

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



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Committee I

Tortoises and freshwater turtles

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles Working Group on the basis of documents CoP15 Doc. 49 and CoP15 Inf. 22, and following discussions in Committee I.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 15.xx The Animals Committee, at its 25th meeting, shall review the final study from the IUCN Species Survival Commission, Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group (IUCN-TFTSG) mentioned in Decision 14.128 and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and/or at CoP16 as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 15.xx The Standing Committee, at its 61st meeting, taking into account the recommendations of the Animals Committee, shall review the pertinent sections, conclusions, and recommendations of the final study mentioned in Decision 14.128 and make its own recommendations at CoP16.

Directed to the Parties

- 15.xx The Parties, particularly those engaged in the trade of tortoises and freshwater and terrestrial turtles, are encouraged to review their implementation of Resolution Conf. 11.9 (Rev. CoP13), taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group (IUCN-TFTSG) mentioned in Decision 14.128, in order to determine what national actions may be necessary to strengthen their implementation and enforcement of CITES and their trade management and conservation of these species.
- 15.xx The Parties, particularly those engaged in the trade of tortoises and freshwater and terrestrial turtles, are encouraged, as a matter of priority, to develop national tariff Customs codes, based on the World Customs Organization harmonized system of tariff codes, for monitoring the trade in tortoises and freshwater and terrestrial turtles and for products thereof.
- 15.xx In fulfillment of paragraph m) of Resolution Conf. 11.9 (Rev. CoP13), the Parties are encouraged to consider the conclusions and recommendations contained in the final study mentioned in Decision 14.128 in preparation of their biennial (or other periodical) reports.