

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

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation issues

TRADE IN STONY CORALS

1. This document has been prepared by the Animals Committee.
2. Decision 12.62 directs the Animals Committee to consider and recommend a practical means of distinguishing fossilized corals from non-fossilized corals in international trade, and provide a report at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13).
3. At the 19th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC19, Geneva, August 2003) an intersessional working group was established to consider and recommend a practical means of distinguishing fossilized corals from non-fossilized corals in international trade and adopted an approach as a means of taking the work forward intersessionally.
4. With regard to a practical means of distinguishing fossilized corals from non-fossilized corals in international trade, a proposed amendment to the appendices was adopted at AC20 (Johannesburg, March-April 2004), and is submitted to CoP13 by Switzerland as Depositary Government, at the request of the Animals Committee in document CoP13 Prop. 36.
5. At AC20 a **proposed amendment to Resolution Conf. 12.3** on Permits and certificates was also **adopted** (see the Annex to this document – deleted text is shown in ~~strike through~~, additional text is underlined).
6. The Animals Committee considers the tasks directed to it by Decision 12.62 fulfilled and therefore **recommends that Decision 12.62 be deleted.**

COMMENT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat supports the proposed amendment to Resolution Conf. 12.3 on Permits and certificates and the deletion of Decision 12.62.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Proposed amendment to Resolution Conf. 12.3 on Permits and certificates

X. Regarding permits and certificates for coral specimens

RECOMMENDS that:

- a) on permits and certificates for trade in specimens that are readily recognizable as ~~coral~~-live rock, where the genus cannot readily be determined, the scientific name for the specimens should be 'Scleractinia';
- b) any Party wishing to authorise export of ~~coral~~-live rock [as defined in Resolution Conf. 11.10 (Rev. CoP12) Annex] identified to ordinate level only should, in view of the inability to make a non-detriment finding for ~~coral~~-live rock pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), apply the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 3; and
- c) Parties that authorise export of ~~coral~~-live rock should:
 - i) establish an annual quota for exports and communicate this quota to the Secretariat for distribution to the Parties; and
 - ii) through their Scientific Authorities, make an assessment (which would be available to the Secretariat on request), based on a monitoring programme, that such export will not affect the role that ~~coral~~-live rock has in ecosystems affected by the extraction of such specimens;