

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES\*

Proposed Terms of Reference for Intersessional 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 of document CoP12 Doc. 58 compiled by the Chair of the Criteria Working Group (CWG) formed by Committee I during CoP12 (hereinafter 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 at 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 process should include reviews of selected taxa, to ensure the applicability of the criteria and guidelines to a broad array of taxa is assessed, and results of these reviews should be made widely available.
4. The Animals and Plants Committees shall report to the Standing Committee before a date to be established by the Standing Committee.

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