

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



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DRAFT RESOLUTION AND DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions

RECOGNIZING the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2012, developed and adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its 10th meeting in Nagoya, Japan;

STRESSING that effective implementation of CITES is needed to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2012 and to achieve the Aichi targets;

UNDERLINING the commitment of the Convention to demonstrate how the effective implementation of CITES contributes to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the relevant Aichi targets;

RECOGNIZING the already existing significant cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions;

COMMENDING the ongoing and important cooperation among the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions, such as through the Biodiversity Liaison Group and the Environmental Management Group, and in particular through its Issue Management Group on Biodiversity;

RECALLING Resolution 10.4 on Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on Biological Diversity and Resolution 13.3 on the cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), as well as Decision 15.19, and the CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2013;

WELCOMING the decisions taken by the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species on cooperation, coordination and synergies with CITES and other biodiversity related conventions;

RECOGNIZING the outcome of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, The Future We Want, that recognizes the significant contributions to sustainable development made by the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and encouraging the Parties to MEAs to consider further measures to promote policy coherence at all relevant levels, improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary overlap and duplication, and enhance cooperation and coordination amongst MEAs;

CONVINCED of the significant potential of increasing cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions to enhance coherent national level implementation of each of the conventions.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

ENCOURAGES Parties to consider further opportunities to strengthen the cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at all relevant levels.

RECOMMENDS that Parties further strengthen the cooperation, coordination and synergies among the focal points of the biodiversity-related conventions and other partners at the national level to enhance coherent national level implementation of the Convention.

DRAFT DECISIONS

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 16.xx The Standing Committee shall, with support of the Secretariat, explore further options to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies between CITES and the other biodiversity-related conventions at all relevant levels, including through their respective programmes of work and secretariats.
- 16.xx The Standing Committee shall further pursue this work and report at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.