

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

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Strategic and administrative matters

STRATEGIC VISION

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its ninth meeting (Fort Lauderdale, 1994), the Conference of the Parties commissioned a review of the Convention's effectiveness. This led to the adoption of an Action Plan for implementing certain findings and recommendations of this review at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Harare, 1997). A central finding was the need for a Strategic Plan for the Convention.
3. A proposal for a Strategic Vision through 2005, and an accompanying Action Plan, were developed by the Strategic Plan Working Group of the Standing Committee. This proposal was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 42nd meeting (Lisbon, September / October 1999) and, with Decision 11.1, adopted by at the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Gigiri, 2000).
4. The Strategic Vision through 2005 presents a cogent overview of the specific aims of the Convention, outlines seven specific goals to meet the Convention's mission, and identifies specific objectives to be achieved to meet those goals. Its broad framework was designed to provide a focus to the Parties in their implementation of the Convention, and as guidance to the Conference of the Parties, its committees and the Secretariat. Its aim was also to serve as an effective outreach and educational tool, to provide a context for the Convention to others.
5. Responsibility for reviewing and evaluating ongoing progress toward implementation and revision of the Strategic Vision's Action Plan, for reviewing the status of goal performance indicators and for evaluation of the achievement of the goals of the Strategic Vision itself, between meetings of the Conference of the Parties, was assigned to the Standing Committee.
6. Consequently, with Notification to the Parties 2003/047 of 15 August 2003, the Secretariat reminded Parties that the period covered by the Strategic Vision through 2005 and its Action Plan would end in 2005, and announced that this would be discussed at the 50th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, March 2004). Parties were invited to submit to the Secretariat suggestions regarding the contents of a new Strategic Vision and Action Plan, or modifications to the existing documents, by 31 October 2003.
7. In response, the Secretariat received comments from only one Party and one non-governmental organization.
8. At its 50th meeting, on a proposal from the Secretariat, the Standing Committee instructed the Secretariat to submit the draft decision in the Annex for adoption at 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

13.xx The Conference of the Parties decides:

- a) to extend the time validity of the Strategic Vision through 2005 and its Action Plan, which were adopted with Decision 11.1 at its 11th meeting (Gigiri, 2000), until the end of 2007;
- b) to establish a Strategic Plan Working Group as a subcommittee of the Standing Committee, with representation from all regions and of the Animals and Plants Committees, with the task to develop, with the co-operation of the Secretariat, a proposal for a Strategic Vision and Action Plan through 2013;
- c) to urge all Parties and to instruct the Secretariat and the permanent Committees to evaluate their efforts in relation to the implementation of the existing Strategic Vision and Action Plan and to submit the outcome thereof to the Strategic Plan Working Group through their representatives on that working group;
- d) that the Strategic Plan Working Group shall submit its proposal to the Standing Committee for approval at its annual meeting prior to the deadline for the submission of proposals for consideration by the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties which is to be held in 2007; and
- e) that the Standing Committee shall submit the proposal for a Strategic Vision and Action Plan through 2013 to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for adoption.