

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

Fifty-first meeting of the Standing Committee
Bangkok (Thailand), 1 October 2004

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

NATIONAL LEGISLATION PROJECT

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 50th meeting (SC50, Geneva, March 2004), the Standing Committee reviewed the legislative progress of Parties affected by Decision 12.80 and 12.83. Legislative progress reported orally by the Secretariat at SC50, as well as additional progress made after SC50, is reflected in document CoP13 Doc. 22 on National laws for implementation of the Convention. As mentioned in that document, an updated version of the legislative status chart contained in Annex 1 will be provided during the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13, Bangkok, 2-14 October 2004). It will also be provided at the 51st meeting of the Standing Committee (SC51, Bangkok, 1 October 2004).

Parties with a deadline of 31 March 2003

3. The recommendations to suspend commercial trade with Panama and Mozambique in specimens of CITES-listed species were withdrawn upon the submission to the Secretariat, in one of the working languages of the Convention, of CITES-related legislation that had been enacted in May 2004 (see Notifications to the Parties No. 2004/043 of 24 May 2004 and No. 2004/047 of 16 June 2004). These enactments showed good legislative progress, thereby satisfying the conditions agreed at SC50. The adequacy of the legislation is now being analysed by the Secretariat.

Parties with a deadline of 31 December 2003

4. The recommendations to suspend commercial trade with Equatorial Guinea and Sierra Leone in specimens of CITES-listed species were withdrawn upon the submission to the Secretariat of draft legislation and a CITES Legislation Plan, respectively (see Notification to the Parties No. 2004/047). These actions showed good legislative progress, thereby satisfying the conditions agreed at SC50. Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia and Rwanda remain subject to a recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species (see Notification to the Parties No. 2004/024 of 30 April 2004).
5. Hungary has enacted adequate legislation for implementation of the Convention and its legislation has now been placed in Category 1.

Parties and dependent territories with a deadline of 30 June 2004

6. Uzbekistan provided draft legislative texts (in English) to the Secretariat in June 2004. As neither Mauritania nor Somalia provided a CITES Legislation Plan or draft or enacted legislation by 30 June 2004, Parties were advised to suspend commercial trade with those

countries in specimens of CITES-listed species (see Notification to the Parties No. 2004/055 of 30 July 2004).

Parties and dependent territories with no deadline

7. In July 2004 the Secretariat received electronic and printed versions (in English) of the Czech Republic's Act of 10 February 2004 on Trade in endangered species.

Technical assistance

8. A delegation from China visited the Secretariat in May 2004 to discuss legislative matters. The Secretariat provided legislative advice and assistance to Bolivia at the conclusion of a capacity-building workshop it organized in Santa Cruz de la Sierra in July 2004.
9. The Secretariat has been preparing and sending written comments on the numerous draft legislative texts that it has received and developing revised legislative analyses to take into account newly enacted legislation.

Recommendations

10. Taking into account the updated legislative status chart provided at SC51 and the Secretariat's oral report, the Secretariat proposes that the Standing Committee recommend a suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Parties that have failed to provide written evidence of their further progress since SC50 to enact adequate legislation (e.g. a revised CITES Legislation Plan or draft legislation or enacted legislation).