

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



Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Panama City (Panama), 14 – 25 November 2022

Summary record of the fourth session for Committee II

16 November 2022: 14h10 - 17h00

Chair: R. Ollerenshaw

Secretariat: I. Higuero
T. Carroll
Y. Liu
H. Okusu
J.C. Vasquez

Rapporteurs: F. Davis
J. Gray
R. Mackenzie
R. Sexton

The Chair of the Credentials Committee (Morocco) reported that 151 Parties were present and 139 credentials had been accepted.

Strategic matters

16. Capacity-building

New Zealand introduced document CoP19 Doc. 16 on behalf of the Standing Committee, reporting on progress with Decisions 18.39-18.46 and noting work conducted by the Standing Committee working group on capacity-building. The annexes to the document contained a draft new resolution to replace Resolution Conf 3.4 on *Technical cooperation*, and four draft decisions to continue work on the development of the capacity-building framework. The Standing Committee also recommended deletion of Decisions 18.39 to 18.46 as these had been implemented.

Benin, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the European Union and its Member States, Maldives, Mexico, Niger, Senegal, Togo, the United States of America, and the Sea Save Foundation expressed general support for the adoption of the draft decisions and the draft resolution in the document. Benin, Maldives and Niger expressed support for the amendments proposed by the Secretariat to paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, while Mexico and the United States proposed amendments to the Secretariat's proposed text. The European Union and its Member States proposed an amendment to paragraph 2 b) of the draft resolution in Annex 1.

Benin, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger, Senegal and Togo highlighted capacity and resource needs and the importance of capacity-building, and, with Bahrain, acknowledged the value of the CITES Masters course run by the International University of Andalucia. China provided information on a

proposed exchange programme for sharing expertise and collaborative research. The International University of Andalusia noted that more than 100 graduates of the CITES Masters course were present at CoP19 and indicated that the course would run again in 2023-2024.

After some deliberation, the draft resolution was accepted with the following amendments proposed by the European Union and its Member States, Mexico and the United States of America:

2. INVITES Parties to:

[...]

- b) ensure the inclusion of capacity-building, including targeted, technical, enforcement and compliance assistance, in the relevant bilateral and multilateral cooperation programmes ~~of development aid in which they participate~~; and

4. DIRECTS the Secretariat to:

- a) seek external funding and provide capacity-building support to Parties', ~~paying particular attention to the needs of Parties~~ particularly needs identified in Resolutions and Decisions and through compliance procedures, considering CITES implementation reports and direct expressions of interest and needs of Parties, giving priority to those Parties recently acceded Parties, and the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; ...
- b) cooperate with institutions and organizations in planning and delivering joint capacity-building activities of relevance to the Convention, in consultation with the Standing Committee and with the Animals and Plants Committees, as appropriate, as they relate to the development of new partnerships that have a scientific nexus or new or revised capacity-building materials of a scientific nature, including scholarships for in-person training or training opportunities;
- ...
- d) continue to undertake the revision and enhancement of the CITES website and of the CITES Virtual College, in consultation with the Standing Committee and with the Animals and Plants Committees, as appropriate, including selected online courses, to update the content and to improve their effectiveness in providing access to capacity-building resources to Parties; and
- e) report to the Standing Committee and to the Animals and Plants Committees on capacity-building activities and seek their advice and input, as appropriate;

The draft decisions in Annex 2 to document CoP19 Doc. 16 were accepted, and it was agreed that Decisions 18.39-18.46 be deleted.

30. Compliance Assistance Programme

The Chair of the Standing Committee introduced CoP19 Doc. 30, which outlined the establishment of a Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) to provide targeted support to Parties facing persistent compliance challenges. The annexes to the document contained proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18) *CITES compliance procedures*, draft decisions on the implementation of the Compliance Assistance Programme and a tentative budget for implementation.

Benin, Burkina Faso, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the European Union and its Member States, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo supported the proposed amendments and draft decisions.

Benin, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Senegal and Togo stressed challenges associated with implementation of the Convention and the continuing need

for the Compliance Assistance Programme. China offered to share experience in capacity-building. The Pan African Wildlife Conservation Network noted the risks faced by wildlife officials working on the ground and suggested that protection against such risks be integrated into training programmes.

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES compliance procedures* in Annex 1 to document CoP19 Doc. 30 were accepted, as were the draft decisions in Annex 2. It was agreed to delete Decisions 18.68, 18.69 and 18.70.

31. Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews

The Chair of the Animals Committee introduced document CoP19 Doc. 31, outlining progress in the implementation of Decisions 18.71 to 18.73 and proposing the adoption of draft decisions contained in Annex 1 to the document.

The United States of America supported the draft decisions and the deletion of Decisions 18.71 to 18.73.

The draft decisions in Annex 1 to document CoP19 Doc. 31 were accepted. It was agreed to delete Decisions 18.71 to 18.73.

Strategic matters

13. Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities

Kenya introduced document CoP19 Doc. 13 on behalf of the Standing Committee, drawing attention to the draft decision 19.AA under comments of the Secretariat and the proposed revisions to Decisions 17.57 (Rev. CoP18), 18.31 and 18.32 contained in Annex 1.

Botswana, Canada, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Namibia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zambia, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (speaking also on behalf of TRAFFIC and World Wide Fund for Nature) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation supported the proposed revisions in Annex 1, as well as the draft decision 19.AA proposed in the Secretariat's comments on the document. China, Uganda, the United Kingdom, Zambia and Ngamiland Council of NGOs recognized that delays to planned intersessional work due to unavoidable circumstances but stressed the need for progress and concrete action on this issue. Gabon, Kenya, Togo, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Amboseli Ecosystem Trust also supported the proposed revision of Decision 18.31. Ngā Iwi o Taranaki emphasized the importance of this matter and supported the recommendations contained in the document.

The United States of America was of the opinion that Parties should engage indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLC) in CITES processes at national level. It supported revised Decisions 18.31 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.32 (Rev. CoP19) as well as paragraph b) in draft decision 19.AA proposed by the Secretariat in its comments but did not support revised Decision 17.57 (Rev. CoP19) and paragraph a) in draft decision 19.AA proposed by the Secretariat in its comments.

New Zealand drew attention to information document CoP19 Inf. 29 that provides information relating to the engagement of indigenous and local people in other international treaties and processes. Switzerland highlighted the importance of the matter that was also emphasized in the *IPBES Assessment on the sustainable use of wild species*; reflected on the similarities between the current agenda item and items 14 and 15; and the need for improved communication on these matters.

Togo, supported by Gabon, Kenya, the United States of America, David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation and Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association, did not support the Secretariat's proposed insertion of 'and international' in draft decision 19.AA, stating that engagement of IPLCs in CITES processes was possible through admission of observers.

China requested a vote on the inclusion of 'and international' in draft decision 19.AA a) of document CoP19 Doc. 13. Thirty Parties voted in favour, 48 against, and 14 abstained; the inclusion of the language 'and international' was therefore not accepted.

The revised Decisions 17.57 (Rev. CoP19), 18.31 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.32 (Rev. CoP19) were accepted, as was the draft decision 19.AA with the exception of the text 'and international' in paragraph a).

14. Livelihoods

Peru, as the Chair of the intersessional working group on CITES and livelihoods, introduced document CoP19 Doc. 14, which provided a brief summary of the activities of the working group to implement Decisions 18.33 to 18.37. Annex 1 contained revised versions of these Decisions proposed for renewal. Peru drew attention to the Secretariat's comments, including the proposed transfer of paragraph b) of Decision 18.33 (Rev. CoP19) to document CoP19 Doc. 13 in order to resolve overlapping Decisions and provide clear mandates to the different working groups.

China, Maldives and Mexico supported the adoption of the revised decisions.

Burkina Faso, Israel and Togo, opposed the acceptance of revised Decisions 18.33 to 18.35, expressing particular concern with the valuation of species included in the CITES Appendices without consideration of how the benefits of such trade might be distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 17h00.



Motion Item 13 [17.11.2022 5:33:18 AM]

Quorum: Yes > 66.66%
EU-Vote: individual
YES: 38.46%

1	KAZAKHSTAN	Not Allowed
2	KENYA	Not Allowed
3	KUWAIT	Not Present
4	NETHERLANDS	NO
5	NEPAL	ABST
6	NAMIBIA	YES
7	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	Not Allowed
8	SAMOA	Not Present
9	SAN MARINO	Not Allowed
10	UKRAINE	Not Allowed
11	UGANDA	NO
12	TÜRKIYE	YES
13	BANGLADESH	YES
14	BARBADOS	Not Allowed
15	BELARUS	Not Allowed
16	CYPRUS	NO
17	CUBA	ABST
18	CROATIA	NO
19	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	ABST
20	PARAGUAY	Not Present
21	PERU	NO
22	PHILIPPINES	Present
23	POLAND	Not Allowed
24	PORTUGAL	NO
25	QATAR	Not Allowed
26	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Present
27	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	Not Allowed
28	ROMANIA	NO
29	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Not Present
30	MONTENEGRO	Not Present
31	MONGOLIA	Not Allowed
32	MONACO	Not Present
33	MEXICO	YES
34	MAURITIUS	Not Allowed
35	MAURITANIA	Not Present
36	MALTA	NO
37	MALI	ABST
38	MALDIVES	NO
39	MALAYSIA	Present
40	MALAWI	YES
41	ZIMBABWE	YES
42	AFGHANISTAN	Not Allowed
43	ALBANIA	Not Allowed
44	ALGERIA	ABST
45	ANDORRA	Not Allowed
46	ANGOLA	Not Allowed
47	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	Not Present
48	ARGENTINA	YES
49	ARMENIA	Not Allowed



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50	AUSTRALIA	NO
51	REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA	NO
52	TOGO	NO
53	THAILAND	Not Present
54	TAJIKISTAN	Not Allowed
55	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	Not Present
56	SWITZERLAND	YES
57	SWEDEN	NO
58	SURINAME	NO
59	SUDAN	Not Present
60	SRI LANKA	Not Present
61	SPAIN	NO
62	SOUTH AFRICA	YES
63	ESTONIA	NO
64	ESWATINI	Not Allowed
65	ETHIOPIA	YES
66	EUROPEAN UNION	Present
67	FIJI	Not Present
68	FINLAND	NO
69	FRANCE	NO
70	GABON	NO
71	GAMBIA	Present
72	GEORGIA	Not Present
73	GERMANY	NO
74	COMOROS	NO
75	COLOMBIA	YES
76	CHINA	YES
77	CHILE	YES
78	CHAD	Not Allowed
79	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	YES
80	CANADA	YES
81	CAMEROON	ABST
82	CAMBODIA	YES
83	CABO VERDE	Not Allowed
84	BURUNDI	NO
85	IRELAND	NO
86	ISRAEL	NO
87	ITALY	NO
88	JAMAICA	ABST
89	JAPAN	YES
90	JORDAN	Not Present
91	GHANA	Present
92	GREECE	NO
93	GRENADA	Not Allowed
94	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	ABST
95	COSTA RICA	YES
96	CONGO	Not Present
97	AZERBAIJAN	Not Allowed
98	BAHAMAS	Not Present
99	BAHRAIN	ABST
100	TUNISIA	ABST
101	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Not Present
102	TONGA	YES



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103	RWANDA	Not Allowed
104	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	Not Allowed
105	SAINT LUCIA	Not Allowed
106	MYANMAR	Not Allowed
107	MOZAMBIQUE	Present
108	MOROCCO	Present
109	NEW ZEALAND	ABST
110	NICARAGUA	Not Present
111	NIGER	NO
112	NIGERIA	Present
113	NORTH MACEDONIA	Not Allowed
114	NORWAY	YES
115	OMAN	Not Allowed
116	PAKISTAN	Not Present
117	PALAU	Not Allowed
118	PANAMA	Not Allowed
119	PANAMA	YES
120	MADAGASCAR	Not Present
121	LUXEMBOURG	NO
122	LITHUANIA	NO
123	LIECHTENSTEIN	YES
124	LIBYA	Not Allowed
125	LIBERIA	Present
126	LESOTHO	ABST
127	LEBANON	Not Allowed
128	LATVIA	NO
129	LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	NO
130	KYRGYZSTAN	Not Allowed
131	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	Not Allowed
132	SAUDI ARABIA	Not Allowed
133	SENEGAL	NO
134	SERBIA	Not Allowed
135	SEYCHELLES	Not Present
136	SIERRA LEONE	Not Present
137	SINGAPORE	ABST
138	SLOVAKIA	NO
139	SLOVENIA	NO
140	SOLOMON ISLANDS	Present
141	SOMALIA	Not Allowed
142	ZAMBIA	YES
143	YEMEN	Not Present
144	VIET NAM	Present
145	VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)	Not Present
146	VANUATU	Not Present
147	UZBEKISTAN	Not Allowed
148	URUGUAY	Not Present
149	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	NO
150	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	YES
151	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IR	NO
152	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	ABST
153	BELGIUM	NO
154	BELIZE	Not Present
155	BENIN	NO



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156	BHUTAN	NO
157	BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	NO
158	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Not Allowed
159	BOTSWANA	YES
160	BRAZIL	Present
161	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	Not Allowed
162	BULGARIA	Present
163	BURKINA FASO	NO
164	ERITREA	NO
165	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Not Allowed
166	EL SALVADOR	NO
167	EGYPT	YES
168	ECUADOR	YES
169	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Present
170	DOMINICA	Not Allowed
171	DJIBOUTI	Not Allowed
172	DENMARK	NO
173	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	NO
174	CZECH REPUBLIC	NO
175	GUATEMALA	YES
176	GUINEA	YES
177	GUINEA-BISSAU	YES
178	GUYANA	Not Present
179	HONDURAS	Not Present
180	HUNGARY	NO
181	ICELAND	Present
182	INDIA	NO
183	INDONESIA	Present
184	IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	Not Allowed
185	IRAQ	Not Allowed