

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



Twenty-seventh meeting of the Animals Committee
Veracruz (Mexico), 28 April – 3 May 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

15. Identification of sturgeons and paddlefish specimens in trade (Decision 16.137) (AC27 Doc. 15)

The Committee noted document AC27 Doc. 15.

16. Identification of CITES-listed corals in trade (Decision 15.64) (AC27 Doc. 16)

The Committee agreed that the representative of Asia (Mr Soemorumekso) and the nomenclature specialist (Ms Grimm) should work inter-sessionally on the tasks directed to the Committee in Decision 16.137.

20. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.) (Decision 16.111) (AC27 Doc. 20)

The Committee established an inter-sessional working group to work on tasks directed to the Committee in Decision 16.111.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: AC Chair (Ms Caceres) and the representative of Asia (Mr Soemorumekso)

Parties: Canada, Indonesia and the United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature, Conservation International, Humane Society International, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Species Survival Network, Swan International and TRAFFIC International.

21. Sturgeons and paddlefish [Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16)]

- 21.1 Report of the Secretariat (AC27 Doc. 21.1)

- 21.2 Implementation by the Animals Committee of relevant provisions in Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16)..... (AC27 Doc. 21.2)

- 21.3 Evaluation of the “Register of licensed exporters and of processing and repackaging plants for specimens of sturgeon and paddlefish species” established in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP. 16)..... (AC27 Doc. 21.3)

With the addition of the following words at the start of recommendation 2 “With respect to Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16), the Animals Committee recommends that the Standing Committee provide

advice on its implementation and”, the Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC27 WG5 Doc. 1.

Adoption of executive summary AC27 Sum. 1

The Committee adopted executive summary AC27 Sum. 1 with the following amendments:

- Agenda item 2: Addition of the word “present” between the words “member and “declared”.
- Agenda item 3: Inclusion of a new second sentence stating: “There was broad support for the proposed changes to Rule 22 in paragraph 4 of document AC27 Doc.3 and the Committee agreed to consult with the Plants Committee about these prior to AC28”.

Adoption of executive summary AC27 Sum. 2

The Committee adopted executive summary AC27 Sum. 2 with the following amendments:

- Agenda item 25.2: Replacement of “Decision 15.62, a)” with “Decision 15.64 a)”.
- Agenda item 22: Insertion of the word “acting” before the words “representative of Asia (Mr Ishii)”.
- Agenda item 24: Inclusion of the following Party and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations as members of the working group: Austria, International Professional Hunter's Association and Swan International.

19. Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.)

- 19.1 Review of studies [Decision 16.103, paragraph a) and d)] (AC27 Doc. 19.1)
- 19.2 Reptile sourcing and traceability systems [Decision 16.103, paragraph b) to d)]..... (AC27 Doc. 19.2)
- 19.3 IUCN Red List assessments of Asian snake species (Decision 16.104) (AC27 Doc. 19.3)
- 19.4 Requirements for a traceability system for reptile skins..... (AC27 Doc. 19.4)

With the addition of the words “as a template” at the end of the first bullet point of recommendation 3, the Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC27 WG4 Doc. 1.

22. Conservation and management of sharks [Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16)]

- 22.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16) (AC27 Doc. 22.1)
- 22.2 Non-detriment Findings for CITES-listed sharks and manta rays..... (AC27 Doc. 22.2)
- 22.3 Guidance for making Non-detriment Findings for CITES-listed sharks..... (AC27 Doc. 22.3)
- 22.4 Report on the development of a Rapid Management-Risk assessment method for fish species through its application to sharks (AC27 Doc. 22.4)

With the addition of the words “and related” after the word “fisheries” in recommendation 9 a), the Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC27 WG7 Doc. 1.

26. Regional reports

26.1 Africa

The Committee noted the oral report by the representative of Africa (Mr Kasiki).

26.2 Asia.....(AC27 Doc. 26.2)

The Committee noted the report in document AC27 Doc. 26.2.

26.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean.....[AC27 Doc. 26.3 (Rev.1)]

The Committee noted the report in document AC27 Doc. 26.3 (Rev.1).

26.4 Europe (AC27 Doc. 26.4)

The Committee noted the report in document AC27 Doc. 26.4.

26.5 North America (AC27 Doc. 26.5)

The Committee noted the report in document AC27 Doc. 26.5.

26.6 Oceania (AC27 Doc. 26.6)

The Committee noted the report in document AC27 Doc. 26.6.

27. Any other business..... (No document)

The Committee noted that the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission had requested the Committee, as related in a Secretariat report, to include the topic of queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) in its work.

17. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens (Decision 16.65) [AC27 Doc. 17 (Rev. 1)]

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC27 WG2 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- Recommendation 1: Replacement of the words “these reports” with “the reports of both TRAFFIC and UNEP-WCMC”.
- Under Directed to the Standing Committee: Insertion of new paragraph v) containing the following text “agrees that, with respect to Decision 15.52, there is no need to seek to modify the number or definition of the source codes currently available”.

18. Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) (Decision 16.72)..... (AC27 Doc. 18)

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC27 WG3 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- Recommendation 1: Addition of the words “and calls for greater enforcement and capacity-building in the region” at the end of the recommendation.
- Recommendation 2: Addition of the words “and strategies for reducing demand for illegally sourced specimens” after the words “addressing the illegal trade in cheetah”.
- Recommendation 3: Addition of the words “and strongly encourages it to be convened before AC28” after the words “related to the illegal take and trade of cheetah”.

25. Standard nomenclature [Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16)]

25.1 Report of the specialist on zoological nomenclature (AC27 Doc. 25.1)

25.2 Revised nomenclature for *Poicephalus robustus* and *Cordylus* (AC27 Doc. 25.2)

The Committee adopted recommendations in document AC27 WG6 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- In paragraph 2 of the recommendation related to AC27 Doc. 25.1, replace the words “As there are considerable concerns by the IUCN/SSC Seahorse, Pipefish & Stickleback Specialist Group” with the words “The IUCN/SSC Seahorse, Pipefish & Stickleback Specialist Group has raised concerns” and delete the words “if regarded necessary”.
- Regarding the recommendation related to AC27 Doc.25.1 Paragraph 5: Replace the word “snapshot” with the words “time-specific version”.
- Regarding the recommendation related to AC27 Doc.25.1 Paragraph 12: Replace the words “also include the adoption” with the words “result in the acceptance”.

24. Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II [Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16)]

24.1 Overview of species under review..... (AC27 Doc. 24.1)

24.2 Selection of species for the Periodic Review..... (AC27 Doc. 24.2)

24.3 Species reviews

24.3.1 Periodic review of *Cuora galbinifrons*, *Mauremys annamensis* and *Chelodina mccordi* (Decisions 16.124 and 16.125)..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.1)

24.3.2 Periodic review of Felidae [Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP16)]..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.2)

24.3.3 *Panthera leo* – Report of Kenya and Namibia..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.3)

24.3.4 *Monachus tropicalis* – Report of the United States of America..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.4)

24.3.5 *Pteropus tokudae* – Report of the United States of America (AC27 Doc. 24.3.5)

24.3.6 *Grus canadensis pulla* – Report of the United States of America..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.6)

24.3.7 *Epicrates inornatus* – Report of the United States of America..... (AC27 Doc. 24.3.7)

The Committee adopted recommendations in document AC27 WG8 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- Recommendation 7: Insert the words “for *Chelodina mccordi*” after word “review”.
- Recommendation 9: Insert the word “possible” before the words “changes in the nomenclature”

The Committee noted that in relation to recommendations 10 and 13, the Secretariat, on behalf of the Committee, will provide copies of the proposals to the range States or former range States, and request that one or more of the States should submit the proposals for consideration at CoP17.

The Committee gratefully accepted the offer of Brazil to conduct periodic reviews for *Leopardus braccatus*, *Leopardus geoffroyi*, *Leopardus pardalis*, *Leopardus tigrinus*, *Leopardus wiedii* and *Puma yagouaroundi*.