



**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
ON CITES LEGAL ACQUISITION FINDINGS**

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13 to 15 June, 2018

Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette (CCAB)
Rue Froissart 36
Brussels, Belgium

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA
(draft)**

FIRST DAY Wednesday, June 13th

08:00 - 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 - 09:45 Opening of the meeting

Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, European Commission
Gerhard Dieterle, ITTO Executive Director
David Morgan, OiC CITES Secretariat

09:45 - 10:00 Objectives of the workshop – *Juan Carlos Vasquez, CITES Secretariat*

10:00 - 10:30 Results of the questionnaire on Legal Acquisition Findings (LAFs) – *Sofie H. Flensburg, CITES Secretariat*

- i. Institutional and legal bases
- ii. Methodology and standards
- iii. Practical tools
- iv. Forensic tools
- v. Main challenges

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:30 Introduction to the concept of legality in CITES and the Legal Acquisition Findings (LAFs) – *Juan Carlos Vasquez, CITES Secretariat*

11:30 - 12:00 Fraudulent documents used to ‘demonstrate’ legal acquisition – (Representative of the United States)

12:00 - 12:30 Due diligence and compliance risk assessments – (SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA - TBC)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

- 14:00 - 16:00 Examples of practical steps towards the making of legal acquisition findings of specimens of CITES-listed species entering international trade:
- A. Verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed tree species;
Representatives of EU, China and FAO
 - B. Verifying the legal acquisition of specimens introduced from the sea;
Representatives of Belize and Costa Rica
 - C. Verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of terrestrial animal species sourced in the wild – *Representatives of Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Namibia*
 - D. Verifying the legal acquisition of finished products of CITES-listed species;
Representatives of Italy, Spain and the United States of America

16h00-16h15 Coffee break

- 16:15 - 17:00 E. Verifying the legal acquisition of the founder stock of captive-bred CITES listed species – *Representatives of Bolivia, Germany and Thailand*
- 17:00 -17:30 Conclusions of the day and preparations for the second day
- Evening reception – offered by the Government of Belgium*

SECOND DAY Thursday, 14th June

- 9:00 - 10:15 Working groups to develop practical guidance for the making of Legal Acquisition findings for different categories of specimens of CITES-listed species entering international trade:
- a. Specimens of tree-listed species
 - b. Specimens introduced from the sea
 - c. Specimens of terrestrial species (i. sourced in the wild; ii. founder-stock of captive bred CITES-listed species, and iii. finished products made from CITES specimens previously traded)

10:15-10:30 Break

- 10:30 - 12:30 Working groups to develop practical guidance for the making of Legal Acquisition findings for different categories of specimens of CITES-listed species entering international trade (continuation).

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

- 14:00 - 15:00 Presentation of the results of the Working Groups: findings and main recommendations
- 15:00 - 16:00 Legal and regulatory elements to take into consideration prior to the making of the LAFs: Appendix I (Definition of primarily commercial purposes), Appendix II, Appendix III, annotations, pre-convention, personal effects, reservations, quotas, hunting trophies, itinerary exhibitions, simplified procedures, appropriate and acceptable destinations, special provisions for hunting trophies, musical instruments, falcon passports, etc.

16:00-16:15 Break

- 16:15 - 17:30 The supporting role that NGOs and civil society might play in the making of legal acquisition findings
Representatives of CIEL, Defenders of Wildlife, EIA, WCS and WWF

THIRD DAY Friday, 15th June

- 9:00 - 9:30 UN/CEFACT Standards: recommendations, technical specifications and other guidance material
- 9:30 - 10:15 Identification of key common elements/steps for the making of legal acquisition findings

10:15-10:30 Break

- 10:30 - 12:30 Development of practical guidance for the making of Legal Acquisition findings

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

- 14:00 - 16:30 Preparation of a proposal for further guidance for verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species for the consideration of the Standing Committee

- 16:30 - 17:30 Conclusions of the meeting - Closing remarks

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