

## **Clearing-house mechanism**

Recommendation from the clearing house on the logistics and agenda of workshop on Introduction from the sea (see document SC53 Doc. 15).

### **CITES Workshop on Introduction from the Sea Issues**

**June 2005 – January 2006 (exact dates TBD)  
Geneva, Switzerland**

#### Provisional Agenda

##### Day One

1. Arrival and registration
2. Welcome by CITES Secretariat
3. Introduction of participants
4. Nomination of chairperson and vice chairperson
5. Discussion of meeting structure and election of rapporteurs
6. Adoption of the agenda
7. Presentation of first background paper (CITES Secretariat)
8. Presentation of second background paper (FAO)
9. Presentation of third background paper (an RFMO, such as CCAMLR or ICCAT)
10. Discussion of the definition of “in the marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any State” (Article I, paragraph e).
11. Conclusions and recommendation of the discussion on the definition of “in the marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any State”

##### Day Two

12. Discussion of the definition of the term “introduction” (Articles I, III, and IV) and the utility of flag State competence in some cases.
13. Conclusions and recommendation of the discussion on the definition of the term “introduction” and the utility of flag State competence in some cases.
14. Roundtable discussion on some implementation issues
  - a. Types of information needed for documentation
  - b. Facilitation of international cooperation for non-detriment findings
  - c. Capacity building for developing countries

##### Day Three

15. Continue roundtable discussion
16. Conclusions and recommendations from roundtable discussion
17. Discussion and finalization of draft report
18. Finalization and adoption of draft report

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**Proposed timeline**

**June 2005** – CITES (Standing Committee or Parties?) approves the provisional Workshop agenda and organizing framework

**July 2005** – CITES Secretariat issues invitations to Parties and others (per COP13 Decision 13.18) to participate in the Workshop

**August 2005** – Finalized background papers are submitted and circulated to all participants by the CITES Secretariat

**August/September 2005** – Workshop is held in Geneva

**January 2006** – Workshop report is finalized and distributed