

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



Sixty-first meeting of the Standing Committee
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Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens

PROPOSED DECISION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION
RELATING TO CAPTIVE-BRED AND RANCHED SPECIMENS

The present document has been prepared by Poland, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and the United States of America in relation to agenda item 27.

The Standing Committee:

1. Invites the Secretariat to issue a Notification to all Parties requesting that they provide information on:
 - i) the challenges that they have been facing in relation to the implementation of the CITES Convention, and particularly Resolutions Conf. 10.16 (Rev.), Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) or Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) relating to trade in captive-bred or ranched specimens.

The Parties would be invited to indicate in particular if those challenges relate to specific taxa (and which taxa) and/or to specific matters.

As examples of possible challenges faced by the Parties, the notification should refer to:

- confusion on the source codes used due to a lack of understanding of what those codes refer to;
- doubts as to the accuracy of the use of source codes C, D, F or R due to the natural history of the species, the production potential of the specific breeding facility or to the size or condition of the specimens in trade;
- doubts as to the legal origin of the parental stocks;
- enforcement problems;
- questions linked to the existence of a registration scheme;
- need to recruit specimens of wild origin to maintain a viable parental stock;
- needs to improve capacity building regarding inspection or evaluation of breeding operations; and
- information on already existing local, national and international actions that have contributed to establish sound managed breeding activities; and

- ii) the solutions which could be applied to address those challenges within the CITES context.

This Notification should be sent by the Secretariat to the Parties by 15 September 2011 with a request for replies by 30 October 2011. The Secretariat should compile the information received and make it available to the working group by 15 November 2011.

2. Establishes a working group chaired by the USA. The Members of the Animals Committee should be invited to become members of the working group.

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This working group should analyze the information compiled by the Secretariat and, taking account of that information and any other relevant input, should, at the 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee:

- i) report on the challenges described by Parties on the implementation and enforcement of the CITES provisions on captive breeding and ranching;
 - ii) present recommendations on how those challenges should be addressed in the CITES context.
3. Invites the Secretariat to report regularly to the Standing Committee on significant cases where it has taken initiatives or entered into a dialogue with Parties on trade in specimens declared as captive-bred or ranched where there is serious doubt about the identified source of the specimens in trade.