

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



Sixty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MORNING

6. Credentials..... *No document*

The Secretariat reported that out of the 66 Parties registered for the Standing Committee credentials had been received from all but five delegations.

18. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures..... *No document*

The Committee noted the oral report of the Chair of the Working Group and the Group's intention to submit a written report at SC66.

20. Capacity building

20.1 Needs assessment for strengthening the implementation of CITES SC65 Doc. 20.1

The Committee noted the report submitted by the Secretariat and agreed to a three-month extension of the deadline for Parties to submit their responses to the questionnaire on *Needs assessment for strengthening the implementation of CITES*. The Committee also created a working group on the development of a mechanism to assess the needs of Parties, with the following membership: Australia, Colombia, Guatemala, Switzerland, Viet Nam, UNEP-WCMC, European Union, Species Survival Network, and TRAFFIC.

20.2 Capacity building activities for implementation of the CITES listing of sharks and manta rays SC65 Doc. 20.2

The Committee noted the activities listed in document SC65 20.2 and urged Parties to continue their ongoing capacity building activities to implement the new CITES listing of sharks and manta rays.

21. CITES logo..... SC65 Doc. 21

The Committee agreed to discontinue the Working Group and to continue the current approach being taken by the Secretariat to deal with requests to use the logo. The Committee encouraged Management Authorities to inform the Secretariat of any proposed use of the CITES logo.

22. National laws for implementation of the Convention SC65 Doc. 22

The Committee noted the report submitted by the Secretariat. It requested Colombia, Guatemala, Niger and the United States of America to consult informally on the need for a proposed working group on legislation and report back to the Committee at a later time in the present meeting.

23. Application of Article XIII *No document*

The Committee noted the oral report provided by the Secretariat and agreed that the Secretariat, as appropriate and respecting the generally confidential nature of communications between the Secretariat

and individual Parties on specific compliance matters, would keep the Standing Committee apprised of further developments intersessionally.

24. National reports

24.1 Late submission or non-submission of national reports SC65 Doc. 24.1

The Committee determined that Comoros, Gambia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years, without having provided adequate justification, and agreed that if they had not provided their missing reports within 60 days of the present meeting the Secretariat would issue a Notification recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until the missing reports are provided.

14. Implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020

The Committee noted the oral report of the Secretariat and agreed to consider this agenda item together with agenda item 24.2 on *Special reporting requirements and reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants*.

25. Ranching operations in Madagascar

25.1 Report of Madagascar SC65 Doc. 25.1

and

25.2 Report of the Secretariat SC65 Doc. 25.2

The Committee noted the oral reports of Madagascar and the Secretariat and agreed to delay further consideration of this agenda item until the Working Group was able to meet and prepare recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

38. Asian big cats SC65 Doc. 38

The Committee noted the report of the Secretariat in document SC65 Doc. 38. It established an in-session working group to consider the Secretariat's recommendations contained in that document, and the consultant's recommendations in Annex I to the document, and to provide a consolidated set of recommendations. The United States was appointed as Chair of the working group, with the following membership: China, India, Indonesia, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, the European Union; IUCN; Born Free Foundation, Environmental Investigation Agency, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, Wildlife Protection Society of India and WWF.