

Standing Committee Working Group on Disposal of confiscated specimens

Membership:

Israel and Switzerland (co-Chairs), Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Ethiopia, European Union, France, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; and Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Born Free Foundation, Eurogroup for Animals, European Alliance of Rescue Centres & Sanctuaries, European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, International Union for Conservation of Nature, International Wood Products Association, San Diego Zoo Global, Species Survival Network, Stichting Animal Advocacy, and Protection, Wildlife Impact, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, World Parrot Trust, World Resources Institute, and World Wildlife Fund.

Mandate:

- a) analyze the results of the questionnaire and other activities undertaken by the CITES Secretariat under Decision 17.118; and
- b) prepare a report to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee, containing recommendations on the following topics, as appropriate and necessary:
 - i) possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.8 on Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species and its Annexes;
 - ii) the possibility of the creation of a list of rescue centers for the disposal of live specimens which might be published on the CITES Secretariat website;
 - iii) the different options for disposal of confiscated specimens under the Convention and the legal questions related to these options; and
 - iv) the use of the term “disposal” and considerations of possible alternative terms that might be more appropriate.