

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



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**Committee II**

Introduction from the sea

DRAFT DECISIONS ON INTRODUCTION FROM THE SEA

*This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of document CoP17 Doc. 36 as agreed at the eleventh session of Committee II (see document CoP17 Com. II Rec. 11).*

***Directed to the Secretariat***

16.48 (Rev. CoP17) The Secretariat shall report at the 69th or 70th meetings of the Standing Committee on the implementation of the Convention by the Parties concerned in relation to the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16).

To compile the aforementioned report, the Secretariat shall, where appropriate, approach relevant Parties bilaterally regarding their experience with the implementation of the above mentioned provisions.

The report should focus in particular on the conditions under which non-detriment findings are made and permits and certificates are issued, as well as on the relationship between chartering States and States in which the vessel is registered, in performing those tasks. It should especially assess the capacity of chartering States and the States in which the vessels are registered to control compliance with the provisions of the CITES Convention.

In that regard, the report should pay special attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Resolution pertaining to the legality of the acquisition and landing of the specimens concerned.

The report shall also include any cases where Parties have been unable to take advantage of this provision, including in situations where at least one of the States involved is not party to a relevant Regional Fishery Management Organization/Arrangement (RFMO/A).

Between now and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18), the Secretariat shall further communicate with the Secretariat of the relevant RFMO/A and other relevant international organizations, in particular regarding the implementation of the relevant obligations resulting from these RFMO/As or other international organizations, and share information provided with Parties on a timely basis.

***Directed to Parties***

16.49 (Rev. CoP17) Parties taking advantage of the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) should provide in a timely manner all information that might be requested from them by the Secretariat in view of the establishment of its report on this issue at the 69th or 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

16.50 (Rev. CoP17) The Standing Committee shall assess the findings of the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Convention by the Parties concerned in relation to the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16). On the basis of this report and any other information available, the Standing Committee shall provide an assessment on the implementation of this provision and, where relevant, propose amendments to this provision at CoP18.

***Directed to Parties***

16.51 (Rev. CoP17) On the basis of the assessment of the Standing Committee and any other relevant information, the Parties should review at CoP18 the provisions on chartering provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16).

***Directed to the Secretariat***

17.AA The Secretariat shall report, to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, on the results of the negotiations on the development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).