

Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16)*

Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use

RECALLING Resolution Conf. 8.10 (Rev.), adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting (Kyoto, 1992) and amended at its 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 by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting (San José, 1979) and amended at its 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

1. 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 should not authorize the harvest for export of more of the said skins during any one calendar year (1 January to 31 December) than the number shown under 'Quota' opposite the name of the State, understanding that the skins may be exported in the year of harvest or in a subsequent year (for example, a country with a quota of 250 leopard skins for 2010 may authorize export of 50 leopard skins taken in 2010 during 2010, 150 of the leopard skins taken in 2010 may be exported during 2011, and 50 of the leopard skins taken in 2010 may be exported in 2012):

| State | Quota |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Botswana | 130 |
| Central African Republic | 40 |
| Ethiopia | 500 |

* Amended at the 12th, 13th, 14th and 16th meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

| State | Quota |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 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:
- i) 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
 - ii) 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:
- i) each skin has a self-locking, non-reusable tag attached which indicates, at a minimum, the State of origin, 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 2010 indicating that Zimbabwe is the State of origin and that the specimen was taken in the wild in Zimbabwe in 2010 and received tag number 6 out of Zimbabwe's quota of 500 for 2010:
 - ii) if the same information as is on the tag is recorded on the export document in block 9 or block 5 of the standard CITES permit form (and no information is required in block 11a); and
 - iii) the tag has, as a minimum, the following characteristics: a tamper-resistant, self-locking mechanism, heat resistance, inertia to chemical and mechanical processing, and alphanumeric information, which may include bar-coding, applied by permanent stamping;
- d) Parties make every effort to ensure that skins are re-exported with the original tags intact;
- e) if the original tags are lost, damaged, or removed from skins during processing, the country of re-export should tag such skins prior to re-export, with a 're-export tag' meeting all the requirements of paragraph c) above, except that the country of origin and year of harvest will not be required; and further, that the same information as is on both the original tag and the replacement tag should be given on the re-export certificate, together with details of the original permit under which the skin was imported;
- f) Parties accept CITES documents for trade in leopard skins only if they contain the information referred to in paragraph c) or e), as appropriate, and if the skins are tagged in accordance with the provisions of the present Resolution;
- g) Parties, with the advice of the Secretariat if appropriate, implement a management and tracking system for tags used in trade; and

** The Secretariat believes that it was the intent of the Parties at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to remove Kenya and Malawi from this Resolution, but this was not formally agreed at the meeting.

- h) Management Authorities ensure that tags not affixed to skins in the year specified on the tag are destroyed;
 - i) 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
 - j) 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. CoP18), adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting and amended at its 13th and 18th meetings (Bangkok, 2004; Geneva, 2019);
2. DIRECTS the Secretariat to report deficiencies of the system or specific instances of concern to the Standing Committee and the relevant Parties, as appropriate; and
 3. REPEALS Resolution Conf. 8.10 (Rev.) (Kyoto, 1992, as amended at Fort Lauderdale, 1994) – *Quotas for Leopard Hunting Trophies and Skins for Personal Use.*