

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

AFTERNOON

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

21. Review of Significant Trade

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

In line with the recommendations of the working group it had established on this subject, the Committee recommended that, until the recommendations of the Animals Committee have been implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee, all Parties suspend trade in *Cuora amboinensis* with Viet Nam and in *Cuora galbinifrons* with Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. It also instructed the Secretariat to report on these issues at its 61st meeting (SC61) and to contact and work with Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic to address the Animals Committee's recommendations, so that they could be resolved in a manner that addressed the conservation concerns for these species.

Concerning *Poicephalus senegalus*, the Committee instructed the Secretariat to engage further with Mali to carry out the study on status of this species, to be completed by SC61, and to provide a progress report at SC59. Until this study was completed, it recommended that Mali not establish a quota exceeding 5,000 specimens per year and that it consider suspending exports on a voluntary basis until a scientifically-established quota could be set.

- 21.3 Review of recommendations to suspend trade made more than two years ago SC58 Doc. 21.3 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted the information in paragraphs 6, 7 a) ii), 7 b), 7 c) ii), 9, 10 b) to f) and 11, and adopted the recommendations in paragraphs 7 a) iv), 7 c) iv) and 8 of document SC58 Doc. 21.3 (Rev. 1).

22. E-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species SC58 Doc. 22

The Standing Committee established a working group on e-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species comprising Australia, Cameroon, Canada, China, France, Germany, Kenya, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the European Community, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Humane Society International (HSI), IWMC – World Conservation Trust, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), TRAFFIC, VC International and the Secretariat.

The Committee directed the working group to draft guidelines for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15), to discuss other issues related to e-commerce and to report at the 61st meeting of the Committee. The Committee also directed the Secretariat to develop a toolkit subject to the availability of funding, in order to assist Parties and the general CITES community with the regulation of legal trade in specimens of CITES-listed species via the Internet.

Species trade and conservation

41. International expert workshop on non-detriment findings SC58 Doc. 41

The Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 41.

Amendment of the Appendices

42. Revision and publication of the CITES Appendices SC58 Doc. 42

The Committee adopted the recommendations of the Secretariat contained in paragraph 12 of document SC58 Doc. 42.

43. Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II SC58 Doc. 43

The Committee agreed that the interpretation of the criteria should be referred to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and that, in the meantime, when providing advice to the Parties on proposals to amend Appendices I or II, the Secretariat and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations should clearly indicate which interpretation they were using.