

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



Fifty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 6-10 July 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MORNING

**Strategic matters**

12. Cooperation with the World Trade Organization ..... SC58 Doc. 12

The Standing Committee agreed to the recommendation contained in paragraph 14 of document SC58 Doc. 12 and took note of the information contained in the Secretariat's written and oral reports.

15. National wildlife trade policy reviews ..... SC58 Doc. 15

The Standing Committee took note of the recommendations of the Regional Workshop for Arabic-Speaking Countries on Wildlife Trade Policy Reviews contained in the Annex to document SC58 Doc. 15.

**Interpretation and implementation of the Convention**

Review of Resolutions and Decisions

16. Review of Resolutions following Decision 14.19 ..... SC58 Doc. 16

Some participants raised objections to certain changes or stated they wished to submit detailed comments to the Secretariat. The Chair therefore adjourned discussion of this item to allow for discussions to be held outside the plenary, and asked the Secretariat to report later in the meeting.

17. Substantive revision of Resolutions ..... SC58 Doc. 17

The Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 17 and that the Secretariat would consult all Parties and organizations that expressed a wish to be consulted during its preparation of documentation on this subject for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Compliance and enforcement

19. National reports ..... SC58 Doc. 19

The Standing Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 31 and 34 of document SC58 Doc. 19 and requested a nomination from Asia by 10 July 2009 for membership in the Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements.

The Committee also established a working group on the reporting of trade in artificially propagated plants, comprising Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Switzerland, the United States of America, the

Chair of the Plants Committee and the Secretariat. This working group was requested to submit its recommendations later in the meeting.

20. Ranching operations..... SC58 Doc. 20

The Standing Committee established a working group on ranching operations in Madagascar, comprising France, Japan, Madagascar, the United States, the IUCN/SSC Crocodile Specialist Group and the Secretariat. The working group was requested to submit its recommendations later in the meeting.

21. Review of Significant Trade

21.1 Implementation of recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees ..... SC58 Doc. 21.1

The Standing Committee noted the information in the document and adopted the recommendations in paragraphs 8. c), 10. e), 11. c), 14. f) and those in Annex 1 relating to *Christensonia vietnamica*, *Taxus wallichiana* and *Rauvolfia serpentina*.

With respect to *Pachypodium bispinosum* and *Pachypodium succulentum* in Annex 1, the Committee extended the deadline for the implementation of the recommendations in subparagraph a) until 31 December 2009 and requested the Secretariat to report on this matter at its 59th meeting (SC59).

With respect to paragraph 9, the Committee agreed that, by 31 October 2009, Indonesia should submit to the Secretariat a detailed programme of work to implement the recommendations directed to it at SC57, and requested the Secretariat to report on this matter at SC59.

The Committee referred consideration of the recommendation in paragraph 15 d) and those related to *Cuora amboinensis* and *Cuora galbinifrons* in Annex 1 to a working group comprising the representatives of Asia (China) and Europe (Bulgaria), the United States, the Chair of the Animals Committee, Prowildlife and the Humane Society.

With respect to *Prunus africana*, the Committee agreed that the Secretariat should liaise with the range States to help them in responding to the recommendations made by the Plants Committee at its 16th meeting (Lima, July 2006).

21.2 Distribution and status of the beluga populations in the Russian Federation..... SC58 Doc. 21.2

The Committee rejected the recommendation in paragraph 8 of the document.