

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



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**Committee II**

Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat  
and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties

DRAFT DECISION ON ACCESS TO FINANCE, INCLUDING GEF FUNDING

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Access to GEF funding

***Directed to Parties***

17.AA Parties are encouraged to:

- a) continue their efforts to include their CITES priorities in their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) to enhance access to GEF funding;
- b) contribute to the development and implementation of GEF projects that may have components related to the implementation of CITES, by communicating with their national GEF counterparts and informing them of relevant CITES requirements and processes; and
- c) closely monitor the progress of the GEF Global Wildlife Program and its projects to enhance Parties ability to meet their obligations under CITES.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

17.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) convey CITES priorities to the GEF for it to take them into account when developing the biodiversity strategy in GEF-7, consistent with the mandate of the GEF;
- b) provide inputs to the GEF Global Wildlife Program to ensure that GEF projects under the programme are, as far as possible, consistent with CITES Decisions and Resolutions and contribute to the enhanced implementation of the Convention;
- c) continue, in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat as well as with the GEF Secretariat, to enhance the biodiversity strategy in GEF-7 by strengthening the species-based component; and
- d) report on progress to the Standing Committee and Conference of the Parties as appropriate.

Access to other sources of funding

***Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities***

- 17.CC All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to Parties***

- 17.DD Parties are invited to second staff to the CITES Secretariat and to note that the salary of seconded personnel shall be covered by the Party. Seconded personnel shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the CITES Secretariat.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

- 17.EE Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the World Bank and other relevant financial institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, shall organize a Wildlife Donor Roundtable with particular focus on the sustainable use of wild fauna and flora, to:
- a) share information on their existing funding programmes for the conservation of wildlife;
  - b) understand the long-term financial needs of developing countries to implement the Convention; and
  - c) explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife.
- 17.FF The Secretariat shall report the progress made with regard to the implementation of Decision 17.EE, and its findings and recommendations, to the Standing Committee, as necessary, and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

- 17.GG The Standing Committee shall review the progress of implementation of Decisions 17.CC through 17.FF and make recommendations as necessary at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.