CITES and livelihoods

"The implementation of CITES is better achieved with the engagement of rural communities."

(Resolution Conf. 16.6)

The Parties to CITES recognize that implementation of decisions to include species in the Appendices should take into account potential impacts on the livelihoods of the poor, and invite Parties to carry out voluntary assessments and present case studies of impact-mitigation and community-empowerment.

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- Resolution Conf.16.6
- Decisions 16.17 to 16.25
- In 2008 the Standing Committee established a Working Group on CITES and Livelihoods
- In 2014 the Committee re-established the Working Group with the mandate provided in Decision 16.20.

Toolkit and guidelines

The Working Group on CITES and Livelihoods was given a mandate to develop: a **toolkit to assess impacts** of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of the poor; and **guidelines to address these impacts.**

Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations are invited to comment those documents (Notification No. 2014/063) to help the Working Group make recommendations to the Standing Committee.

SC CITES & Livelihoods Working Group

Chair: Peru. Members: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, South Africa, The United States of America, Zimbabwe, ITC, UNCTAD, UNEP-WCMC, IUCN, Conservation Force, IFAW, IWMC - World Conservation Trust, Pro-Wildlife, RESP, Safari Club International Foundation, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC.

Call for contributions

Notification to the Parties No. 2014/063 calls for feedback on the toolkits and guidelines.

Any Party, stakeholder or interested organization is welcome to submit a case study to be discussed during the upcoming workshop.

See Factsheet on CITES and livelihoods n°2 for more information on the toolkit and guidelines.

Upcoming workshop

The CITES Secretariat is organizing a workshop on CITES and livelihoods in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS). The objective is for the Working Group to **review the comments on the toolkit and guidelines**. The workshop will also discuss **case studies** related to CITES and livelihoods.

Save the date:
The workshop will be held in Cispatá, Colombia, from 11 to 13 February 2015.

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