITES provisions. The Committee's discussion shall consider the need for new guidance material or updates to existing guidance material on the following issues, in relation to trade in specimens produced through biotechnology:
 - i) whether an update is needed in the *Guidance on the use of the scientific exchange exemption and the simplified procedures to issue permits and certificates*, endorsed by the Standing Committee at SC73 (online, May 2021), to include a section on specimens produced through biotechnology;
 - ii) whether there is a need for additional guidance on making legal acquisition findings in relation to specimens produced through biotechnology;
 - iii) whether there is a need for guidance on the application of source codes to specimens produced through biotechnology;
 - iv) whether guidance is needed to improve permitting and enforcement of trade in specimens produced through biotechnology in order to address the risk of natural specimens of illegal origin being passed as synthetic and thereby entering the market with a valid CITES permit;
 - v) whether guidance is needed on traceability issues to improve permitting and enforcement of trade in specimens produced through biotechnology in order to ensure a clear link (e.g., marking, other means of identification) between a specimen produced through biotechnology and CITES documentation in order to prevent misuse;
 - vi) whether biotechnology issues concerning animals and plants should be addressed distinctly; and
 - vii) any emerging issues or cases not considered in the document AC31 Doc. 17/PC25 Doc. 20, such as hirudin and squalene;
 - b) communicate to the Animals and Plants Committees any matters that may require scientific advice and guidance, as appropriate; and
 - c) make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including appropriate updates to existing guidance materials, the development of new guidance materials on trade in specimens produced from biotechnology or changes to any pertinent Resolutions.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.162** The Animals and Plants Committees shall inform implementation of Decision 19.161 and provide any relevant scientific advice and guidance on matters relevant to international trade in specimens produced through biotechnology and communicate it to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.163** Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat shall convene and organize a meeting to facilitate the discussions mentioned in Decision 19.161 and develop guidance on the implementation of the amendment to Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade*

in readily recognizable parts and derivatives. The Secretariat shall extend invitations to concerned Parties as well as relevant entities, including the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Health Organization (WHO) and other relevant organizations as appropriate.

Definition of the term ‘appropriate and acceptable destinations’

Directed to the Secretariat

19.164 The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification to the Parties within one year of the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, inviting feedback on experience with using the guidance documents and other information provided on the CITES webpage “Appropriate and acceptable destinations”, and
- b) report on this feedback to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee for their consideration and recommendations, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.165 The Animals Committee shall review the report from the Secretariat on feedback from Parties called for in Decision 19.164 and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.166 The Standing Committee shall review the report from the Secretariat and any comments and recommendations coming from the Animals Committee on feedback from Parties called for in Decision 19.164 and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Trade in live African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*)

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.167** The Standing Committee shall call a CITES dialogue meeting as per Resolution Conf. 14.5 on *Dialogue meetings* for African elephant range States to consider a harmonization of the conditions to trade in live African elephants and propose relevant changes to Resolutions to CoP20 as well as relevant changes to annotation 2 (after CoP19, footnote annotation A10), including changes to streamline and simplify the annotation; and recommend other Parties, the CITES Secretariat and technical experts to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.5 on *Dialogue meetings*.

Directed to Parties

- 19.168** The Parties agree that, while the process for the dialogue meeting is under way, any export of live wild-caught African elephant will be limited to *in situ* conservation programmes or secure areas in the wild, within the species' natural and historical range in Africa, except in exceptional circumstances where, in consultation with the Animals Committee, through its Chair with the support of the Secretariat, and in consultation with the IUCN African elephant specialist group, it is considered that a transfer to *ex situ* locations will provide demonstrable *in situ* conservation benefits for African elephants, or in the case of temporary transfers in emergency situations.

Disposal of confiscated specimens

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.169** The Secretariat shall:
- a) continue to collect information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals and make it available to Parties on the CITES website;
 - b) subject to the availability external funding, develop and make available materials that may assist Parties in implementing Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species*, as needed; and
 - c) report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision.

Directed to Parties

- 19.170** Parties are encouraged to make use of the information and materials made available by the Secretariat on the CITES webpage dedicated to the disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens.

Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders

- 19.171** Parties and relevant stakeholders that have not already done so are invited to share with the Secretariat information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals in place in their country, including any action plans, protocols, regulatory measures, standard operating procedures developed to coordinate actions among public authorities, and guidelines for the management of specific species or genera.
- 19.172** Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial and/or technical assistance, as relevant, for the implementation of Decision 19.169, paragraph b).

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.173** The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 19.169 and make recommendations, as appropriate.
- 19.174** The Standing Committee shall review Question 7 of the “Decision Tree Analysis – Captivity” in Annex 1 to Resolution Conf. 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) with attention to ensuring there are no grounds for concern that any transfer of Appendix I species will stimulate further illegal or irregular trade or benefit those involved in the illegal or irregular transaction that gave rise to confiscation and recommend revisions to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.

Labelling system for trade in caviar

Directed to the Secretariat

19.175 Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall prepare, in consultation with relevant information technology, industry and other experts, an analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of incorporating QR codes into the application of the *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar* contained in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish*, and present its analysis and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.176** The Standing Committee shall:
- a) establish an intersessional working group that will examine the analyses and recommendations of the Secretariat once they are available and report to the Standing Committee;
 - b) consider the report on the use of QR codes in the application of the *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar* prepared by the Secretariat;
 - c) taking into account the study on *Identification of species, subspecies, source and origin of sturgeons and paddlefish species and specimens (Acipensiformes spp.) in trade* in the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 47, review the caviar labelling system set out in *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar*, considering practical challenges in its implementation and opportunities to improve its functioning; and
 - d) make recommendations to improve the functioning of the caviar labelling system to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Trade in stony corals (*Scleractinia* spp.)

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.177

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) taking into account document CoP19 Doc. 46 and its Annex, provide advice on possible amendments to Resolution Conf 11.10 (Rev. CoP15) on *Trade in stony corals*, in consultation with coral reef nations and coral reef experts, and report with recommendations to the Standing Committee;
- b) make recommendations, as necessary, to revise the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* and *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade report*, to ensure that they provide sufficient clarity on the use of appropriate terms and units for trade in stony corals; and
- c) in consultation with coral reef nations and coral reef experts, provide advice on the conversion factors used to analyse trade in corals for the CITES Review of Significant Trade process and report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.178

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review any proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.10 (Rev. CoP15) on *Trade in stony corals* from the Animals Committee; and
- b) review any recommendations from the Animals Committee with regard to Decision 19.177, paragraph b), and make its own recommendations, as appropriate.

EXEMPTIONS AND SPECIAL TRADE PROVISIONS

Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees

19.179

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees, develop specific terms of reference including *modus operandi* and a roadmap as appropriate, to guide the continuation of the review of trade in specimens of both CITES-listed animals and plants not of wild source;
- b) continue to consider amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev. CoP19) and Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19), as well as any amendment to other Resolutions concerning provisions on trade in specimens of both CITES-listed animals and plants not of wild source, taking into account findings and suggestions in document SC74 Doc. 56 and any related comments and recommendations from the Standing Committee, Parties, the Secretariat or other stakeholders;
- c) review issues and challenges in the application of the Convention for trade in non-wild specimens of both CITES-listed animal and plant species, in particular key elements that may contribute to the uneven application of Article VII, paragraphs 4 and 5, and consider the scientific advice and guidance from the Animals and Plants Committees on the need for implementing these Articles differently for either animal specimens from species bred in captivity or plant specimens that are artificially propagated; and
- d) make recommendations for addressing these issues and challenges, including amendments to existing Resolutions or development of a new Resolution or Decisions to address these issues and challenges, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.180

In support of the Standing Committee's implementation of Decision 19.179, the Animals and Plants Committees shall, separately and together in their joint session:

- a) consider the key elements in the current implementation of Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 for animals and plants, respectively, in the current applicable Resolutions;
- b) determine if there is a need to implement Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 differently for either animal specimens from species bred in captivity or plant specimens that are artificially propagated than what is outlined in existing Resolutions, and provide their recommendations to the Standing Committee in time for its 78th meeting; and
- c) provide any other scientific advice and guidance on CITES provisions concerning trade in non-wild specimens of CITES-listed animal and plant species to the Standing Committee upon request and as appropriate.

Review of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15)
on *Registration of operations that breed*
Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.181** The Standing Committee shall, taking into consideration document CoP19 Doc. 55, review the application of Resolution Conf 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on *Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*, for situations where there is a change in the nature of the operation, or in the types of products being produced for export, and other matters raised in document CoP19 Doc. 55 as appropriate, and provide its recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Guidance on the term ‘artificially propagated’

Directed to the Secretariat

19.182

The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:

- a) revise, also considering recommendations made at the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee, the *Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants* to cover plant specimens derived from artificial propagation (source code ‘A’) or assisted production (source code ‘Y’);
- b) review the existing guidance materials, specifically *A guide to the application of CITES source codes* to ensure alignment with a finalized version of the *Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants* and report its findings to the Plants Committee for consideration;
- c) submit the draft revised guidance to the Plants Committee; and
- d) subject to approval by the Plants Committee, make it available to Parties in all working languages of the Convention.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.183

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider and, if appropriate, approve, the revised *Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants* submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.182; and
- b) consider the report from the Secretariat on the revision of the existing guidance materials to ensure alignment with the updated *Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants*, and if appropriate, approve the update to the *Guide to the application of CITES source codes*.

Species conservation and trade

Assessment of Appendix-I listed species

Directed to the Secretariat

19.184

The Secretariat shall:

- a) in consultation with relevant range States and relevant experts, produce detailed assessments on the conservation status, threats, impacts of legal and illegal trade, ongoing *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation strategies or recovery plans and funding/resources available or required for at least the ten Appendix-I listed species from those listed in the table in paragraph 15 of document CoP19 Doc. 11, and others; and
- b) submit a report, including these assessments, and recommendations on possible actions within the CITES mandate which could contribute to the implementation of the *CITES Strategic Vision 2021-2030* and link to any global biodiversity monitoring framework which may be adopted as part of a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework with draft recommendations, for consideration by the Animals and Plants Committees.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.185

The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) review the report and draft recommendations prepared by the Secretariat under paragraph a) of Decision 19.184;
- b) taking into account paragraph a) of this Decision, information document AC31 Inf. 6/PC25 Inf. 8 and the suggestions in document AC31/PC25 Com. 1 (Rev. by Sec.) and its Annex, refine the methodology and its criteria for carrying out an assessment of species listed in Appendix I that might benefit from measures adopted by the Conference of the Parties; and
- c) formulate recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the range States and consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade

Directed to the Standing Committee, in collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees

19.186 The Standing Committee shall, in collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees:

- a) consider under Resolution Conf. 19.2 on *Capacity-building* how to provide Parties requesting it with information from any relevant studies, analyses or other sources on the identification of species at risk of extinction that are not yet regulated under CITES or may receive insufficient CITES regulation and that are or may be affected by international trade, working in coordination with the CITES Secretariat, CITES Parties, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, FAO, regional competent authorities, and relevant experts as appropriate so that Parties may consider such information, as appropriate, in the preparation of listing proposals under Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on the *Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II*.
- b) establish a working group, with representation from all regions, the Animals and Plants Committees, and observers to review the recommendations developed by the Animals and Plants Committees under Decision 19.187 and make recommendations on the implementation of paragraph a) of the present Decision. The terms of reference for the working group shall be as provided below.

Terms of reference for the Standing Committee working group

Mandate

Review recommendations made by the Animals and Plants Committees under Decision 19.187.

Membership

The working group will be Party led. It is proposed to have two co-chairs (and if necessary a vice-chair), with the co-chairs leading the work of the group. Membership will be open to Parties, intergovernmental organizations, and observers in line with the Standing Committee Rules of Procedure.

Modus Operandi

The group will operate by electronic correspondence to the extent possible. Support with translation and interpretation in the working languages of the Convention will be provided by the CITES Secretariat, subject to external resources. Should a meeting be considered necessary, the group may meet virtually or in conjunction with intersessional meetings of the Standing Committee or any other CITES meetings should timings and resources permit.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.187 The Animals and Plants Committees shall develop draft recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee to facilitate the implementation of Decision 19.186.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.188 The Secretariat shall support the Animals, Plants and Standing Committees in the implementation of Decisions 19.186 and 19.187 including through the provision of technical expertise and, subject to external funding, translation and interpretation as appropriate.

Aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.189** Subject to the availability of resources, the Secretariat shall:
- a) convene a technical workshop to consider the application of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) and its footnote 2 (found in annex V), with regards to relevant commercially exploited Elasmobranchii and other aquatic species, taking into account the information provided in document CoP19 Doc 87.2 and available scientific information and data;
 - b) issue a Notification to the Parties inviting all interested Parties, members of the Animals Committee, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and other relevant intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to participate in this workshop; and
 - c) submit the conclusions and recommendations of this workshop to the Animals Committee for review.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.190** The Animals Committee shall review the report of the workshop and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.191** The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the workshop and the recommendations and comments of the Animals Committee and submit recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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West African vultures (*Accipitridae* spp.)

Directed to West African range States (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo)

19.192 West African range States for *Gyps africanus* (Whitebacked vulture), *Gyps fulvus* (Griffon vulture), *Gyps rueppelli* (Rüppell's vulture), *Necrosyrtes monachus* (Hooded vulture), *Neophron percnopterus* (Egyptian vulture), *Torgos tracheliotos* (Lappet-faced vulture), and *Trigonoceps occipitalis* (White-headed vulture) are urged to:

- a) integrate illegal vulture trade considerations into their implementation of the West Africa Strategy on Combatting Wildlife Crime (WASCWC) and any decisions relating to Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting;
- b) ensure that national laws to protect vultures and control trade in vulture parts and derivatives are effectively implemented, and ensure that penalties for non-compliance are sufficient to deter illegal trade;
- c) ensure that any international trade in West African vultures is not allowed except in accordance with CITES requirements, and if international trade is found not to be in accordance with CITES requirements, consider implementing a zero export quota;
- d) follow Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings*, and, in cases where there is an interest in exporting globally threatened vulture species, consider submitting non-detriment findings for the export of vulture specimens to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website and review by the Animals Committee;
- e) identify any trade-related issues associated with the implementation of the Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) 2017-2029 of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);
- f) work with relevant experts and organizations for implementing demand reduction strategies for vultures and their parts and derivatives including for belief-based use and consumption and, where appropriate, expand the implementation of strategies that have been successful;
- g) work with relevant organizations to initiate wide-scale public awareness campaigns at regional, national and local levels about the impacts of trade in these species, including the importance of vulture species to ecology and human health, the negative impacts of belief-based use of vulture body parts, and existing national and international legislation that protects vultures; and
- h) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision to assist it in reporting to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties, West African range States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

19.193 Parties, West African range States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged, subject to resources, to:

- a) collaborate in the conservation and restoration of West African vultures and support the implementation of the Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) 2017-2029 of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS); and

- b) gather and exchange scientific knowledge and expertise on West African vultures, with a particular focus on:
 - i) documenting the scale of vulture trade by surveying markets in and outside West Africa, and identifying inter-regional and international trade routes;
 - ii) characterizing links between poisoning and trade in vultures, and contributing to the African Wildlife Poison Database; and
 - iii) updating the conservation and population status information of West African vultures, and *Gyps africanus* (white-backed vultures), *Gyps rueppellii* (Rüppell's vultures) and *Torgos tracheliotus* (lappet-faced vultures) in particular.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.194 The Secretariat shall:

- a) cooperate with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) partner organizations, regional and subregional wildlife enforcement networks, and competent national authorities, where relevant and feasible, to consider vultures in the context of ICCWC's enforcement and capacity-building efforts in West Africa;
- b) subject to external funding, support the production of identification materials focusing on parts and derivatives of vulture species for use by law enforcement officials;
- c) liaise with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to assist in the implementation of the trade-related aspects of the Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) 2017-2029 subject to external funding, and share information based on the work of the Animals Committee;
- d) subject to external funding, support the implementation of capacity-building activities aimed at providing support to the West African range States in implementing the trade-related aspects of the Vulture MsAP;
- e) in collaboration with the CMS Secretariat, consider available trade data and conservation status information from the whole geographic range of the vulture species concerned for inclusion in its reporting to the Animals and Standing Committees; and
- f) collect information from West African vulture range States on their implementation of Decision 19.192, and report as appropriate this and other information on the implementation of Decisions 19.192 to 19.194, paragraphs a), b), c), d) and e) to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, at their first regular meetings following the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with conclusions and recommendations for their consideration.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.195 The Animals Committee shall:

- a) encourage West African range States to undertake a Periodic Review of the vulture species referred to in Decision 19.192 pursuant to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19) on *Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II*, taking note of the offer of the Vulture Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature to assist range States in such an effort;
- b) consider any reports or requests for advice submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in CITES-listed West African vulture species;

- c) consider the reports and recommendations of the Secretariat submitted in accordance with Decision 19.194, paragraph e): and
- d) make recommendations as appropriate for consideration by range States, Parties, the Standing Committee and the Secretariat.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.196

The Standing Committee shall review the implementation of Decisions 19.192 to 19.195 and make recommendations as appropriate to West African vulture range States, Parties and the Secretariat, and for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat, in close consultation with the Animals Committee

- 19.197** The Secretariat shall, subject to availability of external resources and in close consultation with the Animals Committee:
- a) conduct one or more interdisciplinary workshops for CITES Authorities and other relevant authorities and stakeholders about amphibian species in international trade, including but not limited to the following objectives:
 - i) identify amphibian species that are in international trade and evaluate whether certain species or groups should be recommended for possible listing in the Appendices;
 - ii) share existing national legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians;
 - iii) evaluate whether current levels of trade are compatible with the conservation of these species in the wild;
 - iv) compile further data on harvesting levels of amphibians subject to high volumes of international trade;
 - v) explore the emerging threat of diseases to traded amphibians, including amphibian chytrid fungus and rana viruses; and
 - vi) examine current enforcement efforts to deter and detect illegal and unreported trade and identify additional actions needed; and
 - b) explore modalities to implement this Decision in a cost-effective manner, including through the organization of online events; and
 - c) report on the progress in the implementation of paragraph a) and b) above to the Animals Committee, including any relevant recommendations.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.198** The Animals Committee shall:
- a) consider the report submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.197; and
 - b) make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.199** The Standing Committee shall consider any report submitted by the Animals Committee as per Decision 19.198 and develop recommendations for consideration of the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)

Directed to all pangolin range States

18.238 All pangolin range States that have not yet done so, are encouraged to take urgent steps to develop and implement *in situ* pangolin management and conservation programmes, which includes population assessments, as anticipated in paragraph 7 of Resolution Conf. 17.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins*, and report on the implementation of this Decision to the Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.239 The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, work with the Species Survival Commission Pangolin Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other relevant experts and in collaboration with the pangolin range States to develop conversion parameters for all pangolin species, that will enable the reliable determination of the number of animals associated with any quantity of pangolin scales seized, that can be used by Parties in cases where national legislation demands that such information be provided for court purposes.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.200 The Animals Committee shall:

- a) review the conversion parameters for all pangolin species, developed in accordance with the provisions of Decision 18.239, to enable the reliable determination of the number of animals associated with any quantity of pangolin scales seized, and that can be used by Parties in cases where national legislation demands that such information be provided for law enforcement and court purposes;
- b) review existing identification materials concerning pangolin species, their parts and derivatives, and consider the need for new or additional materials to be developed, including to support the identification of seized pangolin specimens at species level;
- c) review any information brought to its attention by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.203, paragraphs b) and e); and
- d) make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Standing Committee and the Secretariat.

Directed to Parties

19.201 All Parties are strongly encouraged to identify seized pangolin specimens at species level and report the seizures at species level in their annual illegal trade reports.

Directed to Parties in whose territories stocks of parts and derivatives of pangolins exist

19.202 Parties in whose territories stocks of parts and derivatives of pangolins exist are encouraged to take urgent steps to establish and apply, where not yet done, strict control measures to secure these stocks, as called for in paragraph 3 of Resolution Conf. 17.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins* and report on the implementation of this Decision to the Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.203 The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification inviting Parties, international organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations that developed tools and materials that could assist Parties in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.10 (Rev. CoP19) or identification materials concerning pangolin species, their parts and derivatives, to bring such materials to the attention of the Secretariat;

- b) bring any materials reported in accordance with paragraph a) of the present Decision to the attention of the Animals Committee or the Standing Committee, as appropriate, together with any recommendations it may have, and taking into account any subsequent recommendations from the Animals Committee or the Standing Committee, make such materials available to the Parties;
- c) subject to external funding, provide training to Parties on the identification of pangolin specimens;
- d) work with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) to initiate activities and support the efforts of Parties to address illegal trade in Pangolin specimens;
- e) report on the implementation of Decisions 18.238 and 18.239 to the Animals Committee, together with any recommendations it may have;
- f) report on the implementation of Decision 19.202 to the Standing Committee, together with any recommendations it may have; and
- g) report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of the present Decision.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.204

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the report and any recommendations of the Animals Committee in accordance with Decision 19.200, paragraph d), and of the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.203, paragraphs b) and f), and make recommendations to the Parties or the Secretariat as appropriate;
- b) review the information contained in documents SC69 Doc. 57 Annex 2, SC74 Doc. 73 Annex 2, reports from Parties under Resolution Conf. 17.10 (Rev. CoP19), and other relevant resources to develop time-bound and measurable recommendations for Parties (range, transit, and consumer countries) at SC78 that support addressing the illegal trade in pangolins; and
- c) report the results of its work together with any recommendations it may have to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

African lions (*Panthera leo*)

Directed to the Secretariat, in collaboration with African lion range States, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

- 19.205** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with African lion range States, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and, as appropriate, taking into consideration the joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative and the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa* in information document CoP18 Inf. 10:
- a) support the implementation of activities in joint African lion conservation plans and strategies that relate to trade in African lion specimens and the implementation of CITES and as needed, the review of such plans and strategies;
 - b) jointly with the CMS Secretariat, undertake a comparative study of African lion population trends and conservation and management practices, such as lion hunting, within and between countries, including the role, if any, of international trade;
 - c) support capacity-building in African lion conservation and management including where appropriate, in the making of non-detriment findings by range States according to Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings* and the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.9 on *Trade in hunting trophies of species listed in Appendix I or II*;
 - d) assist in maintaining a joint CITES-CMS web portal on African lions, that also allows for the posting and sharing of information and guidance on the conservation and management of African lions;
 - e) share any relevant update of the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa* with the Animals Committee for its review; and
 - f) report on the implementation of the present Decision to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee and to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.206** The Animals Committee shall:
- a) review any relevant update of the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa*;
 - b) review the information reported by the Secretariat under Decision 19.205 and submit recommendations to the Secretariat, the Standing Committee and African lion range States, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.207** The Standing Committee shall:
- a) review any reports received from the Secretariat and the Animals Committee under Decisions 19.205 and 19.206 and;
 - b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, the Animals Committee, the Secretariat and/or African lion range States to improve the implementation of the Convention for African lions, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties

- 19.208** Parties, including range States and consumer countries of African lion, as relevant, are encouraged to:
- a) increase enforcement efforts to detect illegal, unreported or misreported trade in specimens of African lion and other big cats;
 - b) use, where appropriate, South Africa's Barcode of Wildlife Project to help identify lion specimens in trade and, when importing lion specimens from South Africa, collaborate where necessary with relevant authorities in South Africa to improve the traceability of such specimens;
 - c) provide details on the observed and/or removed lion body parts in trade when collecting and communicating data on illegal killing and illegal trade in lions to CITES in their annual reports; and
 - d) cooperate on lion conservation, including by sharing information on lion populations, illegal killing and illegal trade.

Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities

- 19.209** All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support African lion range States and the Secretariat in their efforts to conserve and restore African lions across their range, taking into consideration the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa* and the implementation of Decision 19.205 and 19.208.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.210** The Secretariat shall:
- a) share relevant information generated through the implementation of Decision 19.208 with the CITES Big Cats Task Force, the Standing Committee, or both, as appropriate; and
 - b) report on the implementation of the previous Decision 18.246 to the 32nd meeting of the Animals Committee.

Leopards (*Panthera pardus*) in Africa

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.211** The Secretariat shall share with the Animals Committee the *Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa* by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for its review.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.212** The Animals Committee shall review the *Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa* by IUCN, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, concerning the aspects of it that relate to the implementation of CITES.

Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat

18.256 (Rev. CoP19) Subject to available funds, the Secretariat shall:

- a) within 12 months of the conclusion of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, commission a preliminary study on the scale and scope of international songbird trade to consider the management and conservation priorities of songbird taxa involved in such trade;
- b) consult with appropriate technical experts in the preparation of documents on the conservation, trade, management, enforcement and regulatory priorities of the songbird taxa identified;
- c) convene a technical workshop to consider the findings of the study and the reports referred to in paragraph b);
- d) invite the members of the Animals and Standing Committees, representatives from range, exporting, transit and consumer States, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the workshop; and
- e) make the results of the study and workshop, together with recommendations, available to the Animals Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.257 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals Committee shall review document CoP18 Doc. 79 and the results of the study and workshop on trade in songbirds, with the recommendations of the Secretariat, as per Decision 18.256 (Rev. CoP19), and make its own recommendations to the Standing Committee or 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.258 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall consider the recommendations by the Animals Committee and make its own recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties and non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders and donors

18.259 (Rev. CoP19) Parties and non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders and donors are encouraged to provide funding to the Secretariat for the implementation of these Decisions.

African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*)

Directed to range States of *Psittacus erithacus*, with the support of the Secretariat, relevant experts, relevant CITES Parties, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

17.256 (Rev. CoP18) The range States of *Psittacus erithacus* should, with the support of the Secretariat, relevant experts, relevant CITES Parties, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, develop and update National Action Plans, with timeframes, deliverables, and milestones, for the conservation of the species. The following key issues should be addressed:

- a) as appropriate, undertake a scientifically based field survey to establish the population status of the species, as well as population trends, in the range States to review progress made towards the restoration and conservation of the species, and in support of the activities proposed in paragraph c);
- b) implement law enforcement activities to combat illegal trade and report results in their annual illegal trade and implementation reports;
- c) identify suitable habitat in range States for re-population of *Psittacus erithacus* where appropriate and feasible, using wild sourced specimens seized from illegal trade and following internationally agreed guidelines for any such reintroductions; and
- d) assess the possibility of establishing *in situ* captive-breeding facilities for the species, in collaboration with States with breeding facilities.

Saiga antelopes (*Saiga* spp.)

Directed to range States of saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives

- 19.213**
- a) The range States of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.) and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives, as identified by the Secretariat on the basis of CITES trade data, should fully implement the measures directed to them in the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope for 2021-2025* [MTIWP (2021-2025)], developed in support of the *Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (Saiga spp.)* and its *Saiga Action Plan*; and
 - b) Consistent with the measures directed to saiga range States in MTIWP (2021-2025), the range States of the saiga antelope are encouraged to establish internal market controls for saiga parts, including registration of stockpiles, labelling of parts and products, and registration of manufacturers and traders, and report such information to the CITES Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.214**
- Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat shall:
- a) review, in consultation with the CMS Secretariat, the conservation of and trade in saiga antelope, *Saiga* spp., based on available data on legal and illegal trade, materials and outcomes of the fourth meeting of Saiga MOU signatories, and stakeholder consultations, and report any consequent findings and recommendations to the Animals Committee, and to the Standing Committee in the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)* and the joint CMS-CITES work programme;
 - b) consult saiga range States and major trading and consumer States concerning their management of stockpiles of saiga specimens; review processes and practices; and provide assistance in ensuring effective stockpile management and monitoring, including the development of inventories and strengthening stockpile security;
 - c) provide training to strengthen cross-border cooperation in CITES implementation, identification of saiga products and techniques for countering illegal trade; and
 - d) report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.215**
- The Animals Committee shall, as appropriate, consider any findings and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.214, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.216**
- The Standing Committee shall, as appropriate, consider any findings and recommendations submitted by the Animals Committee and the Secretariat in accordance with Decisions 19.214 and 19.215, and make recommendations as necessary.

Directed to saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders

- 19.217**
- Saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders

are encouraged to collaborate in the conservation and restoration of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.), and to support the implementation of MTIWP (2021-2025) as well as the technical coordination of the Saiga MOU.

AQUATIC SPECIES

Eels (*Anguilla* spp.)

Directed to Parties

- 19.218** Range States of European eels (*Anguilla anguilla*), transit and importing Parties are encouraged to:
- a) strengthen co-ordination between range States, (re-)exporting and importing Parties to improve traceability and effective enforcement measures for trade in *Anguilla* spp., particularly the European eel;
 - b) submit any non-detriment finding studies on European eels they have undertaken to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website; explore the different approaches that might be taken for making non-detriment findings for European eels traded as fingerlings (FIG) compared with those traded as other live eels (LIV); collaborate and share information with other Parties regarding such studies and their outcome, especially where the Parties share catchments or water bodies; seek review and advice from the Animals Committee or other suitable body on any non-detriment findings for European eels, where appropriate;
 - c) develop and/or implement adaptive European eel management plans at national or sub-national (or catchment) level, with defined and time-bound goals, and enhance collaboration within countries between authorities and other stakeholders with responsibilities for eel management, and between countries where water bodies or catchments are shared;
 - d) implement the reporting recommendations in document SC75 Doc. 12 to ensure that, where possible, trade in Anguillid eels is reported at species-level and differentiated by life stage (as set out in the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports*);
 - e) share information on stock assessments, harvests, the results of monitoring and other relevant data with the Joint Working Group on Eels (WGEEL) of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission, the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas and the Central Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM), so that a full and complete picture of the state of the European eel stock can be established;
 - f) develop measures or implement more effectively existing measures to improve the traceability or assessment of legal acquisition of eels in trade (both live and dead) and aquaculture and share these with the Secretariat;
 - g) provide the Secretariat with information regarding any changes to measures they have in place to restrict the trade in live 'glass' or fingerling European eels;
 - h) share with the Secretariat, where available, protocols and guidelines for reintroduction of seized live European eels to the wild; and
 - i) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision or any updates to the information previously submitted in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, to allow it to report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.219** The Secretariat shall:
- a) issue a Notification inviting range States of European eels (*Anguilla anguilla*), transit and importing Parties to submit to the Secretariat information on the implementation

of Decision 19.218, any information sought in Notification No. 2021/018 not already provided or any updates to the information previously submitted in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, especially information on current levels of, or emerging trends in, trade in specimens of *Anguilla* spp.;

- b) prepare and submit a summary of the responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, including any updates provided under Decision 19.218, with draft recommendations on the conservation and management of European eels to the Animals Committee and draft recommendations to improve implementation of the Convention for European eels to the Standing Committee, for their consideration; and
- c) submit the study prepared in the implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraph d), on levels of trade and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture, and sources of supply, identify any disparities between these, and draft recommendations for the more effective future management of harvests and trade for consideration by the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.220 The Animals Committee shall:

- a) if requested, consider any reports submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in European eels and provide advice and guidance as needed; and
- b) consider the study referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 19.219, the report produced by the Secretariat under paragraph b) of Decision 19.219 and make recommendations to improve the conservation and management of European eels, for consideration by the Standing Committee or the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.221 The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the report prepared by the Secretariat and any other available information relating to illegal trade in European eels and make recommendations as appropriate;
- b) review any advice and recommendations from the Animals Committee concerning Decision 19.220 and make recommendations to improve the implementation of the Convention for European eels and the applicability of developing a specific Resolution to the Parties or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate;
- c) with the assistance of the Secretariat, engage with the World Customs Organization to examine the feasibility of harmonizing customs codes relevant to trade in all *Anguilla* species; and
- d) report on the implementation of this Decision to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Humphead wrasses (*Cheilinus undulatus*)

Directed to the Secretariat

18.209

The Secretariat, subject to external funding, shall invite the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Groupers and Wrasses Specialist Group to assist it in supporting major exporting and importing countries of *Cheilinus undulatus*, upon request, to address remaining CITES implementation challenges and ensure well-regulated, sustainable management of, and trade in, the species.

Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)

Directed to Parties

19.222

Parties are encouraged to:

- a) in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *Conservation and management of sharks*, provide brief information (with an executive summary not exceeding 200 words, if the report exceeds four pages) to the Secretariat, in particular on any national management measures that prohibit commercial take or trade and respond to the Notification called for in Decision 19.224;
- b) in accordance with their national legislation, provide a brief report (with an executive summary not exceeding 200 words, if the report exceeds four pages) to the Secretariat about the assessment of stockpiles of shark parts and derivatives for CITES-listed species stored and obtained before the entry into force of the inclusion in CITES in order to control and monitor their trade, if applicable;
- c) respond to the Notification called for in Decision 19.224 and share available national conversion factors used when estimating live catch weight by species, fishery, and product form for more accurate reporting of shark and ray trade data by Parties and indicate whether and how these are used in the development of their non-detriment findings (NDFs);
- d) in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Transit and transshipment*, inspect, to the extent possible under their national legislation, shipments of shark parts and derivatives in transit or being transhipped, to verify presence of CITES-listed species and verify the presence of a valid CITES permit or certificate as required under the Convention or to obtain satisfactory proof of its existence;
- e) seek external funding for a dedicated marine species officer and consider seconding staff members with expertise in fisheries and the sustainable management of aquatic resources to the Secretariat;
- f) in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*, actively collaborate to combat illegal trafficking in sharks and ray products by developing mechanisms for coordination between source, transit, and destination countries; and
- g) consider if they are likely to be key beneficiaries from the guidance document(s) reviewed under Decision 19.226, paragraphs a) and b); if so, these Parties are strongly encouraged to participate in any Standing Committee working groups established to address Decision 19.226.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.223

Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall

- a) continue to provide capacity-building assistance for implementing Appendix-II shark and ray listings to Parties, especially developing countries and small island developing states, upon request;
- b) liaise with relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organizations and Arrangements (RFMO/As) to identify opportunities for capacity-building with the same organizations, possibly in the form of attending meetings (where the RFMO/A permits such attendance) or by directly liaising with the Secretariat of the organization to provide this information to its membership and/or the provision of training. The aim of this exercise would be to share information to improve the knowledge of CITES in the workings of each relevant RFMO/A;
- c) conduct a further study to look into the apparent mismatch between the trade in products of CITES-listed sharks recorded in the CITES Trade Database and what

would be expected against the information available on catches of listed species, building on the study entitled *Missing sharks: A country review of catch, trade and management recommendations for CITES-listed shark species* and share both studies with proposed solutions to resolve this issue to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, in a timely manner;

- d) collaborate closely with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to:
 - i) verify that information about Parties' shark management measures is correctly reflected in the shark measures database developed by FAO (<http://www.fao.org/ipoa-sharks/database-of-measures/en/>) and if not, support FAO in correcting the information;
 - ii) compile clear imagery of wet and dried unprocessed shark fins (particularly, but not exclusively, those from CITES-listed species) along with related species level taxonomic information to facilitate refinement of iSharkFin software developed by FAO;
 - iii) conduct a study analysing the trade in non-fin shark products of CITES-listed species, including the level of species mixing in trade products and recommendations on how to address any implementation challenges arising from the mixing that may be identified; and
- e) bring the results of activities in this present Decision to the attention of the Animals Committee or Standing Committee, as appropriate.

19.224

The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification to the Parties, inviting Parties to:
 - i) in accordance with Resolution Conf 12.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *Conservation and management of sharks*, provide concise (with 200 word executive summary, if the report exceeds four pages) new information on their shark and ray conservation and management activities, in particular:
 - A. the making of NDFs;
 - B. the making of legal acquisition findings (LAFs);
 - C. the identification and monitoring of CITES-listed shark-products in trade, in source, transit, and consumer Parties;
 - D. recording stockpiles of commercial and/or pre-Convention shark parts and derivatives for CITES Appendix-II elasmobranch species and controlling the entry of these stocks into trade; and
 - E. capacity-building needs to assist developing countries and small island developing states with reporting requirements; and
 - ii) share with the Secretariat their non-detriment findings (NDFs) and conversion factors used when estimating catch live weight through converting recorded shark landings and trade, where available, to post in the sharks and rays web portal;
 - iii) in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*, highlight any questions, concerns or difficulties Parties are having in writing or submitting documentation on authorized trade data (e.g. which units are used in reporting trade) for the CITES Trade Database;
- b) provide information from the CITES Trade Database on commercial trade in CITES-listed sharks and rays since 2010, sorted by species and, if possible, by product;

- c) invite non-Party, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organization observers to support Parties by providing concise information related to the above;
- d) disseminate new or existing guidance identified by the Standing Committee on the control and monitoring of stockpiles of shark parts and derivatives pursuant to Decision 19.226, paragraph b);
- e) share information concerning* capacity-building needs of developing countries including the possibility of training workshops; and
- f) collate this information for the consideration of the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee, in collaboration with relevant organizations and experts

19.225 The Animals Committee, in collaboration with relevant organizations and experts, shall:

- a) continue to develop guidance and review outcomes from the proposed international expert workshop on NDFs to support the making of NDFs for CITES-listed shark species, in particular in data-poor, multi-species, small-scale/artisanal, and non-target (by-catch) situations, and for shared and migratory stocks, and introduction from the sea;
- b) review the information submitted by the Secretariat under paragraph e) of Decision 19.223 and paragraph f) of Decision 19.224 and;
- c) report the outcomes of its work under the present Decision to the Standing Committee for incorporation into the joint report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.226 The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review the revised *Rapid Guide on the making of legal acquisition findings*, and related assessments as they relate to trade in CITES-listed sharks species caught in areas beyond national jurisdiction (including introductions from the sea), and determine if more specific guidance is needed for CITES-listed-shark species, including engagement with RFMOs and any capacity-building which might support their role in the making of LAFs and related assessments;
- b) develop new guidance or identify existing guidance on the control and monitoring of stockpiles of shark parts and derivatives, in particular for specimens caught prior to the inclusion of the species in Appendix II;
- c) review the FAO's on-going guidance on Catch Document Schemes, Port State Measures and any other measures to reduce Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing;
- d) in consultation with the Animals Committee, discuss challenges related to transport of biological samples for research and data collection purposes in the context of fisheries management including the context of the provisions on introduction from the sea in Resolution Conf 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) and make recommendations to CoP20; and
- e) report its findings under the present Decision to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

* The Secretariat added "share information concerning" to provide grammatical clarity but notes that these three words were not agreed by the Conference of the Parties.

19.227

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review the comments and recommendations provided by the Parties, the Animals Committee and the Secretariat under Decisions 19.222 to 19.225; and
- b) prepare a report with any necessary recommendations for improving the implementation of the Convention for sharks and rays for consideration by the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.228 The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, collaborate with Parties and species experts to prepare a report on the global illegal trade in seahorses, for consideration by the Standing Committee. The report should include an analysis of extracted data from the CITES illegal trade database, consultations with regional enforcement networks as applicable, analysis of illegal trade routes, modus operandi and seizures, and information contained in the studies prepared in response to Decision 18.229 paragraph c) i); and
- b) report on implementation of paragraph a) of the present Decision to the Standing Committee at its 77th and 78th meeting.

Directed to source, transit, and consumer Parties for which there is evidence of illegal and/or unsustainable international trade in dried seahorses

19.229 To effectively implement the inclusion of seahorses in Appendix II of CITES, source, transit, and consumer Parties for which there is evidence of illegal and/or unsustainable international trade in dried seahorses are encouraged to:

- a) collaborate with key stakeholders and species experts to develop national or regional plans of action to improve CITES implementation for seahorses and should include the following, *inter alia*:
 - i) encouraging collaboration and communication between key stakeholders at a national and regional level, including Environment, Fisheries and Enforcement agencies, with respect to CITES implementation and data gathering for the international trade in seahorses;
 - ii) improving monitoring, detection and law enforcement activities related to seahorses in coastal areas and at transaction points (e.g. in the marketplace, online, in maritime areas, and at air- and seaports);
 - iii) submitting comprehensive and accurate information on illegal international trade in seahorses in their annual illegal trade reports to the Secretariat, as required in compliance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*, and in support of Decision 19.228, paragraph a);
 - iv) addressing the main drivers of illegal and unsustainable trade by effectively regulating and constraining the operations of non-selective fishing gears, such as bottom trawls and gillnets, to reduce their impacts on seahorses, and combating illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing of seahorses by developing best practices for sustainable harvest; and
- b) share progress in developing and implementing these national or regional plans of action with the Secretariat for its report to the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

19.230 Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical assistance to Parties to implement Decision 19.229 and any further recommendations made by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.231

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) in consultation with species experts, analyse and review the results of any activities under Decisions 19.228 and 19.229, the report produced under Decision 18.229, paragraph c) i), and other relevant available information;
- b) develop recommendations to the Parties, the Secretariat, and relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, to ensure sustainable and legal international trade in seahorses;
- c) consider recommending seahorses as a case study to the 2nd international expert workshop on non-detriment findings; and
- d) report on the implementation of the present Decision to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.232

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) analyse and review the results of any activities under Decisions 19.228 and 19.229, the report produced under Decision 18.229 paragraph c) i) and, as appropriate, the report of the Animals Committee produced in support of Decision 19.231;
- b) develop recommendations to the Parties and the Secretariat, as appropriate, to strengthen CITES implementation and enforcement for international trade in seahorses; and
- c) report on the implementation of Decisions 19.228 to 19.232 to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*)

Directed to the range States of *Strombus gigas*

19.233

The range States of *Strombus gigas* are encouraged to:

- a) collaborate to implement the Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan, and develop national Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plans, as appropriate;
- b) continue to collect data on weight of *S. gigas* by processing grade in order to update and improve the regional conversion factors, and establish or update national conversion factors, taking into account the spatial variability and characteristics of the species;
- c) collaborate in developing and implementing joint research programmes at the sub-regional or regional level to support the making of non-detriment findings that take into account all fishing mortality, promote relevant research and capacity-building activities through regional fisheries management entities and mobilize financial resources for data collection;
- d) promote and collaborate in developing and implementing public education and awareness programmes regarding the conservation and sustainable use of *S. gigas*;
- e) continue to collaborate in exploring ways to enhance the traceability of specimens of *S. gigas* in international trade, including, but not limited to, catch certificates, labelling systems and the application of genetic techniques, and consider sharing relevant experiences with the Secretariat, Parties and the Standing Committee, as appropriate, in the context of discussions on traceability systems for trade in CITES-listed species;
- f) collaborate on combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity;
- g) share relevant experiences on traceability systems for specimens of *Strombus gigas*;
- h) share information concerning illegal trade in queen conch, including surveillance and enforcement activities, as appropriate; and
- i) provide progress reports on activities a) to h) to the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CFRM/CITES working group on queen conch.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.234

The Secretariat shall continue to collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CFRM/CITES working group on queen conch, WECAFC, UNCTAD, OECS and other relevant international organizations, and, subject to external funding:

- a) provide assistance to range States of *S. gigas* in order to enhance the capacity of their CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, fisheries authorities and other stakeholders to implement the *Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan* and national management plans and make scientifically robust non-detriment findings;
- b) provide assistance to range States of *S. gigas* on relevant enforcement issues and report new developments in this regard to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.
- c) monitor the development of traceability systems for queen conch and report relevant developments to the Standing Committee, as appropriate; and

- d) provide updates on relevant activities of the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM/CITES working group on queen conch to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.235** The Animals Committee shall consider any reports from the Secretariat under Decision 19.234, paragraph c), and any other relevant available information and make recommendations for the conservation and management of queen conch for consideration by the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.236** The Standing Committee shall consider any reports from the Secretariat under Decision 19.234, paragraph c), and any recommendations coming from the Animals Committee and make its own recommendations to the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties to improve implementation of the Convention for queen conch, as appropriate.

Marine ornamental fishes

Directed to the Secretariat

19.237

The Secretariat shall:

- a) convene a technical workshop to consider the conservation priorities and management needs related to the trade in non-CITES listed marine ornamental fishes worldwide, with a particular focus on data from importing and exporting countries;
- b) invite the Animals Committee, representatives from range States, exporting, and importing countries, fishery stakeholders, industry representatives and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in this workshop; and
- c) submit findings and recommendations of this workshop to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.238

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) agree a terms of reference for the technical workshop; and
- b) consider the results of the workshop referred to in Decision 19.237 and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.)

Directed to the Plants Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat

- 19.239** The Plants Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat, review document CoP19 Doc. 62.2 and information documents CoP19 Inf. 12 and CoP19 Inf. 15 and:
- a) consider potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*, taking into account other relevant Resolutions, including Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, as appropriate;
 - b) formulate any appropriate recommendations regarding the Agarwood glossary and the Agarwood NDF guidance; and
 - c) report its conclusions and recommendations on paragraphs a) and b) of the present Decision for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.240** The Standing Committee shall consider the report by the Plants Committee on Decision 19.239 and formulate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for the improvement of the implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa.

Boswellia trees (*Boswellia* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.241 The Secretariat shall share the report in information document CoP19 Inf. 10 (Rev. 1) with the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.242 The Plants Committee shall:

- a) identify meetings or other venues that might provide opportunities to collaborate or share information regarding harvest and management of these species; and
- b) review the available information submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.241 and the gaps in knowledge identified in document PC25 Doc. 25 on *Boswellia trees* (*Boswellia spp.*) to inform possible listing proposals for *Boswellia* species, including consideration of appropriate annotations consistent with the guidance in Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP19) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II*.

Rosewood tree species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.243** Subject to external resources, the Secretariat shall:
- a) compile and submit for consideration of the Plants Committee an overview and status of work completed, underway, or to be undertaken as a result of CoP19 to improve CITES implementation for rosewood tree species;
 - b) in consultation with the Plants Committee, develop the terms of reference for a study of rosewood tree species, taking into account findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3 and any planned CITES workshops on non-detriment findings;
 - c) commission the study on the conservation and trade rosewood-tree species;
 - d) organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts to present the results of the study and develop recommendations aimed at improving the implementation of the Convention for rosewood tree species; and
 - e) submit the final study for consideration by the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.244** The Plants Committee shall collaborate with the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision 19.243 and make recommendations aimed at improving the implementation of the Convention for rosewood tree species to the Standing Committee and/or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.245** The Standing Committee shall consider any report from the Plants Committee under Decision 19.244 and make recommendations aimed at improving the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of the Convention for rosewood tree species to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Products containing specimens of Appendix II orchids (Orchidaceae spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.246

The Secretariat shall:

- a) submit the outcomes of the study on international trade in edible orchids (information document CoP19 Inf. 9) for the consideration of the Standing Committee together with recommendations on how the Convention can be better implemented for the species concerned;
- b) subject to availability of external resources, consult with Parties and stakeholders and undertake a study to compile an overview of Appendix-II orchid taxa that are particularly affected by wild harvest for international trade to inform the following assessments:
 - i) an assessment of the conservation impacts of exempting artificially propagated Appendix-II listed orchid taxa from CITES regulations, including as articulated in footnote annotation 10 (after CoP19, footnote annotation P3) of the CITES Appendices, including identification challenges and look-alike issues; and
 - ii) an assessment of the conservation impacts of exempting derivatives and/or finished products of certain Appendix-II listed orchid taxa from CITES regulations through amendments to annotation #4; and
- c) report to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.247

The Plants Committee shall consider the studies as per Decision 19.246 and make recommendations on how to improve CITES implementation for Appendix-II listed orchids to the Standing Committee or to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.248

The Standing Committee shall review any recommendations of the Plants Committee, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Brazil wood (*Paubrasilia echinata*)

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.249** The Secretariat shall:
- a) issue a Notification to the Parties and relevant stakeholders requesting information on recent developments, national and international enforcement actions, illegal trade and marking of bows regarding *Paubrasilia echinata*,
 - b) subject to external funding, in consultation with the Plants Committee and in association with expert stakeholders, evaluate options for the establishment of a traceability system to register the provenance of *Paubrasilia echinata* (pernambuco) bows produced, acquired, or transported by owners, musicians and manufacturers; and
 - c) prepare a report on its findings on the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) *supra* and submit any resulting recommendations to the Standing Committee at its meeting.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.250** The Plants Committee shall advise the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision 19.249, paragraph b).

Directed to Parties, in particular source transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata*

- 19.251** Parties, and in particular source, transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata*, are invited to:
- a) continue national enforcement efforts including investigations of illegal trade in *Paubrasilia echinata* and complement them with joint enforcement actions.
 - b) consider the registration of stockpiles of *Paubrasilia echinata* as appropriate;
 - c) offer support in capacity-building to Brazil and other Parties as appropriate to improve the implementation of the listing of *Paubrasilia echinata*;
 - d) provide information to the Secretariat, as requested in Decision 19.249.

Directed to governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations and other entities

- 19.252** Governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations and other entities, are invited to:
- a) support the implementation of the listing of *Paubrasilia echinata*, *inter alia* by:
 - i) exploring ways to increase the traceability of finished bows, including for example, the development and implementation of a system of a unique individual marking and by sensitising producers and consumers (in particular musicians) of the status of the species,
 - ii) working with Brazil to identify existing *Paubrasilia echinata* plantations within Brazil that could be considered source code A or Y to establish a sustainable supply chain; and,
 - b) provide information to the Secretariat, as requested in Decision 19.249.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.253

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report by the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.249, as well as any other relevant information brought to its attention regarding the implementation of the listing of *Paubrasilia echinata* in Appendix II; and,
- b) make recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, including recommendations relating to the development and implementation of a traceability system of *Paubrasilia echinata* specimens.

African tree species

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.254

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) update the list of African tree species and associated CITES processes contained in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 28;
- b) based on documents PC25 Doc. 27, PC25 Doc. 28 and PC25 Doc. 28 Add., and other relevant information, establish priorities to strengthen the implementation of the Convention for African tree species, including priorities and recommendations for the sustainable management and future work on *Prunus africana*;
- c) liaise with Parties in advancing the priorities identified above; and
- d) report the outcomes of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.255

The Secretariat shall, upon request of the Plants Committee, assist in the implementation of Decision 19.254.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.256

The Standing Committee shall consider the report from the Plants Committee regarding Decision 19.254 and develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Neotropical tree species

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.257** The Plants Committee shall:
- a) update the list of neotropical tree species and the related CITES processes included in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 29, taking into consideration the recommendations included in document PC25 Doc. 29, Addenda and the outcomes of CoP19;
 - b) based on the above, establish priorities for strengthening the implementation of the Convention for the neotropical tree species concerned;
 - c) cooperate with the Parties in making progress with the priorities identified; and
 - d) report on the results of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties

- 19.258** Parties are invited to cooperate with the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.257.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.259** The Secretariat shall, at the request of the Plants Committee, support the implementation of Decision 19.257.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.260** The Standing Committee shall consider any reports of the Plants Committee on Decision 19.257 and, if it considers it appropriate, develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species

Directed to the Secretariat, in close collaboration with the Plants Committee

- 19.261** The Secretariat shall, in close collaboration with the Plants Committee:
- a) publish a notification inviting Parties to:
 - i) share information materials that have been developed to enhance awareness of CITES regulations and to encourage sustainable use and legal trade in CITES-listed medicinal and aromatic plants and, as far as possible, liaise with key stakeholders of medicinal and aromatic plant trade supply chains for this purpose,
 - ii) review their non-detriment findings (NDFs) for medicinal and aromatic plants and consider sharing such with the Secretariat to be included on the NDF section of the CITES website;
 - iii) assess the utility of the Medicinal Plant Names Service (MPNS) database in their routine work to see if it can contribute to the expansion of the Species+ database; and share any experience of using the MPNS database;
 - b) make information materials for raising awareness of CITES regulations for the medicinal and aromatic plant industry stakeholders and consumers available to Parties on the CITES website;
 - c) subject to external funding, undertake an analysis of e-commerce supply chains in products of CITES-listed medicinal and aromatic plant species, exploring the applicability of using the Medicinal Plant Names Service (MPNS) database in the analysis, and including
 - i) a stakeholder analysis of key producers, intermediate traders, manufacturers or distribution platforms to end consumers, and of institutions influencing the demand for CITES-regulated medicinal and aromatic plant products in biomedical, traditional and alternative medical systems, cosmetic and personal care, food industries (as appropriate), and
 - ii) an assessment whether existing annotations are adequate with respect to the principles and principles recommended in Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP19) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II*; and
 - d) report to the Plants Committee on the implementation of this Decision, including suggestions, as appropriate, regarding Resolution Conf. 10.19 (Rev. CoP14) on *Traditional medicines* or a new Resolution in relation to medicinal and aromatic plant products.

Directed to Parties

- 19.262** Parties are invited to support the implementation of Decision 19.261.

Directed to the Plants Committee, in consultation with the Animals Committee, as appropriate

- 19.263** The Plants Committee shall:
- a) be informed and review the report of the Secretariat, and the feedback from Parties as per Decision 19.261, regarding the utility of the Medicinal Plant Names Service, with advice from the nomenclature specialist, as appropriate;
 - b) taking into consideration the information in document PC25 Doc. 30, information document CoP18 Inf. 11, the report of the Secretariat as per Decision 19.261, and other relevant information, and in consultation with the Animals Committee, as appropriate, undertake a review of Resolution Conf. 10.19 (Rev. CoP14) on

Traditional medicines, and prepare recommendations for a revised Resolution on traditional medicines or a new Resolution on medicinal and aromatic plant products; and

- c) submit its recommendations to the Standing Committee or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.264

The Standing Committee shall review the report from the Plants Committee as per Decision 19.263, as appropriate, and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Conference of the Parties.

Appendices of the Convention

ANNOTATIONS

Annotations

Directed to the Standing Committee, in close collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees,

16.162 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall re-establish the working group on annotations, in close collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees, recognizing that the Animals and Plants Committees are an important source of expertise and advice to Parties on such scientific and technical issues. The group shall include, but not be limited to, members from the Standing Committee, Animals Committee, Plants Committee, observer Parties, CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, enforcement authorities, including customs, and industry representatives. The Standing Committee shall particularly endeavour to ensure balanced representation of importing and exporting Parties. The terms of reference for the working group shall be:

- a) in close collaboration with ongoing efforts in the Plants Committee, to continue reviewing the appropriateness and practical challenges resulting from the implementation of the annotations to the Appendices, including but not limited to those on the tree species, of the agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.), *Aniba rosaeodora*, *Bulnesia sarmientoi* and orchids, and to identify options to streamline these annotations taking into account the guidance provided by Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP19) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II*;
- b) to develop or refine definitions of terms used in current annotations as appropriate, and submit them for adoption by the Conference of the Parties and subsequent inclusion in the Interpretation section of the Appendices;
- c) to review and update the definitions of wood and wood products currently located in paragraph 1 c) of Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, for logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, and plywood;
- d) to conduct any work related to annotations directed to it by the Conference of the Parties, the Standing, Animals or Plants Committee; and
- e) to prepare reports on progress made in addressing the issues tasked to it and submit them for consideration at the 77th and 78th meetings of the Standing Committee.

Annotation #15

Directed to the Secretariat

18.321 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to available resources, undertake a study to assess the effect on *Dalbergia/Guibourtia* species in international trade of the exemptions contained in annotation #15 for finished musical instruments, parts and accessories, and the conservation implications thereof;
- b) bring any scientific or technical issues to the attention of the Plants Committee and seek its advice; and
- c) report the results of its evaluation along with its recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.322 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall in the context of its work on annotations under the relevant Decisions, consider any report by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.321 (Rev. CoP19), undertake additional evaluation if necessary and report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. If warranted, the Standing Committee may work with relevant Parties in preparing an amendment proposal for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another

Directed to the Standing Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat

18.151(Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat, consider whether further guidance related to the period of transition, including the period between the adoption of a proposal to transfer a species from one Appendix to another and the entry into force of the new listing, should be developed and, if so, present amendments to an existing Resolution or a new draft resolution to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In this context, the Standing Committee shall consider, in consultation with the Plants Committee, as appropriate, whether special recommendations should apply in the case of a transfer of a tree species with annotation #5 or other annotated plant species.

Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Plants Committee

18.317 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Plants Committee, shall explore the feasibility and requirements for developing an information system, subject to agreed terms of reference, for the purpose of processing trade data associated with transactions in specimens of CITES-listed tree species authorized under the provisions of the Convention and submit any relevant recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.265 Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall commission a study exploring the feasibility and requirements for developing an information system as proposed and provide its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.266** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall prepare a proposal on the feasibility and requirements for an informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations, provide its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.267** The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee, shall evaluate the Secretariat's proposal for an informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations and submit any relevant recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Orchid specimens exempted through annotation #4 g)

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.268** No less than one (1) year after entry into force of the Decisions adopted at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting the following information:
- a) whether there have been any implementation issues concerning the annotation #4 exemption for finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of cosmetics containing parts and derivatives of specimens of *Bletilla striata*, *Cycnoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* and *Phalaenopsis lobbii*, and if so describe the issues;
 - b) whether Parties have identified any conservation impacts of the annotation #4 exemption on the status of *Bletilla striata*, *Cycnoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* and *Phalaenopsis lobbii* in the wild; and
 - c) based on the responses received, prepare a report to the Standing Committee on implementation challenges and to the Plants Committee on conservation impacts of the exemption.

Directed to Parties

- 19.269** Parties are encouraged to submit pertinent information concerning the annotation #4 exemption for finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of cosmetics containing parts and derivatives of specimens of *Bletilla striata*, *Cycnoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* and *Phalaenopsis lobbii* as requested in Decision 19.268.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.270** The Plants Committee shall:
- a) review the information received as requested under Decision 19.268 with a view to assessing whether the exemption provided under annotation #4 has had any impacts on the wild populations of these species; and
 - b) based on the outcome of this review, formulate recommendations to the Standing Committee concerning the exemption provided under annotation #4 for *Bletilla striata*, *Cycnoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* and *Phalaenopsis lobbii*.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.271** The Standing Committee shall:
- a) consider the report of the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.268 and any recommendations of the Plants Committee under Decision 19.270; and
 - b) formulate recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties concerning the application and conservation impacts of the exemption provided under annotation #4 to *Bletilla striata*, *Cycnoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* and *Phalaenopsis lobbii*, as appropriate.

Annotation of Cape aloe (*Aloe ferox*)

Directed to the Secretariat

18.323 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting the following information:

- a) whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has impacted the international trade in *Aloe ferox* specimens; and
- b) whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has affected the population size, distribution, status and harvest of *Aloe ferox*.

18.324 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall compile responses from the Parties as requested under Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19) and provide these responses to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

18.325 (Rev. CoP19) The Plants Committee shall review the information received as requested under Decision 18.324 (Rev. CoP19) and other relevant information available regarding the status, management, and international trade in *Aloe ferox*, with a view to assessing whether the exemption of finished products of *Aloe ferox* packaged and ready for retail trade from CITES regulation have had any impacts on the natural populations of the species. Based on the outcome of this review, the Plants Committee shall formulate recommendations concerning the listing of *Aloe ferox* for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

18.326 (Rev. CoP19) Range countries, consumer countries, and other countries involved in the management, propagation, or trade of *Aloe ferox* are encouraged to provide information regarding the status, management, and trade in this species as requested under Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19).

NOMENCLATURE MATTERS

Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

18.313 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals and Plants Committees shall, taking into consideration the current guidance in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*, paragraph 2 g), evaluate how nomenclature changes affect Appendix-III listings and propose further guidance and recommendations as necessary, that address how such nomenclature changes are to be handled, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat

18.314 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat, shall take into account the guidance and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees and make recommendations to address nomenclature changes that affect an Appendix-III listing, including possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) or Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP18) on *Inclusion of species in Appendix III*, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Higher taxon listings in the Appendices

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.272** The Animals and Plants Committees shall, taking into consideration document AC31 Doc. 38 with its Annex and its addendum, as well as the provisions of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on *Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II*, Annex 3, review the impacts of existing and future higher taxon listings in the Appendices and propose further guidance and recommendations as necessary, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.273** The Standing Committee shall take into account the guidance and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees and make any recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as required.

Development of a standardized global checklist of species

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.274** Subject to external funding, the Animals and Plants Committee shall, through their respective nomenclature specialists, participate in the initiative of the International Union of Biological Sciences to develop a standardized global checklist of species, and report on progress to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

FAUNA

Use of time-specific versions of online databases as standard nomenclature references

Directed to the Secretariat

18.309

The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue to engage copyright-holders of relevant online-databases that might serve as standard nomenclature references and explore the possible use of time-specific versions for CITES services; for example, relevant databases include but are not limited to WoRMS, Fish Base, ESCHMEYER & FRICKE's *Catalog of Fishes*, *Amphibian Species of the World*, and *Corals of the World* as standard references;
- b) report the results of its consultations to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.310 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals Committee shall:

- a) evaluate the results of the Secretariat's consultation;
- b) develop recommendations on the use of time-specific online-databases as standard nomenclature references for decision by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.311

The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek, if possible, a time-specific version of the WoRMS database; and
- b) report on progress to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.312 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals Committee shall:

- a) consider the report of the Secretariat and proceed towards recommending for adoption of a standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed corals;
- b) update its list of coral taxa for which identification to genus level is acceptable, but which should be identified to species level where feasible, once a new standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed coral species has been identified and provide the updated list to the Secretariat for dissemination; and
- c) report with recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Taxonomy and nomenclature of African elephants (*Loxodonta* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.275** The Secretariat shall:
- a) issue a Notification seeking the perspectives of Parties and other stakeholders on the potential effects of recognizing African forest elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) as a separate species to African savannah elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) for CITES purposes;
 - b) develop a list of all current Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties that would be impacted by such a change of nomenclature;
 - c) collate the responses to the Notification to the Parties and prepare a review of the potential impacts of recognising *L. cyclotis* as a separate species for CITES purposes, including the potential impacts on Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties; and
 - d) prepare a report of its findings pursuant to a), b) and c) above and submit this report to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.276** The Animals Committee shall:
- a) in consultation with the IUCN African Elephant Specialist Group, review the taxonomic-nomenclatural history of African elephant *Loxodonta africana* in CITES and the nomenclature that reflects accepted use in biology, at its 32nd meeting; and
 - b) if appropriate, make a recommendation on adopting a new standard nomenclature reference for African elephants, for decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.277** The Standing Committee shall:
- a) review the report submitted by the Secretariat under paragraph d) of Decision 19.275; and
 - b) provide advice and any recommendations on the potential impacts of recognizing *L. cyclotis* as a separate species for CITES purposes, including the potential impacts on Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature for bird family and order names

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.278

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) evaluate the implications of adopting the HBW/BI *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* as the new standard nomenclature reference for birds at the species, family and order levels, including the production of a listing of supplementary nomenclatural standard references that may be needed; and
- b) develop a recommendation for decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Nomenclature for aloes (*Aloe* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee

19.279 The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference for *Aloe* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 5 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31 and the Annex to PC25 Com. 5; and
- b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.280 The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.279;
- b) provide input to assist with the preparation of the updated *Aloe* spp. checklist, as noted in paragraph 5 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Cactaceae Checklist and its Supplement

Directed to Parties

18.304 (Rev. CoP19) Parties shall inform the Secretariat on their experience in using the *CITES Cactaceae Checklist* (3rd edition) and its *Supplement* (2018) and any issues that may arise as they apply these lists, including feedback to improve it in the light of relevant updates of cacti taxonomy.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.305 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) liaise with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to obtain feedback on the utility of the *CITES Cactaceae Checklist* (3rd edition) and its *Supplement* (2018) and any queries that arise as they update relevant databases, taking into account feedback provided by Parties as per Decision 18.304 (Rev. CoP19); and
- b) report to the Plants Committee of this feedback and any comments it receives from the Parties in order for the Committee to review this at its regular meetings.

Directed to the Plants Committee

18.306 (Rev. CoP19) The Plants Committee shall review any report from the Secretariat related to the implementation of Decision 18.305 (Rev. CoP19) and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Production of a CITES Checklist for rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee

18.307 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to availability of external resources, develop an annotated CITES Checklist of *Dalbergia* spp., taking into consideration:
 - i) the Checklist as included in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*;
 - ii) research and other work needed for the production of such a Checklist; and
 - iii) aspects related to its publication; and
- b) report on progress to the Plants Committee at its regular meetings and seek its advice and input.

Directed to the Plants Committee

18.308 (Rev. CoP19) The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 18.307 (Rev. CoP19); and
- b) make recommendations to the Secretariat and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Nomenclature for ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) (populations of Madagascar)

Directed to the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee

- 19.281** The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:
- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference of *Diospyros* spp. (populations of Madagascar), taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 8 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.282** The Plants Committee shall:
- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.281; and
 - b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Standard nomenclature for cumarus (*Dipteryx* spp.)

Directed to the Plants Committee, with the support of the Secretariat

19.283

The Plants Committee, with the support of the Secretariat, shall:

- a) consider and evaluate the nomenclatural issues related to *Dipteryx* spp., as outlined in document CoP19 Doc. 84.2 and identify a suitable standard nomenclatural reference for amendment of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*; and
- b) formulate recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Standard nomenclature for African mahoganies (*Khaya* spp.)

Directed to the Plants Committee, with the support of the Secretariat

19.284

The Plants Committee, with the support of the Secretariat, shall:

- a) consider and evaluate the nomenclatural issues related to *Khaya* spp., as outlined in document CoP19 Doc. 84.3 and identify a suitable standard nomenclatural reference for amendment of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*; and
- b) formulate recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature of Appendix-II listed orchids (Orchidaceae spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.285

The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek feedback from Parties and relevant experts on their experience in using the standard nomenclatural reference for Appendix-II listed orchids, in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*, including suggestions to improve the standard nomenclature in light of relevant updates in orchid taxonomy;
- b) subject to the availability of external resources, and in close collaboration with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee, commission the drafting of an update of the standard nomenclature references for Appendix II-listed orchids, taking into account feedback received under paragraph a) of this Decision; and
- c) report to the Plants Committee the feedback received for review.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.286

The Plants Committee shall review any report from the Secretariat related to the implementation of Decision 19.285 and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature for pachypodiums (*Pachypodium* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee

- 19.287** The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:
- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference for *Pachypodium* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 6 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.288** The Plants Committee shall:
- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.287;
 - b) provide input to assist with the preparation of the updated *Pachypodium* checklist, as noted in paragraph 6 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Standard nomenclature for roseroots (*Rhodiola* spp.)

Directed to the Plants Committee, with the support of the Secretariat

19.289

The Plants Committee, with the support of the Secretariat, shall:

- a) consider and evaluate the nomenclatural issues related to *Rhodiola* spp., as outlined in document CoP19 Doc. 84.4 and identify a suitable standard nomenclatural reference for amendment of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*; and,
- b) formulate recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature for yews (*Taxus* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee

- 19.290** The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:
- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an update of the standard nomenclature reference for *Taxus* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 10 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.291** The Plants Committee shall:
- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.290; and
 - b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.