

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

Trade control and marking

25. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates..... SC58 Doc. 25

The Committee thanked the United States for its work in leading the working group on this subject and agreed that the progress should be reported at CoP15 and that the working group should then continue its work after CoP15.

26. Electronic permitting no document

Italy, as Chair of the Working Group on Electronic Permitting, advised the Committee that it wished to offer another Party the opportunity to chair the Working Group and proposed Switzerland. With the agreement of Switzerland, the Committee accepted this change in chairmanship.

The Committee noted the oral report of Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on their joint project to exchange electronically CITES permit data, as well as the oral report of the Secretariat on the development of a toolkit on CITES electronic permitting.

27. Trade in crocodylian specimens..... SC58 Doc. 27

The Standing Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 12 and 13 of documents SC58 Doc. 27.

Species trade and conservation

36. Elephants

36.1 Reviews of the status of the elephant, trade in its specimens and the impact of the legal trade..... SC58 Doc. 36.1

The Standing Committee agreed that Decision 14.78 had not yet been complied with and that the recommendations it had formulated at its 57th meeting with regard to the implementation of this Decision remained in effect.

36.2 Control of trade in elephant ivory..... SC58 Doc. 36.2

The Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 36.2 and the oral update of the Secretariat.

36.3 Report on the one-off ivory sale in southern African countries SC58 Doc. 36.3 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 36.3 (Rev. 1).

36.4 African elephant action plan and African Elephant Fund SC58 Doc. 36.4

The Standing Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 36.4 and the oral update that Kenya provided in the name of all 37 African elephant range States regarding progress in the implementation of Decision 14.75. The Committee urged the African elephant range States and the Secretariat to complete the implementation of Decisions 14.75 and 14.79 as soon as possible.