

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



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Committee II

Humphead wrasse: additional management measures
needed to combat IUU fishing

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat to record draft decisions approved during discussion of document CoP15 Doc. 51 at the 14th session of Committee II.

Directed to Parties:

15.XX All Parties are urged to:

- a) consider adopting appropriate stricter domestic measures under the remit of the legislation of the Party, including limiting the international trade in humphead wrasse to be conducted by air only, to strengthen the control and enforcement of the Appendix-II listing for the species;
- b) improve monitoring of trade in humphead wrasse, especially through inspections of boxes of mixed live reef fish by exporting, re-exporting and importing countries;
- c) exchange law enforcement information of relevance to humphead wrasse with other relevant Parties, and regularly compile and forward to the Secretariat for distribution a comprehensive summary of Convention violations for the species;
- d) increase awareness of the CITES listing for humphead wrasse, including by improving identification capacity among law enforcement officers through the use of training and educational materials;
- e) facilitate discussion on practicable and acceptable options for action to be taken in case of illegally imported/confiscated live fish; and
- f) provide information to the Secretariat on actions taken to implement this Decision, in order to inform the work of the Humphead Wrasse Working Group to be established by the Standing Committee pursuant to Decision 15.xx.

Directed to the Secretariat

15.XX The Secretariat is requested:

- a) to assist Parties in the capacity-building activities outlined in paragraph d) above; and
- b) where necessary, to provide assistance or advice to Parties to address the handling of confiscated live humphead wrasse.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 15.XX The Standing Committee shall, contingent on the availability of external funding, establish a Humphead Wrasse Working Group, which is to:
- a) review the actions taken by relevant Parties to implement this decision;
 - b) develop and recommend to the Standing Committee further options for improving control and enforcement in relation to the international trade in humphead wrasse, and ensuring the effectiveness of the Appendix II listing of the species; and
 - c) report back and recommend appropriate follow-up actions at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to support this initiative.