

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*

Proposed Terms of Reference for Inter-Sessional Evaluations of
CITES Listing Criteria and Guidelines following CoP12

The Conference of the Parties adopts the following terms of reference for the review of the criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II, to be completed by the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

1. The revised version of Annex 4, CoP12 Document 58 compiled by the Chair of the Criteria Working Group (CWG) formed by Committee I during CoP12 (hereafter referred to as the CWG12 Chair's text), will form a basis for further discussion, in recognition of the substantial and constructive efforts contributed by the Parties, the intersessional Criteria Working Group set up by CoP11, FAO, the Criteria Working Group formed during CoP12, and others.
2. The Animals and Plants Committees shall coordinate an open, transparent and broadly consultative process involving all Parties to consider further revision of the CWG12 Chair's text.
3. The review process should include reviews of selected taxa, if needed. It is noted that FAO has already undertaken such a review for selected commercially-exploited aquatic species.
4. The Animals and Plants Committees shall hold a joint intersessional meeting no later than December 2003 to prepare a new revision of Resolution Conf. 9.24, based on the CWG12 Chair's text, any reviews that may be undertaken, and other relevant documents, to be considered at CoP13.

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