

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

12. Review of Significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

12.1 Overview of the species-based Review of Significant Trade..... (AC26 Doc. 12.1)

The Committee noted document AC26 Doc. 12.1.

12.2 Species selected following CoP13 and CoP14 (AC26 Doc. 12.2)

and

12.3 Species selected following CoP15 (AC26 Doc. 12.3)

The Committee established a working group (WG7) to look at items 12.2 and 12.3 with the following mandate:

The working group shall:

Concerning agenda item 12.2

For the 10 taxa selected following the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14) and retained in the review after the 25th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC25), the working group shall:

1. In accordance with paragraphs k) and l) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13):
 - a) Review the reports in the Annex to document AC26 Doc. 12.2 and the responses received from range States (made available by the Secretariat to the working group), and, if appropriate, revise the preliminary categorizations proposed by UNEP-WCMC for the species concerned; and
 - b) Identify and refer to the Secretariat problems that are not related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a); and
2. In accordance with paragraphs m) to o) of the same Resolution, formulate recommendations for species of urgent concern and of possible concern with deadlines for their implementation.
 - a) For species of urgent concern, these recommendations should propose specific actions to address problems related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a). Such recommendations should differentiate between short- and long-term actions, and may include, for example:
 - i) The establishment of administrative procedures, cautious export quotas or temporary restrictions on exports of the species concerned;

- ii) The application of adaptive management procedures to ensure that further decisions about the harvesting and management of the species concerned will be based on the monitoring of the impact of previous harvesting and other factors; or
 - iii) The conducting of taxon- and country-specific status assessments, field studies or evaluation of threats to populations or other relevant factors to provide the basis for a Scientific Authority's non-detriment finding, as required under the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a) or 6 (a); and
- b) For species of possible concern, these recommendations should specify the information required to enable the Committee to determine whether the species should be categorized as either of urgent concern or of least concern. They should also specify interim measures, where appropriate, for the regulation of trade. Such recommendations should differentiate between short- and long-term actions, and may include, for example:
- i) The conducting of taxon- and country-specific status assessments, field studies or evaluation of threats to populations or other relevant factors; or
 - ii) The establishment of cautious export quotas for the species concerned as an interim measure.

Deadlines for implementation of these recommendations must be appropriate to the nature of the action to be undertaken, and should normally be not less than 90 days but not more than two years after the date of transmission to the State concerned.

3. Review information provided by Madagascar on *Calumna* and *Furcifer* species and on *Mantella baroni*.

Concerning agenda item 12.3

For the 24 taxa selected following CoP15, the working group shall:

1. In accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), review the available information presented in document AC26 Doc. 12.3 and the responses from affected range States (which will be made available by the Secretariat to the Working Group); and
2. If satisfied that Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), is correctly implemented, recommend to the Animals Committee to eliminate the species from the review with respect to the range States concerned.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: representatives of Europe (Mr Fleming) and North America (Ms Caceres);

AC member: representative of Asia (Mr Pourkazemi);

Parties: Australia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Madagascar, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Union, IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies, British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, Conservation International, Defenders of Wildlife, Fundación Cethus, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Humane Society International, Humane Society of the United States, Ornamental Fish International, Pet Care Trust, ProWildlife, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC International and WWF.

25. Review of objections to the registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes (AC26 Doc. 25)

The Committee established a working group (WG8) to look at item 25 with the following mandate:

On the basis of document AC26 Doc. 25 and the documentation in its Annexes, the working group shall review the objection, and provide comments for the Secretariat to forward to the Parties concerned in compliance with the provisions in Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15).

Membership would comprise the members and alternate members of the Committee, and the AC Chair (Mr Ibero) would chair the working group.

20. Nomenclatural matter (AC26 Doc. 20)

The Committee established a working group (WG9) to look at item 20 with the following mandate:

The working group shall:

1. On the basis of document AC26 Doc. 20 and its Annexes, develop recommendations for consideration by the Committee on all nomenclatural changes identified in paragraphs 2, 7, 8 and 9 of the document for which the Committee has not taken decisions;
2. Review progress with the implementation of: Decisions 15.62, paragraph a) (on the basis of material provided by the Secretariat); 15.63; and 15.64 paragraph a). Develop specific recommendations as necessary; and
3. Draft text about the implementation of the nomenclature Decisions directed to the Animal Committee for review by the Committee and subsequent submission at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: AC nomenclature specialist (Ms Grimm);

Parties: Mexico, Switzerland and United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, Conservation International, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Humane Society of the United States, Ornamental Fish International, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Species Survival Network.

21. Identification of CITES-listed corals in trade [Decision 15.64 b] Report of the working group (AC26 Doc. 21)

The Committee postponed a decision on this item until the working group had had a chance to look at recent contributions and report later in the meeting.

23. Relationship between wildlife trade and wildlife diseases..... [AC26 Doc. 23 (Rev.1)]

The Committee recognized the importance of wildlife trade and wildlife diseases, and the linkages with CITES. However, it believed that wildlife diseases were best addressed by other organizations, such as the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and was concerned about the Secretariat's limited resources to get involved in these issues. It therefore recommended that the Standing Committee decide on the level of priority that the Secretariat should give to this issue, proposing in particular to change the Secretariat's status in the CMS/FAO Scientific Task Force on Wildlife Diseases from "core affiliate" to "observer" or "partner", which would be less demanding but still allow it to share information. The Animals Committee also agreed that it would be useful for the Standing Committee to draw the Parties' attention to the work of OIE and to its relevance to CITES, and to the possible incidental impact of disease control measures on programmes designed to ensure the sustainable use of wildlife.