

## Work programme of the Standing Committee working group on traceability

Based on the mandate of Decision 17.152

- I. **Standardized definition for traceability subparagraph (a)**  
The Secretariat to compile a comprehensive set of definitions on traceability, taking in to account submissions of the working group and other relevant existing definitions of international organizations. Based on this input the working group on traceability to identify or develop the one most appropriate one to the specific conditions relating to trade in CITES-listed species for submission of the working group to SC70;
- II. **Standard Traceability Framework for CITES subparagraphs (b, c, and g)**  
The Secretariat to prepare a set of ongoing initiatives on traceability including but not limited to work undertaken in UNECE. The working group on traceability to identify the most appropriate framework to the specific conditions relating to trade in CITES-listed species for submission of the working group to SC70;
- III. **Development of umbrella guidelines for traceability in CITES subparagraph (d)**  
Based on progress above the Secretariat shall propose a set of generic *guidelines, and recommend standards, to develop traceability systems for different species that are mutually supportive and that generate standardized data* for consideration of the working group on traceability with the intention of the working group to provide a report on progress made to SC71;
- IV. **Develop further support elements for traceability subparagraphs (e and f)**  
Based on the progress made above the working group will *identify points throughout the supply chain where specimens should be located, verified, and its application defined, bearing in mind a wide range of production systems and life forms taking also into account the work on e-permitting to ensure links between CITES permits and certificates and traceability identifiers* with the intention to provide a report on progress made to SC71;
- V. **Draft Resolution on Traceability subparagraph (h)**  
Depending on the progress made by the working group and *as deemed necessary taking into account any relevant conclusions and recommendations of the report resulting from Decision 17.154 consider to draft a resolution on traceability for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*