

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



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**Committee I**

Leopard export quotas

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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**Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP14)**

RECALLING Resolution Conf. 8.10 (Rev.), adopted at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Kyoto, 1992) and amended at the ninth meeting (Fort Lauderdale, 1994);

RECALLING that, with the exception of the rare cases of exemptions granted under Article VII of the Convention, commercial trade in Appendix-I species is prohibited;

RECALLING that the leopard (*Panthera pardus*) is listed in Appendix I;

RECOGNIZING that in some sub-Saharan countries the population of the leopard is not endangered;

RECOGNIZING also that the killing of leopards may be sanctioned by countries of export in defence of life and property and to enhance the survival of the species;

RECOGNIZING further that these countries of export may authorize trade in such dead specimens in accordance with Resolution Conf. 2.11 (Rev.), adopted at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (San José, 1979) and amended at the ninth meeting, and may grant export permits in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article III of the Convention;

RECALLING that paragraph 3 (c) of Article III provides that an import permit shall be granted only when a Management Authority of the State of import is satisfied that the specimen is not to be used for primarily commercial purposes, and that paragraph 2 (a) of Article III provides that an export permit shall be granted only when a Scientific Authority of the State of export has advised that the export will not be detrimental to the survival of the species;

RECOGNIZING the importance of monitoring the utilization of quotas granted by this Resolution;

CONCERNED that Parties have not always submitted special reports on numbers of skins exported annually, in accordance with recommendation e) of Resolution Conf. 8.10 (Rev.) and similar recommendations of former Resolutions on the same subject, in time for the Secretariat to prepare reports for the Conference of the Parties;

RECOGNIZING the desire of the Parties that the commercial market for leopard skins should not be reopened;

## THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS that:

- a) in reviewing applications for permits to import whole skins or nearly whole skins of leopard (including hunting trophies), in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of Article III, the Scientific Authority of the State of import approve permits if it is satisfied that the skins being considered are from one of the following States, which may not export more of the said skins taken from any one calendar year than the number shown under 'Quota' opposite the name of the State:

| State                       | Quota |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Botswana                    | 130   |
| Central African Republic    | 40    |
| Ethiopia                    | 500   |
| Kenya                       | 80    |
| Malawi                      | 50    |
| Mozambique                  | 120   |
| Namibia                     | 250   |
| South Africa                | 150   |
| Uganda                      | 28    |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 500   |
| Zambia                      | 300   |
| Zimbabwe                    | 500   |

- b) in reviewing applications for permits to import whole skins or nearly whole skins of leopard, in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) of Article III, the Management Authority of the State of import be satisfied that the said skins are not to be used for primarily commercial purposes if:
- the skins are acquired by the owner in the country of export and are being imported as personal items that will not be sold in the country of import; and
  - the owner imports no more than two skins in any calendar year and their export is authorized by the legislation of the country of origin;
- c) the Management Authority of the State of import permit the import of leopard skins in accordance with this Resolution only if each skin has a self-locking tag attached which indicates the State of export, the number of the specimen in relation to the annual quota and the calendar year in which the animal was taken in the wild – for example ZW 6/500 1997 indicating that Zimbabwe is the State of export and that the specimen is the sixth specimen taken in the wild in Zimbabwe out of its quota of 500 for 1997 – and if the same information as is on the tag is given on the export document;
- d) in the case of whole or nearly whole leopard skins traded according to the terms of this Resolution, the words “has been granted” in paragraph 2 (d) of Article III be deemed to have been satisfied upon the written assurance of the Management Authority of the State of import that an import permit will be granted; and
- e) the system adopted in this Resolution be continued, with any increase in a quota or any new quota (i.e. for a State not previously having one) requiring the consent of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP13), adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and amended at the 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004); and

REPEALS Resolution Conf. 8.10 (Rev.) (Kyoto, 1992, as amended at Fort Lauderdale, 1994) – Quotas for Leopard Hunting Trophies and Skins for Personal Use.