

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



Sixty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

Enforcement matters

DISPOSAL OF ILLEGALLY TRADED AND CONFISCATED
SPECIMENS OF APPENDIX-I, -II AND -III SPECIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 16.47 directed to the Standing Committee as follows:

The Standing Committee shall review Resolutions Conf. 9.9, Conf. 9.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Conf. 10.7 (Rev. CoP15) with a view to determining whether to consolidate any of their provisions or simplify their provisions, and shall report its conclusions and recommendations at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. Given the wide range of national policies and legislation on, experience with and challenges presented by, the disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens, as well as the value of undertaking a thorough review of the Resolutions referenced in Decision 16.47, the Standing Committee may wish to consider establishing a working group to assist it with the implementation of that Decision.
4. When reviewing Resolutions Conf. 9.9, Conf. 9.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Conf. 10.7 (Rev. CoP15), the Standing Committee may also wish to consider the related issue of stockpiles.

Recommendations

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee establish a working group on the disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens, with agreed terms of reference and a designated Chair.
6. The Secretariat further recommends that any working group established pursuant to paragraph 5 above be directed to report to the Standing Committee at its 66th meeting (SC66, Geneva, August 2015).