

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



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Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species
(Resolution Conf. 12.8 and Decision 12.75)

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At the 16th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC16, Shepherdstown, December 2000), the Secretariat informed the Committee that it had decided to review the implementation of all recommendations that had been formulated by the Committee in the context of Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.) on Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species taken from the wild (now replaced by Resolution Conf. 12.8 on the Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species). The Committee supported this initiative.
3. The Secretariat submitted document AC17 Doc. 7.2, *Review of the implementation of recommendations (Part I: List of species previously reviewed)*, for consideration at AC17 (Hanoi, July-August 2001). In the second part of this review the Secretariat would compile all recommendations formulated by the AC and the Standing Committee (SC) concerning these Appendix-II species, assess the implementation of the recommendations, and analyse their relevance. An oral update on progress was provided at AC18 (San José, April 2002), reporting that the Secretariat had not been able to finalize the second part in time for that meeting, and that discussions were to be postponed until a future meeting.
4. Approximately 259 taxa were reviewed during Phases I to V of the Review of Significant Trade. The large number of taxa and recommendations, and the many measures taken required the Secretariat to hire a consultant, TRAFFIC International, to assist in the compilation and analysis of the information. This work was initiated in 2003 and includes:
 - a) inventorying all recommendations formulated by the AC and the SC in the context of Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.) and subsequently of Resolution Conf. 12.8, and the status of implementation of such recommendations;
 - b) developing an Access database containing all relevant information concerning the animal species that were subject to the Review of Significant Trade; and
 - c) identifying recommendations that have not yet been implemented, and possible next steps that could be undertaken by the Parties.
5. In close collaboration with relevant range States, the Secretariat intends to follow up on recommendations that have not yet been implemented, analyse the current relevance of such recommendations and suggest remedial actions where appropriate. It will also inventory current trade suspensions pursuant to the implementation of the Review of Significant Trade and assess the feasibility of assisting the range States concerned in following the recommendations that lead to lifting the suspension of trade. It is expected that

one of the outputs of these assessments will be a list of project activities to be prioritized by the AC in compliance with Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP12), Annex 2, paragraph f) iii) under the first RESOLVES.

6. The work outlined in the paragraphs above is now undertaken in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8, which directs the Secretariat to maintain a register of species that are included in the review process and a record of progress with the implementation of recommendations. The Secretariat and the Chairmen of the AC and PC are also directed to assist with the implementation of paragraph v) of the Resolution whereby the SC should review recommendations to suspend trade that have been in place for longer than two years, and, if appropriate, take measures to address the situation.
7. The complete review of the implementation of recommendations made by the AC will not be available until AC20. However, the database serving as an inventory of the recommendations made, and resulting actions by the Parties or the SC, will be available for demonstration purposes at AC19.