

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



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COMPILATION OF DRAFT DECISIONS PROPOSED TO COP19

1. This document has been submitted by the Secretariat in relation to all the agenda items of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. In order to accurately reflect the possible programme of work for CITES over the next triennium, the Secretariat has compiled in one information document all the draft decisions proposed for adoption by the Conference of the Parties. The compilation is for information only and does not take into account any amendments proposed by the Secretariat in its comments.
3. There is a total of 368 draft decisions directed to the following Parties and bodies:

Table 1: Decisions directed to Parties (and other relevant stakeholders), the Standing Committee, the Animals Committee, the Plants Committee and the Secretariat since 2010

Decisions directed to	CoP15 (2010)	CoP16 (2013)	CoP17 (2016)	CoP18 (2019)	CoP19 (2022)
Animals Committee	15	19	31	40	46
Plants Committee	20	12	26	27	41
Standing Committee	30	49	79	86	101
Secretariat	57	60	129	122	113
Parties and others	36	56	87	95	93
Total¹	126	196	352	357	368

¹ The total number of Decisions adopted at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties is lower than the sum of the Decisions directed to the AC, PC, SC, Secretariat and Parties and others because some Decisions are directed to two entities at the same time, for instance to the Animals and Plants Committees.

Opening of the meeting

Opening ceremony.....	(no document)
Welcoming addresses.....	(no document)

Administrative and financial matters

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II	(no document)
2. Adoption of the agenda	CoP19 Doc. 2
3. Adoption of the working programme.....	CoP19 Doc. 3
4. Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties	
4.1 Report of the Standing Committee.....	CoP19 Doc. 4.1
4.2 Proposed amendment to Rule 26	CoP19 Doc. 4.2
5. Credentials Committee	
5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee	(no document)
5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee.....	(no document)
6. Admission of observers	CoP19 Doc. 6
7. Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties	
7.1 Administration of the Secretariat	CoP19 Doc. 7.1
7.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative matters	CoP19 Doc. 7.2
7.3 Financial reports for 2020-2022	CoP19 Doc. 7.3
7.4 Budget and work programme for 2023 to 2025.....	CoP19 Doc. 7.4

DRAFT DECISIONS ON ACCESS TO FUNDING

Directed to Parties

- 18.4 Parties are invited to provide non-reimbursable loan of personnel services to the CITES Secretariat noting that the salary and administrative fee of non-reimbursable loan personnel shall be covered by the Party, with such personnel remaining under the administrative authority of the sending Party. Non-reimbursable loan personnel shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the CITES Secretariat.
- 19.AA Parties are encouraged to:
- a) engage with their Global Environment Facility (GEF) national focal points in order to take part in the national GEF processes and facilitate use of allocated GEF funding through the Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Programme;
 - 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) monitor the progress of the GEF Global Wildlife Program and the discussion on the establishment of the Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program under the eighth replenishment of resources for the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-8) and ensure that national projects, where applicable, can enhance the beneficiary Parties' ability to meet their obligations under CITES.

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

- 19.BB All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance for ensuring the effective implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
- 19.CC In providing financial assistance, Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are encouraged to take into consideration the administrative and financial management support needed to ensure that the funded activities are managed in an efficient, effective and accountable manner, and that they do not affect the Secretariat's core administrative tasks.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.DD The Secretariat shall:
- a) continue to participate in the Program Steering Committee of the GEF Global Wildlife Program, Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program, or other GEF mechanisms as appropriate, to ensure that GEF projects under the programme are, as far as possible, aligned with CITES Decisions and Resolutions and contribute to the enhanced implementation of the Convention; and
 - b) provide technical advice and in-kind support to Parties in the development and implementation of their GEF projects under the Global Wildlife Program, Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program, or other GEF mechanisms as appropriate.
- 19.EE Subject to the availability of external funding and in collaboration with the World Bank and other relevant financial institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, the Secretariat shall organize a wildlife donor roundtable with a particular focus on sustainable use, to:
- a) share information on existing funding programmes on 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.

19.FF The Secretariat shall report on the progress on the implementation of Decisions 19.BB, 19.DD and 19.EE and make any recommendations, as necessary, to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.GG The Standing Committee shall review the Secretariat's report and make recommendations, as necessary, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISION ON *SPONSORED DELEGATES PROJECT*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall:

- a) offer to provide financial support for the participation at meetings of the Standing Committee of a maximum of two delegates from each developing country Party subject to an Article-XIII process; and
- b) report on the implementation of paragraph a) and bring any recommendations to the attention of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

8. Language strategy for the Convention CoP19 Doc. 8

Strategic matters

9. Committee reports and recommendations

- 9.1 Standing Committee

- 9.1.1 Report of the Chair CoP19 Doc. 9.1.1

DECISIONS ON CONDUCT OF COMMITTEES TO BE RENEWED

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 18.2** The Standing Committee shall consider whether the terms of reference of the Standing Committee Finance and Budget Subcommittee should be annexed to the new resolution on *Establishment of committees*.

DECISIONS TO BE REVISED

Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE TRANSFER OF A SPECIES FROM ONE APPENDIX TO ANOTHER

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 18.151(Rev. CoP19)** The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat, consider whether further guidance related to the period of transition, including the period between the adoption of a proposal to transfer a species from one Appendix to another and the entry into force of the new listing, should be developed and, if so, present amendments to an existing Resolution or a new draft resolution to the 1920th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In this context, the Standing Committee shall consider, in consultation with the Plants Committee, as appropriate, whether special recommendations should apply in the case of a transfer of a tree species with Annotation #5 or other annotated plant species.

STOCKS AND STOCKPILES

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.170 (Rev. CoP1819)** The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat, review the existing provisions agreed by the Parties concerning controls on stocks of specimens of CITES- listed species. It shall consider their objectives and implementation, ~~and~~ the resource implications for Parties and the Secretariat, and the work conducted during the previous intersessional periods, and shall report its conclusions and recommendations at the 1920th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY COP19

DECISION ON SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES

Rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples in the interest of addressing emerging human and wildlife disease risks

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.AA** The Standing Committee shall consider the need for the development of further appropriate mechanisms, including guidance and capacity-building on simplified procedures in accordance with the recommendations in Part XIII of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Permits and certificates*, to facilitate the efficient international movement of wildlife samples for diagnostic purposes and/or conservation purposes, for consideration by the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DECISION ON BENEFITS AND IMPACTS OF HIGHER TAXON LISTINGS IN THE APPENDICES

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.AA** The Animals and Plants Committees shall, taking into consideration document AC31 Doc. 38 with its Annex and its addendum, as well as the provisions of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), Annex 3, review the impact of existing and future higher taxon listings in the Appendices and propose further guidance and recommendations as necessary, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.BB** The Standing Committee shall take into account the guidance and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees and make any recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as required.

9.1.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members.....	(no document)
9.2	Animals Committee	
9.2.1	Report of the Chair	CoP19 Doc. 9.2.1
9.2.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members.....	(no document)
9.3	Plants Committee	
9.3.1	Report of the Chair	CoP19 Doc. 9.3.1
9.3.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members.....	(no document)

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *CITES STRATEGIC VISION*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall undertake a comparative analysis in order to illustrate the linkages between the *CITES Strategic Vision 2021-2030* and highlight areas of alignment with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as a starting point for an assessment of how CITES can contribute to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework and its monitoring framework; make recommendations for additional actions as appropriate; and present its analysis to the Animals and Plants Committees, followed by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall review the information provided by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA and make further recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall review the comments and recommendations provided by the Animals and Plants Committees and by the Secretariat under Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *APPENDIX-I LISTED SPECIES*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) in consultation with relevant range States, produce detailed assessments on the conservation status, threats, relevance of trade, ongoing *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation strategies or recovery plans and funding/resources available or required for at least ten Appendix-I listed species; and
- b) submit a report, including these assessments, with draft recommendations, for consideration by the Animals and Plants Committees.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) review the report and draft recommendations prepared by the Secretariat under paragraph a) of Decision 19.AA;
- b) taking into account paragraph a) of this decision, information document [AC31 Inf.6/ PC25 Inf.8](#) and the suggestions in document AC31/PC25 Com 1 (Rev. by Sec.) and its Annex, refine the methodology and its criteria for carrying out an assessment of species listed in Appendix I that might benefit from measures adopted by the Conference of the Parties; and
- c) formulate recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the range States and consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *WORLD WILDLIFE TRADE REPORT*

Directed to the Parties

19.AA Parties are invited to, on voluntary basis:

- a) explore the possibility of including price data of CITES specimens in trade in their annual or implementation reports, where feasible and allowed by their national legislation.
- b) collate and compile information on conservation impact and socio-economic benefits of trade in CITES-listed species, using a standard template and include them in their implementation reports.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall:

- a) establish an intersessional working group to develop a user-friendly methodology to collect and standard template to submit price data of CITES specimens in trade and other information mentioned in Decision 19.AA based on a study commissioned by the Secretariat and the pilot World Wildlife Trade Report submitted as an information document to CoP19;
- b) when establishing the intersessional working group, endeavour to achieve regional balance of Parties and observers, and give special consideration to participation of representatives of private sector and relevant research institutions; and
- c) make recommendations on the elaboration of a World Wildlife Trade Report and any possible amendments to the guidelines for the submission of annual and implementation reports to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) commission a study on user-friendly methodologies to collect and standard template to submit price data of CITES specimens in trade and other information mentioned in Decision 19.AA to review and analyze the various aspects of international trade in CITES-listed species, including trends, patterns and scale of the trade, conservation impacts, socio-economic benefits and the possible correlations between legal and illegal trade;
- b) Present the findings of the study referred to the intersessional Working Group of the Standing Committee together with any recommendations it may consider relevant;
- c) issue a Notification to the Parties to seek inputs from Parties on the availability of price data of CITES specimens in trade and other socio-economic information pursuant to Decision 19.AA; and
- b) In coordination with alliance of partners including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the World Resources Institute (WRI), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and TRAFFIC, prepare a World Wildlife Trade Report following the methodology recommended by the Standing Committee and submit it for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

REVISED DECISIONS ON
ENGAGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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Directed to the Standing Committee

17.57 (Rev. CoP1819)

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) examine the terminology used in different Resolutions and Decisions when referring to "indigenous peoples", "local communities" or "rural communities"; and
- b) make recommendations to the 20th ~~19th~~ meeting of the Conference of the Parties on whether there is need for consistency of terminology across these Resolutions and Decisions.

18.31(Rev. CoP19)

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) establish an intersessional working group to consider how to effectively engage indigenous peoples and local communities* in the CITES processes, taking into account the discussions from the previous last intersessional periods, including the information contained in document SC74 Doc.20.2 and SC70 Doc. 15, experiences shared by Parties and relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and international organizations, and any information provided pursuant to Decision 18.32 (Rev. CoP19); and present its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee
- b) when establishing the intersessional working group, endeavour to achieve regional balance of Parties and observers, and give special consideration to participation of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities*;
- c) develop non-binding guidance that proponent Parties may use, as appropriate, in consulting with indigenous peoples and local communities* as part of the consultations that may take place on proposals to amend the Appendices.
- d) make recommendations on the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES processes to the ~~19th~~ 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.32 (Rev. CoP19)

The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification inviting Parties to provide information on their experiences and lessons learned in engaging indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES processes; and
- ~~b) consult and collaborate with relevant organizations and experts to gather information on experiences and lessons learned to complement information received from Parties under paragraph a) above; and~~
- c) compile the information received from the Parties ~~and other relevant organizations~~ and provide a summary to the Standing Committee.

REVISED DECISIONS ON LIVELIHOODS

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18.33 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Parties

Parties are invited to:

- a) collate or conduct new case studies, using the standard template, that demonstrate how sustainable use of CITES-listed species contributes to the livelihoods of the indigenous peoples and local communities* involved in such use, including trade, and to the conservation of the species. Include examples of facilitating such involvement by wildlife-related authorities and other stakeholders and submit them to the Secretariat ;
- b) engage indigenous peoples and local communities* in CITES decision-making and implementation processes at the national level to better achieve the objectives of the Convention; and
- c) where appropriate, incorporate issues related to CITES implementation and livelihoods into national wildlife conservation and socio-economic development plans, as well as in relevant projects being developed for external funding, including funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the ~~Global Wildlife Program~~ Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Programme.

18.34 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) establish an intersessional working group on CITES and livelihoods, which will work in collaboration with the Secretariat to:
 - ~~ia) monitor the progress made by Parties in implementing Decisions 18.33 to engage indigenous peoples and local communities in CITES decision-making processes to better achieve the objectives of the Convention; and review new case studies on CITES and livelihoods to draw best practices and lessons learned;~~
 - ii) review the draft *Guidance on maximising benefits to Indigenous peoples and local communities from trade in CITES-listed species* and provide recommendations to the Secretariat and the Standing Committee;
 - iii) review the report on *Exploring the use of registered marks of certification and other traceability mechanisms for products of CITES-listed species produced by indigenous peoples and local communities to enhance conservation and livelihood outcomes*, and provide recommendations to the Standing Committee, including possible next steps, as appropriate;
- b) review the report of the working group on livelihoods and the report of the Secretariat on the progress made under Decisions 18.35 (Rev. CoP19) and on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES and livelihoods*; and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the ~~49~~20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

* For the purpose of these Decisions, "indigenous peoples and local communities" is understood to include rural communities.

18.35 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Secretariat

Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) support the collation ~~of~~ or conduct ~~of~~ new case studies on CITES and livelihoods as described in Decision 18.33 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph a), and assist Parties to present the case studies in appropriate platforms, and in formats and manners that are most effective for targeted audiences, including on the CITES website;
- ~~b) commission an independent review, with inputs of experts from different disciplines, of relevant case studies on CITES and livelihoods, both existing and new, as well as existing guidelines on sustainable use of wildlife and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities*, to identify best practices;~~
- ~~c) based on the review, prepare guidance on how to maximize the benefits for indigenous peoples and local communities* of CITES implementation and trade in CITES-listed species;~~
- ~~d) taking into account past work on traceability reported in document CoP18 Dec. 42, explore the possibility of using registered marks of certification, existing and new, and other traceability mechanisms, for products of CITES-listed species produced by indigenous peoples and local communities* consistent with CITES provisions, in order to enhance conservation and livelihood outcomes;~~
- eb) facilitate the organization workshop-organize a joint meeting of the intersessional working group on engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities and the intersessional working group on CITES and livelihoods to support the implementation of Decisions 18.31 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.34 (Rev. CoP19).-to review the guidance developed as described in paragraph c) above, to present new case studies on CITES and livelihoods, and to facilitate the exchange of experiences in collaboration with relevant international and regional organizations;
- fc) organize the production of outreach materials, including publications and short videos based on the case studies, to raise awareness of and promote best practices in CITES implementation and livelihoods including its contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to share such materials on appropriate platforms, including the CITES website, social media channels, external media, and exhibitions; and
- ~~g) make efforts to establish global partnerships with relevant international and regional organizations, including conservation organizations and development agencies to work together in activities regarding CITES and livelihoods.~~
- d) report to the Standing Committee on progress made with regard to the implementation of paragraphs a) – c) and Resolution Conf. 16.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES and livelihoods*.

15. Participatory mechanisms for rural communities in CITES..... CoP19 Doc. 15

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA On the basis of the objectives detailed in document SC70 Doc. 15, the Secretariat shall prepare costed options for the establishment of:

- a) a permanent rural communities committee under Resolution Conf. 18.2; and
- b) a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on rural communities and submit a report on the matter, with its own recommendations to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat under Decision19.AA and submit its conclusion and recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

19.CC The Standing Committee shall consider to extend the mandate of the intersessional working group on rural communities, taking into account the present document, to continue its work and present its finding and recommendations to the Standing Committee, for consideration at its 75th meeting.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *CAPACITY-BUILDING*

19.AA *Directed to the Parties*

Parties are invited to share ideas, experiences, and information related to the development of an integrated capacity-building framework aiming to guide Parties, the Secretariat and external partners, as appropriate, to identify capacity-building needs and to prioritize, plan, coordinate, implement, monitor and review the benefit of their capacity-building efforts for more effective implementation of the Convention.

19.BB *Directed to the Standing Committee*

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) continue the development of an integrated capacity-building framework, including a common language and clear definitions, to improve the implementation of the Convention, with inputs from the Animals and Plants Committees, the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, and the Secretariat;
- b) in doing so, ensure the representation of perspectives and contexts of different regions and stakeholders (including from Parties that fund and Parties that receive capacity-building support) and consider developing a mechanism for Parties to identify the specific needs that, if met, would allow them to achieve full capacity to implement CITES; and
- c) provide a draft integrated capacity-building framework (which may include conceptual models, tools and guidance), along with its recommendations, for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

19.CC *Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees*

The Animals and Plants Committees shall engage in consultations with the Standing Committee, as called for in Decision 19.BB; and with the Secretariat as called for in Decision 19.DD.

19.DD *Directed to the Secretariat*

The Secretariat shall provide input to the Standing Committee and, subject to the availability of external funding and in consultation with the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committees, organise technical workshops and regional consultations that would facilitate the implementation by the Standing Committee of Decision 19.BB.

17. Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements

- 17.1 Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions CoP19 Doc. 17.1

DECISIONS ON
COOPERATION WITH MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.AA** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, prepare for consideration by the Standing Committee a partnership strategy for the Parties, the Permanent Committees and the Secretariat to identify priorities for collaboration that specifically enhance the implementation of the Convention, as well as its effectiveness and efficiency, through strategic partnerships.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.BB** The Standing Committee shall review the draft partnership strategy developed by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA and make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

REVISED DECISIONS ON
COOPERATION WITH MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Directed to Parties

- 17.55 (Rev. CoP4~~8~~19) Parties are encouraged to strengthen synergies among biodiversity multilateral environmental agreements at the national level by, among others, improving coordination and cooperation between national focal points and strengthening capacity-building activities.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.56 (Rev. CoP4~~8~~19) The Standing Committee shall, with support of the Secretariat, explore options consistent with the CITES Strategic Vision to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies at all relevant levels between CITES and ~~the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, its Aichi Targets and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,~~ taking into account the outcomes of the Second Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II), as appropriate, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. This should involve the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, and, as appropriate, engagement with other relevant organizations and processes, including processes under the Rio Conventions. The Standing Committee shall report on the implementation of this Decision at the ~~19th~~ 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISION ON
COOPERATION WITH THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat

19.AA The Plants Committee shall, in collaboration with the Secretariat:

- a) taking into account the relevant outcomes under CBD regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC, consider the need to revise Resolution Conf. 16.5 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation*;
- b) if considered appropriate, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5 with a view to ensure that a two-way collaboration between both Conventions is reflected; and
- c) present its recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

DECISIONS ON *THE ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF WILD SPECIES*

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committee

19.AA The Animals and Plants Committee shall review the scientific aspects of the IPBES thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species; consider their relevance to the implementation of the Convention; and provide the results of their review and any associated recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall consider the review of the IPBES thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species and associated recommendations prepared by the Animals and Plants Committees; make additional recommendations as appropriate; and submit the resulting conclusions and any recommendations as appropriate to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE
JOINT CITES-CMS AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE

Revised and retained decisions:

Change to existing Decisions are shown underlined (additions) or in ~~strike through~~ (deletions)

Directed to range States of African carnivores

18.59 *Relevant range States of African carnivores are urged to work through the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative to implement CITES Resolutions and Decisions relating to the species covered by this Initiative.*

Directed to Parties, ~~intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations~~

18.60 (Rev. CoP19) *Parties are invited to recognize the importance of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative in implementing CITES Resolutions and Decisions relating to the species covered by the Initiative, and in seeking synergies as appropriate to implement complementary CMS resolutions and decisions.*

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations

18.61 *Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support relevant African range States, through the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative, in their implementation of CITES Resolutions and Decisions relating to the species covered by this Initiative.*

New draft decisions:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall inform the Animals Committee regarding the activities and outputs of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivore Initiative (ACI) that relate to the Committee's mandate and request advice from the Animals Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.BB The Animals Committee shall advise the Secretariat, as appropriate, on information that it provides regarding the activities and outputs of the ACI that are relevant to the Animals Committee's mandate.

DRAFT DECISION ON THE
INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON COMBATING WILDLIFE CRIME (ICCWC)

Directed to Parties

- 19.AA** Parties are invited to provide feedback to the Secretariat on ICCWC support and tools, to be drawn upon by the Consortium in its implementation of the ICCWC Vision 2030 to continue to enhance its interventions at national, regional and international level.
- 19.BB** Parties are encouraged to provide funding support to the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) for the implementation of the *ICCWC Vision 2030* and its associated *Strategic Action Plan for 2023-2026* to ensure that the Consortium continues to take a leading role in providing coordinated global support to the law-enforcement community.

18. United Nations World Wildlife Day CoP19 Doc. 18
19. CITES and forests CoP19 Doc. 19

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *CITES AND FORESTS*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) prepare a report for the consideration of the Plants and the Animals Committees and the Standing Committee summarizing existing Resolutions and Decisions relevant to forests (a 'CITES forest compendium') and advising on any measures to enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to forests and to contribute more effectively to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives; and,
- b) subject to the availability of external resources, prepare a multidisciplinary study with relevant partners to assist decision-making processes on the future of any initiative relating to *CITES and forests* including by:
 - i) defining the scope of such an initiative, through an assessment of CITES listed species that could fall under the definition 'forest species';
 - ii) furthering the understanding of CITES-listed species that play a keystone role in the forests where they occur, and the co-benefits of their long-term conservation for other terrestrial species of wild flora and fauna. This analysis will likely centre around flora, and in particular tree species, but will be inclusive of other terrestrial flora and fauna species;
 - iii) assessing the value of CITES-listed forest species as components of forest ecosystems; and,
 - iv) developing recommendations to invest in CITES-listed forest species as essential components of forest ecosystems to enhance the timely and effective implementation of the CITES forest compendium, including by exploring resource mobilization strategies and programmatic approaches.

Directed to the Plants Committee and the Animals Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee, and the Animals Committees as appropriate, shall:

- a) consider any report by the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.AA; and,
- b) provide advice to the Standing Committee on its implementation of Decision 19.CC and to the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.AA to ensure that any initiative relating to CITES and forests is technically and scientifically coherent, and supportive of provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention for forest species.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report by the Plants and Animals Committees and the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB;
- b) based on the above, explore options consistent with the *CITES Strategic Vision* to:
 - i) enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to forests and CITES' contribution to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives; and
 - ii) raise awareness of the importance of investing in the conservation of CITES-listed forest species;

- c) assess the merits of proposing to the Conference of the Parties any measures, including the development of a resolution on CITES and forests, proportionate to the urgent call echoed in the global governance framework to enhance the implementation of global forest-relevant mandates and contribute effectively to global forest policies and initiatives; and,
- d) prepare a report on its implementation of the present Decision and submit any resulting recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *THE TREE SPECIES PROGRAMME*

Directed to the Parties

19.AA Parties are invited to provide financial and in-kind support for a capacity-building programme that provides long-term support to Parties on their implementation of the Convention for CITES-listed tree species.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall bring to the attention of the Plants Committee relevant technical and scientific results of the CITES Tree Species Programme (CTSP) and, subject to external funding:

- a) develop and implement a capacity-building programme covering all relevant regions on the implementation of CITES for tree species included in the Appendices and forests;
- b) seek advice and guidance from the Plants and Standing Committees, as needed;
- c) continue cooperation with organizations working on forest related matters, such as the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) to strengthen the support to Parties for implementing the Convention for listed tree species; and
- d) report on the implementation of this Decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE REVIEW OF THE ETIS PROGRAMME

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall work with TRAFFIC to, in consultation with the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG) where required, implement the high and medium priority recommendations in Annex 3 to document CoP19 Doc. 21.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB *The Secretariat shall report progress made with the implementation of the high and medium priority recommendations in Annex 3 to document CoP19 Doc. 21, and make any other recommendations emanating from the implementation to the Standing Committee.*

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC *The Standing Committee shall review the report provided by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.BB and make recommendations to improve the ETIS system and the use of its results for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference the Parties.*

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE
FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE MIKE AND ETIS PROGRAMMES

Directed to the Parties

19.AA All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support elephant range States and the Secretariat in their efforts to implement the MIKE and ETIS programmes as mandated in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, and the Secretariat in the implementation of 19.BB.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall

- a) pursue the following approaches to address the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE programme:
 - i) prepare proposals for support to the MIKE programme for consideration by donors;
 - ii) further explore alternative options to secure support from alternative funding sources, such as the private sector and through crowdfunding; and
 - iii) continue to enhance operational performances, including improvements to the MIKE Online Database and online training, and identifying and implementing cost-effective approaches to deliver on MIKE objectives.
- b) provide the Standing Committee with a report on the activities it has undertaken and the results thereof, including funding secured to support the implementation of the MIKE and ETIS programmes.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall review the report by the Secretariat in terms of Decision 19.BB and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties

23. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade

23.1 Report of the Standing Committee..... CoP19 Doc. 23.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE ROLE OF CITES IN REDUCING RISK OF FUTURE ZOOONOTIC DISEASE EMERGENCE ASSOCIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.AA** The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties, requesting Parties to identify and describe any new or existing domestic measures, or stricter domestic measures on in-transit shipments, imports and (re-) exports, on live wildlife trade or markets that contribute to mitigate the risk of pathogen spillover from international wildlife trade; and make the results available on the CITES website as a compilation of responses that could be useful to other Parties, as well as to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee for their information and consideration in undertaking Decisions 19.DD and 19.FF.
- 19.BB** The Secretariat shall, in line with the cooperation agreement between the CITES Secretariat and the OIE, work with the OIE and its Wildlife Working Group, including through the new *Ad Hoc Working Group on Reducing the Risk of Disease Spillover in Wildlife Markets and along the Wildlife Supply Chain*, in order to, *inter alia*, develop a joint program of work to collaboratively help fill knowledge gaps and identify effective and practical solutions for reducing pathogen spillover risk in wildlife supply chains. In undertaking this work, the Secretariat shall seek the views of the Animals and Standing Committee on the joint program of work, through their Chairs, and report on the progress of the development and implementation of the joint program of work to the Animals Committee, the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat shall also review its Cooperation Agreement with OIE to identify any necessary updates to reflect guidance provided by the Animals and Standing Committees.
- 19.CC** The Secretariat shall prepare a report summarizing existing activities or formal agreements with other entities (such as, among others, FAO, WHO and ICCWC) as well as possible emerging opportunities, and identify opportunities for additional practical collaboration towards reducing the risk of pathogen spillover or zoonotic disease transmission in international wildlife trade supply chains for consideration by the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.DD** The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.BB and make recommendations to the Standing Committee, including on priorities for the joint program of work and taking into the consideration the responses to the Notification prepared under Decision 19.AA.
- 19.EE** The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat under Decision 19.CC and make recommendations to the Standing Committee on opportunities for practical collaboration under the direction of existing Resolutions, Decisions or agreements.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.FF** The Standing Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 19.BB, taking into account the recommendations of the Animals Committee, and make its own recommendations, including on priorities for the joint program of work and taking into consideration the responses to the Notification prepared under Decision 19.AA.
- 19.GG** The Standing Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat under Decision 19.CC taking into account the recommendations of the Animals Committee, and make recommendations on opportunities for practical collaboration under the direction of existing Resolutions, Decisions or agreements.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.HH** The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees, consider the development of a Resolution on actions CITES Parties and others could take to advance a 'One Health' approach as it pertains to international wildlife trade, and provide its recommendations, which may be

in the form of a new draft Resolution, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In developing any resolution, the Standing Committee may consider, *inter alia*, encouraging Parties to undertake actions that would improve monitoring and reduce the risk of pathogen spillover along international wildlife trade supply chains; encouraging or enhancing collaboration with national wildlife and human health authorities to minimize and mitigate the risk of disease transmission; providing instructions to the CITES Committees or Secretariat to collaborate with relevant agencies and instruments to strengthen the consideration of wildlife health and international wildlife trade in a 'One Health' approach; and contributing their expertise in discussions on the development of an international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committee

- 19.//** The Animals and Plants Committee shall consider scientific elements that could be included in a possible Resolution on actions CITES Parties and others could take to advance a 'One Health' approach as it pertains to international wildlife trade, and provide its recommendations to the Standing Committee.

- 23.2 One Health and CITES:
Reducing human and animal health risks from wildlife trade..... CoP19 Doc. 23.2

DRAFT DECISION ON ONE HEALTH AND CITES: REDUCING HUMAN AND ANIMAL HEALTH RISKS
FROM INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, in collaboration with the Animals Committee:

- a) seek expert guidance from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and other relevant international health organizations with regard to the establishment of a CITES One Health Expert Panel, to support Parties with the implementation of Resolution Conf 19.XX;
- b) make recommendations to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee regarding:
 - i) Terms of Reference for a CITES One Health Expert Panel and;
 - ii) nominations for membership of the Expert Panel.
- c) create a dedicated One Health CITES website, containing references and guidance for Parties, sourced from relevant organizations including OIE, FAO, UNEP and WHO, to support the creation of One Health CITES Action Plans and risk assessments (in accordance with Resolution Conf 19.XX).

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall,

- a) no later than its 78th meeting, adopt Terms of Reference for and appoint a CITES One Health Expert Panel, to provide guidance to Parties in the development of their One Health Action Plans and risk assessments (in accordance with Resolution Conf 19.XX).
- b) make recommendations to the 20th Conference of the Parties on the development of further resources to support Parties with the implementation of Resolution Conf 19.XX as necessary.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC The Secretariat shall support the Standing Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.BB including through the provision of technical expertise, translation and interpretation as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *EMERGING OPERATIONAL MATTERS OF THE COMMITTEES*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) prepare a document for consideration by the Standing Committee containing information relating to the risk-assessment approaches implemented by the Secretariat to determine the best course of action if intersessional work and meetings are affected by emerging operational issues, such as those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, and referred to in paragraph 2 g) of Annex 1 to Resolution Conf. 18.2;
- b) prepare a document for consideration by the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plants Committee reflecting the Secretariat's understanding of the exceptional circumstances under which a hybrid-option will be made available to Parties to facilitate participation in a face-to-face meeting of the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plants Committee; and
- c) based on the guidance provided to the committees relating to the use of the Rules of Procedures for the online meetings of the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee, 31st meeting of the Animals Committee and 25th meeting of the Plants Committee, provide the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plants Committee with a document highlighting the provisions in the Rules of Procedure that may require further consideration for online and hybrid meetings.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) taking into account the document prepared by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA, paragraphs b) and c),
 - i) consider the exceptional circumstances under which a hybrid-option will be made available to Parties to facilitate participation in a face-to-face meeting of the Animals and Plants Committees; and
 - ii) consider whether adjustments to Rules of Procedures of the committees are required to facilitate online and hybrid meetings and decision-making where these are required and agreed; and
- b) propose amendments to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees* and their Rules of Procedure, as appropriate, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) develop and adopt guidance on a structured, risk-assessment approach to be followed to determine the best course of action if intersessional work and meetings are affected by emerging operational issues, such as those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic and referred to in paragraph 2 g) of Annex 1 to Resolution Conf. 18.2. In developing this guidance, the Standing Committee will consider the document developed by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA.
- b) develop and adopt guidance on the exceptional circumstances under which a hybrid-option will be made available to Parties to facilitate participation in a face-to-face meeting of the Standing Committee. In developing this guidance, the Committee will consider the document prepared by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA; and
- c) review the Rules of Procedures of the Standing Committee, taking into account the document developed by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA, to consider whether adjustments are needed

to permit and facilitate online and hybrid meetings and decision-making where these are required and agreed.

DRAFT DECISION ON A GENDER ACTION PLAN

Directed to the Secretariat:

19.AA The Secretariat, subject to available resources, shall develop a gender draft action plan for submission to the Standing Committee, potentially through the establishment of an inclusive and diverse intersessional working group at its 76th meeting following the close of the nineteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties [which should, *inter alia*...]

- a) draw on knowledge, case studies and other relevant information of the gendered dimension of wildlife trade;
- b) take into account the needs of indigenous and local women and girls as well as local and traditional knowledge;
- c) ensure that women and girls have equal access to, ownership and control over wildlife and that they have the fair and equitable sharing of benefits that arises for the use and trade of such wildlife, thus reducing poverty and gender gaps;
- d) reduce gender-based violence in access to wildlife resources;
- e) promote gender equality, inclusive decision-making and participation;
- f) increase and strengthen the participation and leadership of women at all levels of decision-making;
- g) enhance the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of women in processes of the Convention, including through the engagement of women's groups and women delegates; and
- h) generate recommendations and specific actions throughout the sustainable and legal wildlife trade chain, including its parts and derivatives (from harvesting to the law enforcement process and policy generation).

Directed to the Standing Committee:

19.BB The Standing Committee shall consider any draft gender action plan received from the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA and, if considered appropriate, submit a final version of that action plan, as an annex to a draft Resolution, for approval by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders

19.CC Parties and relevant stakeholders, are encouraged to:

- a) support the preparation of the "CITES and Gender Action Plan" by sharing knowledge, case studies and other relevant experiences;
- b) strengthen the evidence base and understanding of the gender-differentiated impacts of wildlife sustainable use and trade, and fair and equitable benefit-sharing; and
- c) provide financial support towards the development and implementation of the Gender Action Plan.

Interpretation and implementation matters

Existing Resolutions and Decisions

26. Review of Resolutions..... CoP19 Doc. 26
27. Review of Decisions CoP19 Doc. 27

DRAFT DECISION ON REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.109 (Rev. CoP18)** Subject to the availability of funds, the Secretariat, ~~within six months of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties,~~ shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States.

DRAFT DECISION ON CAPTIVE-BREEDING OF SRI LANKAN AGAMIDS

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 18.175** The Animals Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat and consider whether to select species-country combinations of *Ceratophora stoddartii*, *Ceratophora aspera* and *Lyriocephalus scutatus* for review under Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity*.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON ANNOTATION OF CAPE ALOE (ALOE FEROX)

Directed to the Secretariat

- 18.323 (Rev. CoP19)** The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties ~~after one year of the conclusion of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties~~ requesting the following information:
- a) whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has impacted the international trade in *Aloe ferox* specimens; and
 - b) whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has affected the population size, distribution, status and harvest of *Aloe ferox*.
- 18.324 (Rev. CoP19)** The Secretariat shall compile responses from the Parties as requested under Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19) and provide these responses to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 18.325 (Rev. CoP19)** The Plants Committee shall review the information received as requested under Decision 18.324 (Rev. CoP19) and other relevant information available regarding the status, management, and international trade in *Aloe ferox*, with a view to assessing whether the exemption of finished products of *Aloe ferox* packaged and ready for retail trade from CITES regulation have had any impacts on the natural populations of the species. Based on the outcome of this review, the Plants Committee shall formulate recommendations concerning the listing of *Aloe ferox* for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

- 18.326 (Rev. CoP19)** Range countries, consumer countries, and other countries involved in the management, propagation, or trade of *Aloe ferox* are encouraged to provide information regarding the status, management, and trade in this species as requested under Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19).

General compliance and enforcement

28. National laws for implementation of the Convention CoP19 Doc. 28

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
NATIONAL LAWS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Directed to Parties

- 19.AA** Parties with legislation in Category 2 or 3 under the National Legislation Project (NLP) are urged to submit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible and in one of the three working languages of the Convention, details of appropriate measures that have been adopted for the effective implementation of the Convention. Such Parties are also urged to keep the Secretariat informed of legislative progress at any time.
- 19.BB** Parties with legislation in Category 1 under the National Legislation Project are encouraged to inform the Secretariat of any relevant legislative developments and to provide technical or financial assistance to Parties affected by Decision 19.AA, either directly or through the Secretariat.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.CC** At its 77th and 78th meetings, the Standing Committee shall review the progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention. With the assistance of the Secretariat, the Standing Committee may identify additional Parties that require its attention as a priority and shall pay particular attention to these Parties. The Standing Committee shall take appropriate compliance measures with regard to Parties affected by Decision 19.AA that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention or taken significant and substantive steps to do so. For Parties that have acceded to the Convention less than eight years ago, the Standing Committee may decide to allow more time to adopt appropriate measures.
- 19.DD** Such compliance measures may include a recommendation to suspend commercial trade with Parties affected by Decision 19.AA that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention, in particular Parties identified as requiring attention as a priority. Any recommendation to suspend commercial trade with the Party concerned shall take effect 60 days after it is agreed, unless the Party adopts appropriate measures before the expiry of the 60 days or takes significant and substantive steps to do so.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.EE** The Secretariat shall:
- a) compile and analyse the information submitted by Parties on measures adopted before the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to fulfil the requirements laid down in the text of the Convention and Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) on *National laws for implementation of the Convention*;
 - b) assist the Standing Committee in reviewing progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and in identifying additional Parties requiring attention as a priority;
 - c) subject to external funding, provide legal advice and assistance to Parties on the development of appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention, including legislative guidance for and training of CITES authorities, legislative drafters, policymakers, the judiciary, parliamentarians and other relevant government officials responsible for the formulation and adoption of CITES-related legislation;
 - d) subject to external funding, develop legislative guidance on transit and transshipment and recommend as appropriate possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Transit and transshipment*;
 - e) subject to available resource, develop guidance on the implementation of the Convention (e.g., issuance of permits and certificates) in the event of exceptional circumstances that impede the

proper functioning of CITES at the national level and recommend as appropriate possible amendments to relevant Resolutions, including to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Permits and certificates*;

- f) in the provision of legislative assistance, cooperate with the legal programmes of United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank and regional development banks, as well as regional organizations, such as the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, the Association of South East Asian Nations, the League of Arab States, the Organization of American States and the Pacific Regional Environment Programme;
- g) report at the regular meetings of the Standing Committee on Parties' progress in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and, if necessary, recommend the adoption of appropriate compliance measures including, as a last resort, recommendations to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species; and
- h) report at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made with regard to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) on *National laws for implementation of the Convention* and Decisions 19.AA to 19.EE.

29. Compliance matters

29.1 Implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18)
on *CITES compliance procedures* CoP19 Doc. 29.1

29.2 Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*)

29.2.1 Report of the Secretariat CoP19 Doc. 29.2.1

REVISED AND NEW DRAFT DECISIONS ON *TOTOABA* (*TOTOABA MACDONALDI*)
PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION AT CoP19 (clean version)

The present Annex contains a clean version of the revised and new draft decisions presented in Annex 2 to document CoP19 Doc. 29.2.1. This clean version is provided for ease of reference.

Directed to Parties

18.292 (Rev. CoP19) Parties affected by illegal fishing and trafficking of totoaba, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, are encouraged to:

- a) fully implement the measures and activities outlined in the online [Meeting of Range, Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba agreed outcomes document](#), as relevant to them, to prevent and combat this illegal trade;
- b) draw upon the secure law enforcement communication channels and tools provided by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization to share information on seizures and arrests associated with totoaba specimen trafficking; and
- c) engage in awareness-raising activities on the illegal trade in totoaba, and its severe implications for the conservation of vaquita (*Phocoena sinus*), including demand reduction campaigns, as well as activities to eliminate supply and demand for illegally sourced specimens of totoaba, taking into consideration the measures and activities outlined in the *Meeting of Range Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba agreed outcomes document* under the heading [Opportunities to eliminate supply and demand for illegally sourced specimens of totoaba](#).

Directed to Mexico

18.293 (Rev. CoP19) Mexico is urged to:

- a) take immediate actions to further strengthen measures to effectively prevent fishers using gillnets from entering the vaquita refuge and zero-tolerance areas and to maintain these areas completely gillnet-free, by implementing a strict zero-tolerance policy concerning unauthorized fishing and fishing gear in these areas, and imposing strict penalties where irregularities are detected, including the seizure of both vessels and unauthorized fishing gear combined with administrative or criminal penalties as applicable;
- b) pursue the urgent implementation of all aspects of the [Agreement regulating gears, systems, methods, techniques and schedules for the performance of fishing activities with smaller and larger vessels in Mexican Marine Zones in the Northern Gulf of California and establishing landing sites, as well as the use of monitoring systems for such vessels](#) (“the Agreement”), giving priority attention to:
 - i) taking strict action against fishers that use any sites other than the authorized sites for departure and arrival of vessels established by Article 9 of “the Agreement”, to effectively prevent, disrupt and put an end to the activities of fishers that operate illegally;

- ii) effectively implementing the gillnet ban as anticipated by Article 2 of “the Agreement”; and
 - iii) stepping up efforts to mobilize activities aimed at preventing, detecting and penalizing any manufacturing, possession, selling and transportation of gillnets in the marine area and surrounding areas as determined by “the Agreement”, to ensure the disruption and neutralization of any illegal activities.
- c) build upon the progress made in collecting and analysing information on organized crime groups operating within Mexico involved in illegal fishing and trafficking of totoaba, and the insights and information gained from such work about the structure and *modus operandi* of these groups, to further expand intelligence-driven operations and investigations to address and neutralize them;
 - d) maintain resources to ensure uninterrupted gillnet removal to maintain the Vaquita Refuge and zero tolerance areas net-free, and take all necessary measures to protect net removal teams and destroy confiscated nets;
 - e) scale up activities in support of selective fishing gear development and use, and to consider including such matters related to totoaba and vaquita in its GEF 8 or other suitable funding sources; and
 - f) submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of Decision 18.293 (Rev. CoP19), paragraphs a) to e) above, as well as Decision 18.292 (Rev. CoP19), to the Secretariat in time for it to convey this to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting, together with any recommendations it may have.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.294 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek information from Parties on their implementation of Decision 18.292 (Rev. CoP19);
- b) engage with partner agencies of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) in support of activities relevant to ICCWC partners, as outlined in the online [Meeting of Range, Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba agreed outcomes document](#);
- c) revise the terms of reference for the study on vaquita and totoaba outlined in Annex 2 to document CoP18 Doc. 89 (Rev. 1), taking into consideration the outcomes of the online *Meeting of Range, Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba* held in October 2021, and the decisions of the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee, and undertake the study, subject to the availability of external resources and in consultation with organizations with relevant expertise; and
- d) report the information communicated by Parties and Mexico in accordance with Decisions 18.292 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.293 (Rev. CoP19), as well as the study undertaken in accordance with paragraph c) above, to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting together with any recommendations it may have.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.295 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review and assess the study undertaken in accordance with Decision 18.294 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph c) and any information and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision

18.294 (Rev. CoP19), as well as the report to be submitted in accordance with Decision 19.CC; and

- b) based on its assessment of the study undertaken in accordance with Decision 18.294 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph c), and if not satisfied with timely progress in the implementation of Decisions 18.292 (Rev. CoP19), 18.293 (Rev. CoP19) and 19.CC, make recommendations as appropriate, which may where relevant include recommendations within the mandate of the Standing Committee in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES compliance procedures*.

Directed to China, Mexico, and the United States of America

19.CC China, Mexico, and the United States of America are requested to jointly submit, through the Chair of the Trilateral Enforcement Contact Group (TECG), a report to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee on the operationalization of the TECG and the activities conducted in accordance with the TECG terms of reference, as well as associated results achieved.

Directed to Parties

19.DD Parties are encouraged to:

- a) support efforts related to the recovery and monitoring of wild populations of totoaba and vaquita;
and
- b) make every effort to support Mexico in the implementation of Decision 18.293 (Rev. CoP19).

PROPOSED RENEWED AND UPDATED TOTOABA (*TOTOABA MACDONALDI*)
DECISIONS 18.292-18.295

[Amendments to CoP18 Decisions CLEAN]

18.292 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to Parties

Parties, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, are encouraged to:

- a) communicate to the Secretariat and the CITES Authorities of relevant Parties information on seizures of specimens of totoaba, arrests of those engaged in illegal take and trade, results of any prosecutions, and actions taken to implement this Decision;
- b) engage in awareness-raising activities on the illegal trade in totoaba, and its severe implications for the conservation of vaquita (*Phocoena sinus*), including demand-reduction campaigns;
- c) eliminate supply of and demand for illegally sourced specimens of totoaba, and strengthen national policies and law enforcement measures to prevent and address their illegal trade;
- d) support efforts related to the recovery and monitoring of wild populations of totoaba and vaquita; and
- e) support Mexico in the implementation of Decision 18.293 (Rev. CoP19), including support for gillnet retrieval programmes.

18.293 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to Parties

Mexico is urged to:

- a) take immediate and effective actions in response to the threats to totoaba and vaquita posed by illegal trade by:
 - i) as a matter of urgency, implementing all aspects of the Agreement regulating gear, systems, methods, techniques and schedules for carrying out fishing activities with smaller and larger vessels in Mexican Marine Zones in the Northern Gulf of California and establish landing sites as well as monitoring systems for such vessels;
 - ii) deploying governmental authorities with legal powers of seizure and arrest, together with the Navy, to effectively prevent fishers and vessels from fishing with prohibited gear in the Vaquita Refuge area and from entering the Zero Tolerance Area, and invite the Secretariat to assess the effectiveness and impact of these measures by the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee;
 - iii) strengthening measures to ensure that a “zero tolerance policy” is strictly applied for fishers and vessels entering the Zero Tolerance Area and that consistent measures are taken, and strict penalties imposed against fishers that are found operating in areas where fishing is prohibited;
 - iv) further scaling up and expanding surveillance and patrol activities in the Vaquita Refuge, Zero-Tolerance Area, and on land to ensure that authorities are present on a full-time basis to prevent fishers from engaging in illegal activities in these areas and take action to address any illegal activities detected;
 - v) collecting and analysing information on organized crime groups involved in the illegal trade in totoaba, convening multi-disciplinary investigative teams to work in close collaboration with local authorities in key areas of concern, and undertaking intelligence-driven operations and investigations for addressing illegal trade in totoaba;
 - vi) providing regular (every six months) updates on these actions and their results to the Secretariat to be reviewed and shared in timely (no more than 60 days after receipt) with Parties affected by illegal trade in totoaba; and

- vii) establishing and operationalizing, together with relevant Parties, the totoaba enforcement contact group consistent with the outcomes of the online Meeting of Range, Transit and Consumer States of Totoaba (October 2021) as presented in Annex 4 of Document SC74 Doc. 28.5;
- b) remove all gillnets in the Vaquita Refuge area and Zero Tolerance Area to maintain them as a net-free zone, and take all necessary measures to protect net removal teams and, in accordance with Mexico's national laws, destroy both confiscated and abandoned nets;
- c) adhere to the implementation of Decision 43 COM 7B.26, adopted at the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Baku, 2019) and all subsequent decisions; and
- d) submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of Decision 18.293 (Rev. CoP19), paragraphs a) to c) above, as well as the information requested in Decision 18.292 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph a), to the Secretariat in time for the Secretariat to convey this to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting, together with any recommendations it may have.

18.294 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) engage with partner agencies of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) in support of activities that could facilitate the initiation of targeted joint investigations and enforcement action from source to destination across the entire illegal trade chain;
- b) analyze the information communicated in accordance with Decisions 18.292 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.293 (Rev. CoP19) and prepare a report, including its own observations, with recommendations for further actions for consideration of the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting.

18.295 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review and assess any information and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.294 (Rev. CoP19); and
- b) based on its assessment, and if not satisfied with timely progress in the implementation of Decisions 18.292 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.293 (Rev. CoP19), make any appropriate recommendations within the mandate of the Standing Committee in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES compliance procedures*.

- 29.3 Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.) CoP19 Doc. 29.3

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
MALAGASY PALISANDERS AND ROSEWOODS (*DALBERGIA* SPP.)
AND EBONIES (*DIOSPYROS* SPP.)

Directed to Madagascar

19.AA Madagascar shall:

- a) secure the stockpiles (including undeclared and hidden stocks) of timber of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. in Madagascar, and submit regular updates on audited inventories and independent oversight mechanisms, for consideration and further guidance from the Standing Committee; **[see paragraph f) of Decision 18.96 as amended by the Standing Committee]**
- b) provide reports on progress on the implementation of paragraph a) of this Decision to the Secretariat 60 days before the 77th and 78th meetings of the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, assist with relevant capacity-building activities in Madagascar and transit and destination countries concerned by the trade in specimens of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar; **[see paragraph b) of Decision 18.99]**
- b) reissue a Notification to the Parties reminding potential destination countries of shipments of illegal specimens of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar to take appropriate measures to ensure that such timber is not illegally transported or traded, including prohibiting entry, seizing such specimens upon arrival and apply appropriate sanctions against traffickers in accordance with the provisions of the Convention; and **[see paragraph c) of Decision 18.99]**
- c) provide reports on progress on the implementation of this Decision and Decision 19.AA directed to Madagascar to the Standing Committee, as appropriate. **[see paragraph d) of Decision 18.99]**

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.CC** At its 77th and 78th meetings, the Standing Committee shall review reports from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB, and make recommendations to Madagascar as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Directed to the Parties

19.AA Parties are invited to continue to provide financial or technical support to Parties subject to compliance mechanisms and other related compliance measures as specified in Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES compliance procedures* to further strengthen their institutional capacity.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding:

- a) upon request, conduct technical missions and facilitate the organization of in-country assistance coordination mechanisms to selected Parties eligible to benefit from the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP);
- b) in consultation with the International University of Andalucía which hosts the Masters Course in 'Management and Conservation of Species in Trade – The International Framework' and other relevant universities, explore the possibility and feasibility of training and deploying short term consultants to assist Parties benefiting from the Compliance Assistance Programme; and
- c) report to the Standing Committee on the progress made in the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall monitor progress in the implementation of the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) and report its findings and recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *COUNTRY-WIDE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE*

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.AA The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) taking into account the progress made under the Compliance Assistance Programme and the development of a Capacity-Building Framework, consider whether the scientific and management issues identified in the country-wide Review of Significant Trade for Madagascar are sufficiently addressed, or whether a new mechanism should be developed to provide targeted support to Parties at a national level; and
- b) provide recommendations, including possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* or other existing resolutions, or the development of a new resolution; for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall review the report and the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees, and in consultation with the Secretariat, make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISION ON REVIEW OF RESOLUTION CONF. 11.3

19.XX Directed to the Standing Committee

Taking into account any revisions adopted at CoP19, the Standing Committee shall consider whether the following topics are gaps to be addressed in the content of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*:

- a) the role of professional bodies and whether they should be held to higher standards with regard to violations/compliance;
- b) Whether to consider additional guidance in the Resolution relating to compliance and enforcement issues unique to trade in CITES-listed marine species, including issues pertaining to introduction from the sea;
- c) Whether to consider adding guidance in the Resolution relating to stockpile management;
- d) Whether to consider adding guidance in the Resolution relating to the One Health approach – a collaborative and transdisciplinary approach to achieving optimal health outcomes for people, animals, plants, and their shared environment;
- e) Whether to consider adding guidance in the Resolution relating to possible outcomes from currently ongoing discussions in Standing Committee working group on Electronic systems and information technologies; and
- f) Whether to update timeframes for providing information in response to requests for information from the Secretariat on a potential compliance matter.

The Standing Committee may also identify additional gaps to be addressed in the content of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19). In undertaking its review, the Standing Committee shall make efforts not to duplicate other relevant ongoing work, and may refer any of the identified topics be considered under other relevant work of the Standing Committee as appropriate. Based on its review, the Standing Committee shall make recommendations as appropriate to revise Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) to address gaps identified for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT

Directed to Parties

19.AA Parties are encouraged to ensure that:

- a) corruption risk mitigation policies and strategies are in place to address corruption risks associated with wildlife crime; and
- b) collaboration mechanisms are in place between CITES and anti-corruption authorities to facilitate swift and decisive action where corrupt activities are detected.

19.BB Parties are encouraged to, as appropriate, integrate financial crime investigations into the investigation of crimes involving wildlife, and to increase the use of financial investigation techniques to identify criminals involved in wildlife crime and their networks and address associated illicit financial flows from these crimes.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall work with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and other bodies such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Egmont Centre of Financial Intelligence Unit Excellence and Leadership (ECOFEL), to provide Parties with guidance on the measures they can take to combat money laundering associated with wildlife crime, and to promote the integration of financial crime investigations into the investigation of crimes involving wildlife.

DRAFT DECISION ON ANNUAL ILLEGAL TRADE REPORTS

Directed to Parties

19.AA Parties are urged to, in compliance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*, submit an annual illegal trade report to the Secretariat by 31 October each year. Parties that have not yet submitted their annual illegal trade reports covering the period 2016 to 2021 are encouraged to include this data in their annual illegal trade report due on 31 October 2023.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat shall:

- a) continue its work with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), ensuring that the CITES Illegal Trade Database and its data dissemination platform are maintained in accordance with the requirements agreed by the Conference of the Parties;
- b) engage in efforts to support improving overall submission rates of annual illegal trade reports by Parties in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*, and to improve the quality of data submitted through better use of the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade report*;
- c) report on the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

35. Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species..... CoP19 Doc. 35
36. Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa
- 36.1 Report of the Standing Committee..... CoP19 Doc. 36.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION
BETWEEN SOURCE, TRANSIT, AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES*

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.AA** The Standing Committee shall establish a working group, with representation from all regions, to make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the development and adoption of procedures that will promote enhanced collaboration between source, transit and consumer countries including (inter alia):
- a) a secure mechanism for regular exchange of seizure data between CITES Management Authorities along illegal trade chains;
 - b) the establishment of a CITES early warning mechanism (e.g. in response to heightened seizures, or identification of a new trade route) that will ensure all Parties along the supply chain are promptly made aware of priority enforcement needs and can respond accordingly;
 - c) the establishment of a forum to promote regular communication between source, transit and consumer countries on priority issues (e.g. *Pterocarpus erinaceus*); and
 - d) the need for CITES guidelines on enforcement coordination between source/transit/consumer countries

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.BB** Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall support the Standing Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.AA, including through the provision of technical expertise, translation and interpretation as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
STRENGTHENING WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN WEST AFRICA

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.AA** The Standing Committee shall establish an intersessional working group, to be comprised of representatives of regional Wildlife Enforcement Networks, to provide the newly formed West Africa Network to Combat Wildlife Crime (WAN) with expert guidance and support as the WAN becomes operational.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.BB** Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall support the Standing Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.AA, including through the provision of technical expertise, translation and interpretation as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
*WILDLIFE CRIME AND CITES ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT
IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA*

CITES Enforcement Fund

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat, working in collaboration with the Plants Committee chair as appropriate, shall:

- a) develop a proposal for the establishment and administration of a CITES Enforcement Fund. This Fund will be piloted to provide support for the West Africa subregion with a special focus on addressing issues linked to the illegal trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, and with a view to rollout to other regions at CoP20. The CITES Enforcement Fund will be a centralized fund for partners, organizations and donors. For the West African sub-region, the Fund will support:
 - WAN enforcement operations;
 - Population surveys and issuance of Non-Detriment Findings and legal acquisition findings ;
 - Development, translation and distribution of identification resources for enforcement authorities
- b) submit the proposal and recommendations to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall:

- a) no later than its 78th meeting, review the recommendations made by the Plants Committee chair and the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.AA
- b) finalize recommendations on the mechanism for establishing and administering a CITES Enforcement Fund to be piloted in West Africa.
- c) make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on setting up the Fund and on the rollout of the Fund to other regions.

Enforcement of timber listings and combatting timber crime

Directed to Parties

19.CC All Parties that seize timber which has been exported from West Africa, shall report the seizure to the exporting country and the Secretariat, no later than 10 days after the date of seizure. Reports should include any relevant intelligence information to support enforcement operations as appropriate.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.DD The Plants Committee shall:

- a) set up a West Africa Timber Response Working Group mandated to:
 - i) identify West Africa Tree species at risk from illegal logging and international trade receiving inadequate CITES protection;
 - ii) support the development of West African tree species listing proposals as appropriate;
 - iii) support West African Parties with the development of targeted funding proposals and the procurement of funds to support enforcement of CITES tree listings and the issuance of Non-Detriment Findings;

- iv) make recommendations on the implementation of targeted demand-reduction campaigns working in close collaboration with countries importing timber from West Africa.
- b) make recommendations on issues of priority importance to address for the Head of States meeting facilitated by the CITES Secretariat under Decision 19.EE.
- c) report on progress and recommendations to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.EE The Secretariat shall :

- a) seek external funding for and facilitate the organization of a Head of States meeting on illegal timber trade chaired by the African Union.
- b) support the work of the West Africa Timber Response Working Group by providing technical and interpretation/translation support as required.
- c) report on progress and recommendations to the Standing Committee for further action as appropriate

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.FF The Standing Committee shall, no later than its 78th meeting, review the recommendations made by the Plants Committee and the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.AA and 19.CC to 19.EE and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for further action as appropriate.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DECISION 18.90 ON
WILDLIFE CRIME ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT
IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

Directed to Parties importing CITES specimens from West and Central Africa

18.90 *Parties importing CITES specimens from West and Central Africa are encouraged to assist their counterparts in West and Central Africa, by implementing measures that will address wildlife crime and support legal trade that is limited to sustainable levels, in particular by:*

- a) *supporting efforts to determine and ensure sustainable levels of trade through scientific studies that can facilitate the making of robust non-detriment findings;*
- b) *undertaking due diligence as outlined in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP18) and closely scrutinizing consignments of CITES-listed species imported from West and Central Africa and accompanying CITES documents to ensure that illegal species are not laundered into legal trade; and*
- c) *as a priority, raise any concerns about imports with the exporting State, or with the Animals Committee, Plants Committee, Standing Committee, or the Secretariat.*

Parties importing CITES specimens from West and Central Africa are encouraged to report on implementation of this Decision to the 77th and 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.

DRAFT DECISION ON *WILDLIFE CRIME LINKED TO THE INTERNET*

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.AA** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall commission a study to identify the CITES-listed species that are most commonly found in illegal trade on digital and online platforms, as well as best practices put in place by Parties to address wildlife crime linked to the Internet, and based on the findings of the study, prepare recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.
- 19.BB** The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee, and subsequently the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, on the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.CC** The Standing Committee shall review the Secretariat's report called for in Decision 19.AA and make recommendations as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
DEMAND REDUCTION TO COMBAT ILLEGAL TRADE

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:

- a) organize translation of the *Guidance on demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* into French and Spanish;
- b) organize regional training seminars on the use of the *Guidance*;
- c) organize pilot projects to promote the use of *Guidance* for selected species and countries, with necessary adaptation to suit local context when appropriate;
- d) support all interested Parties in implementing demand-reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species and provide necessary technical support including the use of the guidance; and
- e) report on the progress made in the implementation of this Decision to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall review the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 19.AA and make recommendations as appropriate to the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

19.CC Parties are encouraged to translate the *Guidance on demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* into local languages and share their experience in the implementation of the *Guidance*.

DRAFT DECISION ON *POSSESSION OF SPECIMENS
OF SPECIES INCLUDED IN APPENDIX I*

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AA The Standing Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall:

- a) explore whether further non-binding guidance is needed on the implementation of the Convention with respect to possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I, including species that have been transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I, as well as specimens of species included in Appendix II subject to a zero export quota, to help address illegal international trade and, if so, request the Secretariat to prepare draft guidance for its endorsement;
- b) consider whether additional recommendations related to the possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I, including species that have been transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I, as well as specimens of species included in Appendix II subject to a zero export quota, in relevant Resolutions are warranted to address illegal international trade in such specimens; and
- c) make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including appropriate revisions to existing Resolutions, to strengthen the regulation of possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I, including species that have been transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I, as well as specimens of species included in Appendix II subject to a zero export quota, to help address illegal international trade in such specimens.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *LEGAL ACQUISITION FINDINGS*

Directed to the Parties

19.AA Parties are invited to test the 'Rapid guide for making legal acquisition findings' developed by the Secretariat and offer, upon request, peer assistance to other Parties for the improvement of their capacity to verify legal acquisition for different taxa.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, develop digital solutions to automate relevant parts of the 'Rapid guide for making legal acquisition findings' and maintain a dedicated webpage regarding the verification of legal acquisition for different taxa and specimens on the CITES website and update it regularly;
- b) subject to external funding, organize workshops and other capacity-building activities related to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7 on *Legal acquisition findings* and disseminate training material for the verification of the legal acquisition of CITES specimens; and
- c) report to the Standing Committee on the progress made in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7 on the basis of information, experiences and examples submitted by the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall monitor progress in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7, assess any reports submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.BB., paragraph c) and, where appropriate, make recommendations for improving the verification of legal acquisition by the Parties for submission to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

41. Electronic systems and information technologies
and Authentication and control of permits CoP19 Doc. 41

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
ON RISK ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS

Directed to the Parties

- 19.AA** Where this has not yet been done, Parties are encouraged to undertake risk assessments to develop risk profiles specific to CITES-listed specimens frequently exported and imported by the Party, and to reach out to the World Customs Organization for support in this regard, where needed.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.BB** The Secretariat shall, subject to available resources, work with the World Customs Organization and other partners to develop guidance, including a specific guidance for a risk-based analysis related to the process of analysis and inspection under CITES permit issuing systems, and elements for a national policy on physical inspections and present its report and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.CC** The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and endorse any guidance, as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Directed to the Parties

- 19.AA** Parties are invited to:

- a) use the eCITES Implementation Framework, the latest edition of the CITES electronic permitting toolkit, Guidelines and specifications for Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) of CITES permits and certificates, and the Guidance on CITES electronic signatures in planning and implementing electronic CITES systems;
- b) consider the implementation of electronic CITES systems in a manner designed to meet CITES requirements, including those provided in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Permits and certificates* to increase transparency and efficiency of the permit issuance and control process, to prevent use of fraudulent permits, and to provide quality data for reporting and improved sustainability assessment;
- c) work with the customs, National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and other relevant agencies to ensure that trade in CITES-listed specimens is in compliance with CITES requirements and, where appropriate, in line with, or integrated into, other relevant national cross-border trade systems and procedures;
- d) share experience, challenges and know-how with other Parties on the development and implementation of electronic CITES permit management systems and use of the electronic equivalent of paper-based permits and certificates, and provide inputs to the Secretariat for continuous improvement of eCITES reference materials;
- e) take note of the [eCITES BaseSolution](#) as an automated permit management system option that is now available to Parties for implementation;
- f) call upon donor countries and agencies to provide financial support towards the implementation of electronic CITES permit management systems in developing countries; and
- g) submit to the Secretariat information on the use of HS codes for risk-based control procedures.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Secretariat, undertake the following tasks:

- a) work with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the International Trade Centre (ITC), the World Bank, the World Customs Organization (WCO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and other relevant partners, to continue the exchange of information and the development and implementation of joint projects that would facilitate Parties' access to electronic permitting systems that comply with CITES requirements and where appropriate are aligned with international trade standards and norms;
- b) work with relevant partners on the further development of standards and solutions for Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) for the exchange of CITES permit and certificate data and the improvement of the validation of CITES permit data by CITES Management Authorities and customs officials;
- c) recognizing the importance of the requirement for endorsement of permits and certificates at export, explore possible alternatives to the physical endorsement;
- d) monitor and advise on Parties' work related to the development of traceability systems for specimens of CITES-listed species to facilitate their harmonization with CITES permits and certificates;
- e) monitor the use of HS codes in implementing risk-based control procedures in different countries;
- f) support the development of the capacity of Management Authorities, especially those with the greatest needs, to electronically collect, secure, maintain, and transmit data using systems compatible with those of the Secretariat and other Management Authorities; and
- g) submit reports on activities undertaken under Decision 19.BB, paragraphs a) to f) and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding:

- a) undertake a study on the information used by different Parties in a risk-based approach for CITES trade controls;
- b) collect information from Parties on any issues encountered with regard to the application of national data protection laws that affect implementation of Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) for the exchange of CITES permits and certificates;
- c) support the work of the Standing Committee under Decision 19.BB through the organization of workshops, consultations, preparation of studies and guidance materials on relevant topics as identified by the Standing Committee; and
- d) provide capacity-building and advisory services to support Parties interested in implementing electronic solutions for the management and control of CITES permits and certificates and support Parties in establishing electronic permit systems and information exchanges.

DRAFT DECISION ON *PURPOSE-OF-TRANSACTION CODES*

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.AA** The Standing Committee shall re-establish an intersessional joint working group to review the use of purpose-of-transaction codes by Parties, with the following terms of reference:
- a) the working group shall be composed of Parties from as many of the six CITES regions as possible, and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, with expertise in the issuance of CITES documents and use of purpose-of-transaction codes for evaluation within the permit issuance process and trade data analysis;
 - b) the working group shall, communicating through electronic media, focus on clearly defining purpose-of transaction codes to encourage their consistent use, and consider the possible elimination or amendment of current codes or the inclusion of new ones. In particular the working group shall continue the discussions on purpose codes 'P' and 'T' which were reported in SC74 Doc 43;
 - c) the working group shall also clarify the overlap between purpose-of-transaction codes that describe physical locations and purpose-of-transaction codes that describe activities, one or more of which may pertain to any given permit;
 - d) the working group shall also consider any Resolution related to or affected by purpose- of-transaction codes, taking into account document CoP19 Doc. 42, to ensure coherent interpretation; and
 - e) the working group shall submit a report and any recommendations for amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Permits and certificates*, or to any revision thereof, and recommendations for amendments to any other Resolution identified under paragraph d) above to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee, which shall report, with its recommendations, at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

43. Non-detriment findings

43.1 Report of the Animals and Plants Committees CoP19 Doc. 43.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *NON-DETRIMENT FINDINGS*

After consultation with the Secretariat, the Animals and Plants Committees have modified the draft decisions agreed at AC31 and PC25 so that it refers to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) rather than the Technical Advisory Committee.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, address priorities in capacity-building related to non-detriment findings (NDF) agreed by the Secretariat and the Technical Advisory ~~Committee (TAC)~~ Group (TAG), in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees and Parties, by:
 - i) continuing to support the ~~ad hoc Technical Advisory Committee~~ TAG through which the Animals and Plants Committees provided support and advice for implementing Decisions 18.132 to 18.134;
 - ii) organizing in consultation with the ~~ad hoc TAC~~ TAG an international expert workshop on non-detriment findings to review, advance or complete draft guidance materials on NDFs; and
 - iii) undertaking targeted research in support of the development of new or updated NDF guidance materials in close collaboration with the ~~ad hoc TAC~~ TAG, relevant experts, Parties and organizations;
- b) compile and present the results of the work under paragraph a) to the Animals and Plants Committees for their review and make suggestions on how best to use the outputs to assist Scientific Authorities in the making of NDFs;
- c) make available to Parties on the CITES website the NDF guidance materials resulting from the implementation of the present Decision;
- d) develop a strategy and feedback mechanism for Parties and the wider CITES community to share experiences with using NDF guidance materials, which should allow the Animals and Plants Committees to make recommendations pertaining to review and update the NDF materials as may be needed; and
- e) consult the Animals and Plants Committees on the implementation of the present Decision and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) continue the ~~ad hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)~~ TAG established under the recommendations in document AC31/PC25 Com. 3 through which the Animals and Plants Committees provided support and advice for implementing Decisions 18.132 to 18.134, review the functioning of the ~~ad hoc TAC~~ TAG, and make any appropriate decisions to ensure continued advice and assistance for the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.CC;
- b) participate as appropriate in the international expert workshop on NDFs where draft guidance materials are to be reviewed, advanced or completed;
- c) review and make recommendations concerning: the outcomes of the international expert workshop on NDFs; the use of its outputs in support of the making of NDFs by Scientific Authorities; and their publication on the CITES website;

- d) based on the strategy and feedback from Parties and the wider CITES community on experiences with using NDF guidance materials, review and update NDF materials as may be needed; and
- e) report on these activities at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

19.CC Parties are encouraged to:

- a) provide any help and information regarding methodologies, tools, scientific information, expertise and any other resources used to formulate NDFs in order to contribute to such a workshop;
- b) make use of the guidance materials on NDFs resulting from the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB and participate as appropriate in the feedback mechanism on NDF guidance, to be developed by the Secretariat as referred to in Decision 19.AA, paragraph d); and
- c) provide financial and technical support for the implementation of Decision 19.AA, including for an international expert workshop on non-detriment findings.

- 43.2 Making non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken in the marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any State..... CoP19 Doc. 43.2

DRAFT DECISIONS ON NON-DETRIMENT FINDINGS ON THE HIGH SEAS
FOR SPECIES INCLUDED IN APPENDIX II

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:

- a) convene a technical workshop to consider how non-detriment findings might best be achieved for the introduction from the sea of specimens of CITES Appendix II-listed, commercially exploited aquatic organisms taken by multiple Parties in waters beyond national jurisdiction;
- b) invite the Animals Committee, the Secretariats of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and relevant daughter agreements and MoUs, Food & Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, Regional Fisheries Management Organisations, other Regional Fisheries Bodies, other relevant scientific advisory bodies, representatives from States especially those which flag vessels which undertake high seas fisheries, importing countries, fishery stakeholder and industry representatives, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in this workshop;
- c) invite Parties, other governments and stakeholders through a Notification to submit information on their experiences in making non-detriment findings for specimens of CITES Appendix II-listed species taken on the high seas, to share any non-detriment findings produced, to highlight any difficulties encountered in the process and any suggestions they might have for improvements; and
- d) contract appropriate technical and scientific experts to prepare workshop documents on: a) the level (current and anticipated) of trade in CITES-listed species taken from the high seas; b) the difficulties encountered by Parties when making non-detriment findings for specimens taken on the high seas; c) the current role, if any, of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other Regional Fisheries Bodies in making data and information available to CITES Scientific Authorities making non-detriment findings; and d) invite workshop participants and Parties to contribute relevant information and expertise to the appointed technical experts; and
- e) submit findings and recommendations of this workshop to the Animals Committee at their 32nd meeting for their consideration and for them to make recommendations to the Standing Committee for its consideration, and any recommendations to be considered by the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.BB The Animals Committee shall consider the report of the workshop in Decision 19.AA and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Standing Committee as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the workshop and the recommendations and comments of the Animals Committee and shall submit recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders

- 19.DD**
- a) Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, private businesses, and other donors are encouraged to provide funding to the Secretariat for implementing Decision 19.AA.
 - b) Parties, intergovernmental organizations, RFMOs and other RFBs, non-governmental organizations, fishery stakeholders and others are encouraged to respond to the Notification from the Secretariat in Decision 19.AA, paragraph c).

44. Identification materials

44.1 Review of Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) CoP19 Doc. 44.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON MATERIALS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION
OF SPECIMENS OF CITES-LISTED SPECIES

For adoption should the Conference of the Parties adopt the draft resolution in Annex 1

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.AA The Animals and Plants Committees shall establish a joint working group on identification materials and undertake the following working group tasks, in consultation with the Secretariat:

- a) review selected identification materials and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions or Resolutions;
- b) consider ways to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species; and
- c) report on the progress with these activities at the meeting(s) of the Animals and Plants Committees.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue collecting information on identification materials and share it through the CITES website and the CITES Virtual College; and
- b) report on the progress and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties

19.CC Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the working group on identification materials by providing to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspection officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.

ALTERNATIVE DRAFT DECISIONS ON MATERIALS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION
OF SPECIMENS OF CITES-LISTED SPECIES

Alternative set of draft Decisions should the Conference of the Parties not adopt the draft resolution in Annex 1

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.AA The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) establish a joint working group on identification materials and undertake the following working group tasks, in consultation with the Secretariat:
 - i) continue to draft the proposed new resolution on identification materials if necessary; [to be deleted if the Conference of the Parties adopts the resolution]
 - ii) review selected identification materials, including material compiled as per Decision 18.136 paragraph a), and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions or Resolutions;
 - iii) consider ways to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species; and
 - iv) report on the progress with these activities at the meeting(s) of the Animals and Plants Committees; and
- b) submit the proposed new resolution on identification materials to the Standing Committee for inputs and onward submission to the Conference of the Parties. [to be deleted if the Conference of the Parties adopts the resolution]

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue collecting information on identification materials and share it through the CITES Website and the CITES Virtual College;
- b) provide inputs to the proposed new resolution on identification materials drafted by the joint working group on identification materials called for in Decision 19.AA; and
- c) report on the progress and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) provide inputs on the draft resolution text prepared by the Animals and Plants Committees to ensure that the needs for identification materials expressed by Parties and authorities responsible for wildlife law enforcement are taken into account; and
- b) submit the revised draft resolution to the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting.

Directed to Parties

19.DD Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the working group on identification materials by providing to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspection officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
IDENTIFICATION OF TIMBER AND OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.AA** The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Plants Committee, and subject to external resources:
- a) liaise with relevant organizations and experts in the development of a depository of timber identification resources and a dedicated webpage, taking into account the progress and recommendations reported in document PC25 Doc. 19 and its addendum;
 - b) in undertaking the above, consideration should be given to tailor the compilation of timber identification resources for both frontline enforcement officers and to experts involved in identifying timber for forensic or legal purposes; and
 - c) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee at its first regular meeting after CoP19 and seek its advice and input.

Directed to Parties

- 19.BB** Parties are encouraged to collaborate with the Secretariat in sharing relevant information in support of the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.CC** The Plants Committee shall:
- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.AA;
 - b) consider the relevant outcomes of the online *Task Force meeting on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species* presented in the Annex to the [Addendum](#) to document SC74 Doc. 33.2; and [sub-paragraph agreed by the Standing Committee]
 - c) make recommendations to the Secretariat, the Standing Committee, and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.DD** The Standing Committee shall consider any report by the Plants Committee relating to the implementation of Decision 19.CC and convey, as appropriate, any recommendations it may have to the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON LABELLING SYSTEM FOR TRADE IN CAVIAR

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall prepare, in consultation with relevant information technology, industry and other experts, an analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of incorporating QR codes into the application of the *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar* contained in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish*, and present its analysis and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the report on the use of QR codes in the application of the *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar* prepared by the Secretariat; and
- b) taking into account the study on *Identification of species, subspecies, source and origin of sturgeons and paddlefish species and specimens (Acipensiformes spp.) in trade* in the Annex to document SC74 Doc. 47, review the caviar labelling system set out in *CITES guidelines for a universal labelling system for the trade in and identification of caviar*, considering practical challenges in its implementation and opportunities to improve its functioning; and
- c) make recommendations to improve the functioning of the caviar labelling system to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.AA The Animals Committee shall:

- a) review the suggested amendments to the definitions of stony corals in Res. Conf. 11.10 (Rev. CoP15) as outlined in Annex 1 (new text is underlined and text to be removed is ~~struck out~~), and report with recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- b) if requested, review any identification guides for trade in stony corals, such as the ID guide developed by the European Union and provide advice as needed.

Directed to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee

19.BB The Animals Committee and the Standing Committee shall make recommendations, as necessary, to revise the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* to ensure they provide sufficient clarity on the use of appropriate terms and units for trade in stony corals.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *SPECIMENS PRODUCED THROUGH BIOTECHNOLOGY*

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AA The Standing Committee shall:

- a) continue to discuss trade in products of biotechnology, which might potentially affect international trade in CITES-listed specimens in a way that would threaten their survival, including enforcement of CITES provisions. The Committee's discussion shall take into account the need for general guidance and the need to identify which issue, if any would warrant further discussion and shall include consideration of:
 - i) how to define the term "biotechnology", taking into account the language proposed in paragraph 13 of document SC74 Doc. 49;
 - ii) whether CITES documents should be required for all specimens produced through biotechnology or whether certain products/specimens should benefit from special provisions, such as simplified procedures;
 - iii) what proof should be required for issuing CITES documents for specimens produced through biotechnology;
 - iv) how the legality of the species origin of the source material is established;
 - v) whether there should be an exception for specimens that were entirely synthetically produced;
 - vi) whether the current source codes are suitable or whether a new source code is needed;
 - vii) how to address the risk of natural specimens of illegal origin being passed as synthetic and thereby entering the market with a valid CITES permit;
 - viii) how to ensure a clear link (e.g., marking, other means of identification) between a specimen produced through biotechnology and CITES documentation in order to prevent misuse;
 - ix) the estimated caseload and administrative burden;
 - x) whether regulation is necessary at this stage; and in this regard take into consideration that it appears that, in the context of the Convention, currently mainly cell lines, few extracts and artificially propagated plants are traded. Cell lines and plants are already covered by Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev.CoP16) and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18). For extracts and chemicals, the general approach of whether material from a natural organism of origin is still present within the specimen seems to be implemented by some Parties. Substances that are produced entirely synthetically as a "synthetic reproduction" of the natural substance (e.g., musk) do not seem to be considered as a CITES specimen by the Parties;
 - xi) whether biotechnology issues concerning animals and plants should be addressed distinctly;
 - xii) any emerging issues or cases not considered in the document AC31 Doc.17/PC25 Doc.20, such as hirudin and squalene.
- b) communicate to the Animals and Plants Committees any matters that may require scientific advice and guidance, as appropriate; and
- c) make recommendations for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including appropriate revisions to existing resolutions or the development of a new resolution on trade in specimens produced from biotechnology.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 19.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall provide any relevant scientific advice and guidance on matters relevant to international trade in specimens produced through biotechnology and communicate it to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.CC Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat shall convene and organize a meeting to facilitate the discussions mentioned in Decision 19.AA and develop guidance on the implementation of the amendment to Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in readily recognizable parts and derivatives*. The Secretariat shall extend invitations to concerned Parties as well as relevant entities, including the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Health Organization (WHO) and other relevant organizations as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE DEFINITION OF
THE TERM 'APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE DESTINATIONS'

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification within 90 days of the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, inviting feedback on experience with using the guidance contained in Notification to the Parties No. 2019/070 on *Non-binding guidance for determining whether a proposed recipient of a living specimen is suitably equipped to house and care for it*, as well as the information provided on the CITES webpage "Appropriate and acceptable destinations", and
- b) report on this feedback to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee for their consideration and recommendations, as appropriate.

19.BB Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall review the report from the Secretariat on feedback from Parties called for in Decision 19.AA and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

19.CC Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall review the report from the Secretariat and any comments and recommendations coming from the Animals Committee on feedback from Parties called for in Decision 19.AA and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *CITES TRADE FROM AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION*

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.AA** The Secretariat shall monitor 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) and report to the Standing Committee the results, as appropriate.
- 19.BB** The Secretariat shall continue to monitor the implementation of Resolution 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Introduction from the sea* and report as appropriate to the Standing Committee.
- 19.CC** The Secretariat shall approach and work with the States that are most active in the trade in CITES species from the sea, including flag-of-convenience States and territories, with a view to encouraging them to fulfil their CITES responsibilities.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.DD** The Standing Committee shall, as appropriate, review intersessionally the 10 questions most frequently asked on 'CITES trade from areas beyond national jurisdiction' and the responses prepared by the Secretariat and provide recommendations to the Secretariat regarding the possible amendment of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Introduction from the sea*.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON DISPOSAL OF CONFISCATED SPECIMENS

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue to collect information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals and make it available to Parties on the CITES website;
- b) subject to the availability external funding, develop and make available materials that may assist Parties in implementing Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 17.8 on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species*, as needed; and
- c) report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision.

Directed to Parties

19.BB Parties are encouraged to make use of the information and materials made available by the Secretariat on the CITES webpage dedicated to the disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens.

Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders

19.CC Parties and relevant stakeholders that have not already done so are invited to share with the Secretariat information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals in place in their country, including any action plans, protocols, regulatory measures, standard operating procedures developed to coordinate actions among public authorities, and guidelines for the management of specific species or genera.

19.DD Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial and/or technical assistance, as relevant, for the implementation of Decision 19.AA, paragraph b).

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.EE The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA and make recommendations, as appropriate.

51. Quotas for leopard (*Panthera pardus*) hunting trophies CoP19 Doc. 51
52. Transport of live specimens:
improving implementation of the transport regulations CoP19 Doc. 52

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *TRANSPORT OF LIVE SPECIMENS*

Directed to the Animals Committee and Plants Committee

- 19.AA** The Animals and Plants Committees, in consultation with the Standing Committee, Secretariat, and International Air Transport Association (IATA), shall hold a workshop to share best practices related to live animal and plant transport. The Animals and Plants Committees shall invite Parties with expertise in this area to present on their management of live animals and plants in trade and steps to support other Parties in meeting CITES requirements for live animal and plant transport consistent with Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP16) on *Transport of live specimens*.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.BB** The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Standing Committee, work with IATA to make relevant sections of the *IATA Live Animal Regulations* and *IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations* available to authorized representatives of Management Authorities and enforcement authorities as electronic or hard copies, depending on the needs of the Party, free of charge.

Exemptions and special trade provisions

53. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source..... CoP19 Doc. 53

DRAFT DECISIONS ON A REVIEW OF CITES PROVISIONS RELATED TO TRADE
IN SPECIMENS OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS NOT OF WILD SOURCE

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AA The Standing Committee shall:

- a) continue to consider amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev.) and Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18), as well as any amendment to other Resolutions concerning provisions on trade in specimens of CITES-listed animals and plants not of wild source, taking into account findings and suggestions in document SC74 Doc. 56 and any related comments and recommendations from the Standing Committee, Parties, the Secretariat or other stakeholders;
- b) review issues and challenges in the application of the Convention for trade in non-wild specimens of CITES-listed animal and plant species, in particular key elements that may contribute to the uneven application of Article VII, paragraphs 4 and 5, and consider the scientific advice and guidance from the Animals and Plants Committees on the need for implementing these Articles differently for either animal specimens from species bred in captivity or plant specimens that are artificially propagated; and
- c) make recommendations for addressing these issues and challenges, including amendments to existing Resolutions or development of a new Resolution or Decisions to address these issues and challenges, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.BB In support of the Standing Committee's implementation of Decision 19.AA, the Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) consider the key elements in the current implementation of Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 for animals and plants, respectively, in the current applicable Resolutions;
- b) determine if there is a need to implement Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 differently for either animal specimens from species bred in captivity or plant specimens that are artificially propagated than what is outlined in existing Resolutions, and provide their recommendations to the Standing Committee in time for its 78th meeting; and
- c) provide any other scientific advice and guidance on CITES provisions concerning trade in non-wild specimens of CITES-listed animal and plant species to the Standing Committee upon request and as appropriate.

54. Review of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity* CoP19 Doc. 54

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE *REVIEW OF RESOLUTION CONF. 17.7 (REV. COP18)*

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.AA** The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), produce a comparative analysis of the objectives and processes outlined in Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity* and Resolution Conf 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, and draft recommendations on how these two Resolutions could become more streamlined and better aligned with each other, including possible amendments to one or both Resolutions, for consideration by the Animals and Standing Committees.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.BB** The Animals Committee shall review the report and draft recommendations from the Secretariat under Decision 19.AA; and make its own recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.CC** The Standing Committee shall consider the report and draft recommendations of the Secretariat, the recommendations from the Animals Committee, and make its own recommendations, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

55. Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes CoP19 Doc. 55

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall update the Register of operations that breed Appendix-I listed animals in captivity for commercial purposes, to include for each operation in the Register the type of product(s) approved for export (e.g., live specimens, skins, hides, meat, or other body parts, etc.).

56. Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated' CoP19 Doc. 56

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
GUIDANCE ON THE TERM 'ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED'

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:

- a) commission the revision, including recommendations made at the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee, and expansion of the guidance for Parties relating to 'artificially propagated' to cover all regulatory aspects pertaining to artificially propagated plant species, and trade in their parts and derivatives; and
- b) report to the 26th meeting of the Plants Committee on progress on paragraph a).

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall consider the progress reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.AA and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall consider any report from the Plants Committee as per Decision 19.BB, including recommendations related to the publication of the final guidance on the CITES website.

57. Specimens grown from wild-collected seeds or spores that are deemed to be artificially propagated..... CoP19 Doc. 57

Species specific matters²

58. West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.)..... CoP19 Doc. 58

DRAFT DECISIONS ON WEST AFRICAN VULTURES (*ACCIPITRIDAE SPP.*)

Directed to West African range States (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo)

19.AA West African range States for *Gyps africanus* (Whitebacked vulture), *Gyps fulvus* (Griffon vulture), *Gyps rueppelli* (Rüppell's vulture), *Necrosyrtes monachus* (Hooded vulture), *Neophron percnopterus* (Egyptian vulture), *Torgos tracheliotos* (Lappet-faced vulture), and *Trigonoceps occipitalis* (White-headed vulture) are urged to:

- a) integrate illegal vulture trade considerations into their implementation of the West Africa Strategy on Combatting Wildlife Crime (WASCWC) and any decisions relating to Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting;
- b) ensure that national laws to protect vultures and control trade in vulture parts and derivatives are effectively implemented, and ensure that penalties for non-compliance are sufficient to deter illegal trade;
- c) ensure that any international trade in West African vultures is not allowed except in accordance with CITES requirements, and if international trade is found not to be in accordance with CITES requirements, consider implementing a zero export quota;
- d) follow Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings*, and, in cases where there is an interest in exporting globally threatened vulture species, consider submitting non-detriment findings for the export of vulture specimens to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website and review by the Animals Committee;
- e) identify any trade-related issues associated with the implementation of the Vulture Multispecies Action Plan of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS);
- f) work with relevant experts and organizations for implementing demand reduction strategies for vultures and their parts and derivatives including for belief-based use and consumption and, where appropriate, expand the implementation of strategies that have been successful;
- g) work with relevant organizations to initiate wide-scale public awareness campaigns at regional, national and local levels about the impacts of trade in these species, including the importance of vulture species to ecology and human health, the negative impacts of belief-based use of vulture body parts, and existing national and international legislation that protects vultures; and
- h) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision to assist it in reporting to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties, West African range States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

19.BB Parties, West African range States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged, subject to resources, to:

- a) collaborate in the conservation and restoration of West African vultures and support the implementation of the Vulture Multispecies Action Plan of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to conserve African-Eurasian Vultures; and

² List in alphabetical order of scientific names.

- b) gather and exchange scientific knowledge and expertise on West African vultures, with a particular focus on:
 - i) documenting the scale of vulture trade by surveying markets in and outside West Africa, and identifying inter-regional and international trade routes;
 - ii) characterizing links between poisoning and trade in vultures, and contributing to the African Wildlife Poison Database; and
 - iii) updating the conservation and population status information of West African vultures, and *Gyps africanus* (white-backed vultures), *Gyps rueppellii* (Rüppell's vultures) and *Torgos tracheliotus* (lappet-faced vultures) in particular.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC The Secretariat shall:

- a) cooperate with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) partner organizations, regional and subregional wildlife enforcement networks, and competent national authorities, where relevant and feasible, to consider vultures in the context of ICCWC's enforcement and capacity-building efforts in West Africa;
- b) subject to external funding, support the production of identification materials focusing on parts and derivatives of vulture species for use by law enforcement officials;
- c) liaise with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to assist in the implementation of the trade-related aspects of the Vulture Multispecies Action Plan (MsAP) subject to external funding, and share information based on the work of the Animals Committee;
- d) subject to external funding, support the implementation of capacity-building activities aimed at providing support to the West African range States in implementing the trade-related aspects of the Vulture MsAP;
- e) in collaboration with the CMS Secretariat, consider available trade data and conservation status information from the whole geographic range of the vulture species concerned for inclusion in its reporting to the Animals and Standing Committees; and
- f) collect information from West African vulture range States on their implementation of Decision 19.AA, and report as appropriate this and other information on the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.CC a), b), c), d) and e) to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, at their first regular meetings following the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with conclusions and recommendations for their consideration.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.DD The Animals Committee shall:

- a) encourage West African range States to undertake a Periodic Review of the vulture species referred to in Decision 19.AA pursuant to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) on *Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II*, taking note of the offer of the Vulture Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature to assist range States in such an effort;
- b) consider any reports or requests for advice submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in CITES-listed West African vulture species;
- c) consider the reports and recommendations of the Secretariat submitted in accordance with Decision 19.CC, paragraph e): and
- d) make recommendations as appropriate for consideration by range States, Parties, the Standing Committee and the Secretariat.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.EE The Standing Committee shall review the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.DD and make recommendations as appropriate to West African vulture range States, Parties and the Secretariat, and for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to Parties, donor organizations and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

19.FF Donor Parties and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide support for implementing Decisions 19.AA to 19.CC and ensuring the survival of West African vultures.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
ILLEGAL TRADE IN CHEETAHS (ACINONYX JUBATUS)

Directed to Parties

- 19.AA Source, transit and destination Parties affected by illegal trade in live cheetahs shall work collaboratively to tackle this regional illicit activity. This should be done through:
- a) adopting strong national legislation encompassing all links of the trade chain, from poaching and trafficking to illegal sale and possession, while ensuring implementation with the relevant in-charge institutions. Parties with advanced legislation and strong penalties should share best practices with other affected Parties resulting in harmonised, effective legal frameworks.
 - b) increasing national and cross border enforcement action, with Parties with advanced intelligence and enforcement capabilities supporting other affected Parties through knowledge, intelligence, and best practice exchanges. Use of existing official intelligence exchange channels such as INTERPOL | 24/7 and the cheetah closed user group on the World Customs Organization CENcomm platform is recommended.
 - c) make use of available tools and information and share new best practices and news of supportive policies and laws adopted by Parties, e.g., the Cheetah webpage on the CITES website and the final draft Guidance for CITES Parties to Develop and Implement Demand Reduction Strategies to Combat Illegal Trade in CITES Listed Species.
 - d) report to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee on their efforts to combat illegal trade in live cheetahs, including ongoing implementation of agreed recommendations found in SC66 Doc. 32.5, and in SC70 SR with a view to making any recommendations.
 - e) as appropriate, review their implementation of paragraph 12 under “Regarding wildlife crime linked to the Internet”, in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Compliance and enforcement* in relation to illegal trade in cheetah, and pursue the full implementation of these provisions.
 - f) make full use of INTERPOL’s Practical Guidelines for Law Enforcement Practitioners on Wildlife Crime Linked to the Internet, and the webpage on “Wildlife Crime linked to the Internet” on the CITES website.
 - g) draw upon the capacity of the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in Singapore, for advice and assistance in their efforts to combat illegal trade in cheetahs linked to the Internet.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.BB At its 77th meeting the Standing Committee shall:
- a) consider information available on cheetah trafficking and make recommendations, for consideration by the 20th Conference of the Parties. To this end, the Committee may wish to establish an in-session working group consisting of source, destination and transit countries for cheetah trafficking, and organisations and individuals as appropriate, in order to consider the information provided by Parties in response to Decision 19.AA, alongside any outcomes from the Big Cat Task Force and any other relevant information.
 - b) subject to external funding, convene a face-to-face workshop of Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations in order to address prevailing issues and concerns related to the illegal take and trade of cheetah, taking into account the expertise of enforcement personnel, cheetah specialists, CITES Authorities and the CITES Secretariat. Such a workshop would allow the review and exchange of information and the formulation of targeted recommendations to address the illegal take and trade in cheetahs which could be provided to the Standing Committee for consideration at their 78th meeting.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.CC Invite INTERPOL and other ICCWC members to support source, transit and destination Parties to combat illegal trade in live cheetahs.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
CONSERVATION OF AMPHIBIANS (AMPHIBIA SPP.)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to availability of external resources and in close consultation with the Animals Committee:

- a) conduct one or more interdisciplinary workshops for CITES Authorities and other relevant authorities and stakeholders about amphibian species in international trade, including but not limited to the following objectives:
 - i) identify amphibian species that are in international trade and evaluate whether certain species or groups should be recommended for possible listing in the Appendices;
 - ii) share existing national legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians;
 - iii) evaluate whether current levels of trade are compatible with the conservation of these species in the wild;
 - iv) compile further data on harvesting levels of amphibians subject to high volumes of international trade;
 - v) explore the emerging threat of diseases to traded amphibians, including amphibian chytrid fungus and rana viruses; and
 - vi) examine current enforcement efforts to deter and detect illegal and unreported trade and identify additional actions needed; and
- b) explore modalities to implement this Decision in a cost-effective manner, including through the organization of online events; and
- c) report on the progress in the implementation of paragraph a) and b) above to the Animals Committee, including any relevant recommendations.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.BB The Animals Committee shall:

- a) consider the report submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.AA; and
- b) make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall consider any report submitted by the Animals Committee as per Decision 19.BB and develop recommendations for consideration of the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *EELS (ANGUILLA SPP.)*

Directed to range States of European eels (*Anguilla anguilla*)

19.AA Range States of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) are encouraged to:

- a) submit any non-detriment finding studies on European eel they have undertaken to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website; explore the different approaches that might be taken for making non-detriment findings for European eels traded as fingerlings (FIG) compared with those traded as other live eels (LIV); collaborate and share information with other Parties regarding such studies and their outcome, especially where the Parties share catchments or water bodies; seek review and advice from the Animals Committee or other suitable body on any non-detriment findings for European eels, where appropriate;
- b) develop and/or implement adaptive European eel management plans at national or sub-national (or catchment) level, with defined and time-bound goals, and enhance collaboration within countries between authorities and other stakeholders with responsibilities for eel management, and between countries where water bodies or catchments are shared;
- c) share information on stock assessments, harvests, the results of monitoring and other relevant data with the Joint Working Group on Eels (WGEEL) of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission, the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas and the Central Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM), so that a full and complete picture of the state of the European eel stock can be established;
- d) develop measures or implement more effectively existing measures to improve the traceability of eels in trade (both live and dead);
- e) provide the Secretariat with information regarding any changes to measures they have in place to restrict the trade in live 'glass' or fingerling European eels;
- f) share with the Secretariat, where available, protocols and guidelines for reintroduction of seized live European eels to the wild; and
- g) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision or any updates to the information previously submitted in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, to allow it to report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a notification within 90 days of the close of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, inviting range States of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) to submit to the Secretariat information on the implementation of Decision 19.AA or any updates to the information previously submitted in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels;
- b) prepare and submit a summary of the responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/018 on eels, including any updates provided under Decision 19.AA, with draft recommendations to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate, for their consideration; and
- c) submit the study prepared in the implementation of Decision 18.199, paragraph d), on levels of trade and trade patterns, especially in live eels for aquaculture, and sources of supply, identify any disparities between these, and draft recommendations for the more effective future management of harvests and trade for consideration by the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.CC The Animals Committee shall:

- a) if requested, consider any reports submitted by Parties with respect to the making of non-detriment findings for trade in European eel and provide advice and guidance as needed; and
- b) consider the study referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 19.BB, the report produced by the Secretariat under paragraph b) of Decision 19.BB and make recommendations as appropriate, for consideration by the Standing Committee and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the report prepared by the Secretariat and any other available information relating to illegal trade in European eel and make recommendations as appropriate;
- b) review any advice and recommendations coming from the Animals Committee concerning Decision 19.CC and make recommendations as appropriate; and
- c) with the assistance of the Secretariat, engage with the World Customs Organization to examine the feasibility of harmonizing customs codes relevant to trade in all *Anguilla* species and report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

62. Agarwood-producing taxa
(*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.)

62.1 Report of the Plants Committee CoP19 Doc. 62.1

DRAFT DECISION ON
AGARWOOD-PRODUCING TAXA (AQUILARIA SPP. AND GYRINOPS SPP.)

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.AA The Plants Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat

- a) consider potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*, taking into account other relevant Resolutions, including Resolution Conf. 10.13 on Implementation of the Convention for tree species, as appropriate;
- b) formulate any appropriate recommendations regarding the Agarwood glossary and the Agarwood NDF guidance; and
- c) make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

62.2 The history and challenges of agarwood and CITES CoP19 Doc. 62.2
63. *Boswellia* trees (*Boswellia* spp.) CoP19 Doc. 63

DRAFT DECISIONS ON BOSWELLIA SPP.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall share the information received through the consultancy on *Boswellia* trees, and other information provided by Parties and stakeholders, with the Plants Committee, in particular related to identification of *Boswellia* species and potential look-alikes, and to species and specimens in trade and trade volumes of *Boswellia* specimens. The Secretariat shall also identify meetings or other venues that might provide opportunities to collaborate or share information regarding harvest and management of these species.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall review the available information submitted to the Secretariat and the gaps in knowledge identified in document PC25 Doc. 25 on *Boswellia* trees (*Boswellia* spp.) to inform possible listing proposals for *Boswellia* species, including consideration of appropriate annotations consistent with the guidance in Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP18) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II*.

Directed to the Parties

19.CC Range States and Parties are encouraged to provide information to the Secretariat, as mentioned in Decision 19.AA, and are encouraged to consider including *Boswellia* species to which they are range States in Appendix III, if these species meet the provisions in Article XVI of the Convention and Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for species in Appendix III*.

64. Marine turtles (Cheloniidae spp. and Dermochelyidae spp.)

64.1 Report of the Secretariat and of the Standing Committee CoP19 Doc. 64.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *MARINE TURTLES*
(*CHELONIIDAE SPP. AND DERMOCHELYIDAE SPP.*)

New draft decisions

Directed to the Parties

19.AA Parties are encouraged to:

- a) develop robust frameworks for the sustainable use of marine turtles that are based on the best scientific advice available and may include, but are not limited to, a determination of suitable offtake levels, take into account the needs of traditional subsistence users, account for existing use in other States sharing the marine turtle(s) stocks, and account for national enforcement capacity taking into consideration the advice, resolutions, conservation and management measures of relevant bodies including competent fisheries authorities and experts, as appropriate;
- b) work with their fisheries communities to ensure that there is effective documentation at the national level of marine turtle fisheries by-catch and mortality that can inform conservation and management measures taking into consideration the advice, resolutions, conservation and management measures of relevant bodies including competent fisheries authorities and experts, as appropriate;
- c) where marine turtles hatchery establishments exist, develop science-based operational protocols for marine turtle hatchery establishments to ensure that they provide conservation value to marine turtle populations;
- d) share holistic regional marine turtle survival probability models and their output and other information to assess sustainability of current harvest and by-catch levels while taking into account other threats to the population across their range (number of turtles of different age classes taken from populations), limitations of source rookeries (number of turtles recruited per year), natural survival probabilities, and marine turtle biology taking into consideration the advice, resolutions, conservation and management measures of relevant bodies including competent fisheries authorities and experts, as appropriate;
- e) share knowledge of bycatch mitigation strategies, including exclusion devices and safe handling practices, that have proven to be effective at reducing bycatch and/or bycatch mortality;
- f) undertake as appropriate research that can support the development of protection and conservation measures for marine turtle foraging, nesting and migratory areas; and
- g) report on the implementation of paragraphs a) to e) to the Secretariat, for subsequent reporting to the Animals and Standing Committees, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) based on analysis of the annual illegal trade reports, bring to the attention of the Animals and Standing Committees, as appropriate, any significant changes in the illegal trade of marine turtles;
- b) liaise with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), its Indian Ocean and South-East Asia Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding (IOSEA) on the conservation and management of marine turtles, as outlined in the CMS-CITES Joint Work Programme 2021-2025; and
- c) report on the implementation of paragraphs a) to f) of Decision 19.AA to the Animals and Standing Committees, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.CC The Animals Committee shall consider any reports from Decision 19.AA and 19.BB paragraph a) brought to its attention by the Secretariat, and make recommendations, as appropriate, including on the possible need for incorporation of the substantive content of Decision 19.AA and 19.BB and any other relevant measures into a new resolution on marine turtles which should also incorporate any relevant provisions of Resolution Conf 9.20 (Rev.) on *Guidelines for evaluating marine turtle ranching proposals submitted pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15)*.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall consider any reports from Decision 19.AA and 19.BB paragraph a) brought to its attention by the Secretariat and any recommendations from the Animals Committee, and make recommendations, as appropriate.

Revised Decision: Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

18.217 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee is asked to:

- a) review, ~~at its 73rd meeting,~~ the study contained in information document CoP18 Inf. 18 and any additional information received by the Secretariat in response to ~~the~~ Notifications No. 2020/035 and No. 2021/065 ~~issued under Decision 18.210, paragraph f),~~ and the recommendations of the Animals Committee in document SC74 Doc. 66.2; and
- b) submit its recommendations to the 20th~~19th~~ meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

64.2	Conservation of marine turtles	CoP19 Doc. 64.2
65.	Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.).....	CoP19 Doc. 65

MERGED DRAFT DECISIONS ON SHARKS AND RAYS (*ELASMOBRANCHII SPP.*)

Directed to Parties

19.AA Parties are encouraged to:

- a) provide brief information (with an executive summary not exceeding 200 words, if the report exceeds four pages) to the Secretariat, in particular on any national management measures that prohibit commercial take or trade and respond to the Notification called for in Decision 19.CC;
- b) in accordance with their national legislation, provide a brief report (with an executive summary not exceeding 200 words, if the report exceeds four pages) to the Secretariat about the assessment of stockpiles of shark parts and derivatives for CITES-listed species stored and obtained before the entry into force of the inclusion in CITES in order to control and monitor their trade, if applicable;
- c) respond to the Notification called for in Decision 19.CC and share available national conversion factors used when estimating live catch weight by species, fishery, and product form for more accurate reporting of shark and ray trade data by Parties and indicate whether and how these are used in the development of their non-detriment findings;
- d) inspect, to the extent possible under their national legislation, shipments of shark parts and derivatives in transit or being transhipped, to verify presence of CITES-listed species and verify the presence of a valid CITES permit or certificate as required under the Convention or to obtain satisfactory proof of its existence;
- e) continue to support the implementation of the Convention for sharks, including by providing funding for the implementation of Decision 19.BB, and consider seconding staff members with expertise in fisheries and the sustainable management of aquatic resources to the Secretariat; and
- f) actively collaborate to combat illegal trafficking in sharks and ray products by developing mechanisms for coordination between source, transit, and destination countries.
- g) consider if they are likely to be key beneficiaries from the guidance document(s) provided by Decision 19.EE, paragraphs a) and b); if so, the same Parties are strongly encouraged to participate in any Standing Committee working groups established to address Decision 19.EE.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall

- a) continue to provide capacity-building assistance for implementing Appendix-II shark and ray listings to Parties upon request.
- b) liaise with relevant RFMO/As to identify opportunities for capacity building with the same organizations, possibly in the form of attending meetings (where the RFMO/A permits such attendance) or by directly liaising with the Secretariat of the organization to provide this information to its membership and/or the provision of training. The aim of this exercise would be to share information to improve the knowledge of CITES in the workings of each relevant RFMO/A.
- c) in collaboration with relevant organizations and experts, conduct a study to investigate the apparent mismatch between the trade in products of CITES-listed sharks recorded in the CITES Trade Database and what would be expected against the information available on catches of listed species; and bring the results of the study and any proposed solutions to resolve this issue in the future to the attention of the Animals Committee or Standing Committee, as appropriate; and
- d) collaborate closely with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to:

- i) verify that information about Parties' shark management measures is correctly reflected in the shark measures database developed by FAO (<http://www.fao.org/ipoa-sharks/database-of-measures/en/>) and if not, support FAO in correcting the information;
 - ii) compile clear imagery of wet and dried unprocessed shark fins (particularly, but not exclusively, those from CITES-listed species) along with related species level taxonomic information to facilitate refinement of iSharkFin software developed by FAO;
 - iii) conduct a study analysing the trade in non-fin shark products of CITES-listed species, including the level of species mixing in trade products and recommendations on how to address any implementation challenges arising from the mixing that may be identified; and
- e) bring the results of the study in paragraph c) and any proposed solutions to resolve this issue in the future and the results of activities in paragraphs d) i) to iii) to the attention of the Animals Committee or Standing Committee, as appropriate.

19.CC The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification to the Parties, inviting Parties to:
 - i) provide concise (with 200 word executive summary, if the report exceeds four pages) new information on their shark and ray conservation and management activities, in particular:
 - A. the making of non-detriment findings;
 - B. the making of legal acquisition findings;
 - C. the identification and monitoring of CITES-listed shark-products in trade, in source, transit, and consumer Parties; and
 - D. recording stockpiles of commercial and/or pre-Convention shark parts and derivatives for CITES Appendix-II elasmobranch species and controlling the entry of these stocks into trade; and
 - ii) share with the Secretariat their NDFs and conversion factors used when estimating catch live weight through converting recorded shark landings and trade, where available, to post in the sharks and rays web portal;
 - iii) highlight any questions, concerns or difficulties Parties are having in writing or submitting documentation on authorized trade data (e.g. which units are used in reporting trade) for the CITES Trade Database;
- b) provide information from the CITES Trade Database on commercial trade in CITES-listed sharks and rays since 2010, sorted by species and, if possible, by product;
- c) invite non-Party, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organization observers to support Parties by providing concise information related to the above;
- d) disseminate new or existing guidance identified by the Standing Committee on the control and monitoring of stockpiles of shark parts and derivatives pursuant to Decision 19.EE-, paragraph b); and
- e) collate this information for the consideration of the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.DD The Animals Committee, in collaboration with relevant organisations and experts, shall:

- a) continue to develop guidance to support the making of non-detriment findings (NDFs) for CITES-listed shark species, in particular in data-poor, multi-species, small-scale/artisanal, and non-target (by-catch) situations, and for shared and migratory stocks, and introduction from the sea; and

- b) report the outcomes of its work under this Decision to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.EE The Standing Committee shall:

- a) develop guidance on the making of legal acquisition findings, and related assessments for trade in sharks caught on the high seas (including introductions from the sea) for CITES-listed shark species in the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7 on *Legal acquisition findings* and its annexes 1 and 2. This guidance should include detailed descriptions and related graphics on specific scenarios regarding trade in CITES-listed shark species;
- b) develop new guidance or identify existing guidance on the control and monitoring of stockpiles of shark parts and derivatives, in particular for specimens caught prior to the inclusion of the species in Appendix II;
- c) prepare information to support engagement with and capacity building of RFMO/As and include this information within the guidance called for by paragraph a) above;
- d) review the FAO's guidance on Catch Document Schemes, pending publication (FAO. 2022. Understanding and implementing catch documentation schemes – A guide for national authorities. FAO Technical Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries No. 14. Rome.), guidance the CITES Parties have agreed on traceability, relevant documents on the Secretariat's website on traceability (https://cites.org/eng/prog/Cross-cutting_issues/traceability) and include relevant information within the guidance called for by paragraph a) above; and
- e) report its findings under the present Decision to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

Directed to the Standing Committee and the Animals Committee

19.FF The Animals Committee and Standing Committee shall analyse and review the results of any of the activities under Decisions 19.AA to 19.FF and, with the support of the Secretariat, prepare a joint report for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of these Decisions.

66. Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)

66.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10
(Rev. CoP18) on *Trade in elephant specimens* CoP19 Doc. 66.1

REVISED DECISIONS ON CLOSURE OF DOMESTIC IVORY MARKETS

Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

Directed to Parties

18.117 (Rev. CoP19) Parties that have not closed their domestic markets for commercial trade in raw and worked ivory are requested to report to the Secretariat for consideration by the Standing Committee at its ~~73rd~~77th and 78th meetings on what measures they are taking to ensure that their domestic ivory markets are not contributing to poaching or illegal trade.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.118 The Secretariat shall compile the reports and make them available to Parties in advance of the Standing Committee meetings.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.119 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the reports under Decision 18.118; and
- b) report on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate and consistent with the scope and mandate of the Convention, to the ~~19~~20th meeting of Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON TRADE IN MAMMOTH IVORY

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, taking into consideration available information and research studies, compile information relating to the potential contribution of mammoth ivory trade to illegal trade in elephant ivory and elephant poaching and report its findings to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall consider the report and findings provided by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.AA and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

REVISED AND NEW DRAFT DECISIONS ON
TRADE IN ASIAN ELEPHANTS (ELEPHAS MAXIMUS)

Revised Decisions: Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

Directed to ~~Parties~~ Asian elephant range States

18.226 (Rev. CoP19) All ~~Parties~~ Asian elephant range States involved in the trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives are encouraged to:

- a) undertake, as necessary, investigations into the illegal trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives, and endeavour to enforce, and where necessary improve, national laws concerning international trade in specimens of Asian elephants with the explicit intention of preventing illegal trade;

- b) develop strategies to manage captive Asian elephant populations;
- c) ensure that trade in, and cross-border movements of, live Asian elephants are conducted in compliance with CITES, including the provisions in Article III, paragraph 3, for Asian elephants of wild origin;
- d) collaborate in the development and application of a regional system for registering, marking and tracing live Asian elephants, requesting as necessary assistance from experts, specialized agencies or the Secretariat; and
- e) at the request of the Secretariat, provide information on the implementation of this Decision for reporting by the Secretariat to the Standing Committee.

New draft decisions:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) request a report from Asian elephant range States on the implementation of paragraphs a) through d) of Decision 18.226 (Rev. CoP19);
- b) subject to the availability of external funding, develop minimum requirements for a registering, marking and tracing system for live Asian elephants, to be presented to Asian elephant range States with the aim of establishing a global system, or alternatively standardized national systems, for registering, marking and tracing live Asian elephants; and
- c) report any information provided in response to Decision 19.AA paragraph a) and on the implementation of Decision 19.AA paragraph b), as well as findings and recommendations concerning trade in Asian elephants and their parts and derivatives as appropriate, to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall consider at its 78th meeting the information, findings and recommendations, as per Decision 19.AA, paragraph c), and make recommendations to the Secretariat and to Asian elephant range States, and report to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, as appropriate.

NEW AND REVISED DECISIONS ON
STOCKS AND STOCKPILES (*ELEPHANT IVORY*)

New draft Decision:

19.AA ***Directed to the Secretariat***

The Secretariat shall:

- a) invite Parties, through a Notification, to submit information about available management tools, and new techniques and technologies related to any of the elements mentioned or referred to in the “Practical guidance on ivory stockpile management”; and
- b) prepare and submit a summary of the responses to the Notification with, as appropriate, draft recommendations relating to the incorporation of new information in the guidance documents or any of the documents referred to in the guidance documents for consideration at the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Revised Decisions: Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.184 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) identify those Parties that have not provided information on the level of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significant privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are not well secured and report to the ~~72nd77th and 73rd~~ meetings of the Standing Committee with recommendations as necessary; and
- b) annually publish updated summary data based on the inventories submitted by Parties disaggregated to regional but not country level, including the total ivory stockpiles by weight.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.185 (Rev. CoP19) At its ~~72nd77th and 73rd~~ meetings, the Standing Committee shall consider the report and recommendations of the Secretariat in Decision 18.184 (Rev. CoP19) and determine whether any further actions are necessary in the case of Parties who fail to provide annual inventories of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significantly privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are not well secured.

66.2 Ivory stockpiles

- 66.2.1 Ivory stockpiles:
implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18)
on *Trade in elephant specimens* CoP19 Doc. 66.2.1

Directed to the Parties

19.AA Parties are urged to:

- a) comply with the provisions of paragraph 7 e) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on *Trade in elephant specimens* concerning reporting on stockpile inventories to ensure the required information is submitted to the Secretariat every year using the Declaration of Ivory Stocks and Model Inventory Form proposed in Annex 1 to document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.1; and
- b) consider whether destruction of some or all of their government-held ivory stockpiles will reduce costs associated with securing stockpiles, free resources for elephant conservation, prevent seized and other ivory from re-entering the market, and provide useful messaging to discourage the commercialization of ivory.

All Parties and CITES stakeholders are encouraged to ensure that adequate funding, capacity building and training are available to ensure ivory stockpiles are inventoried, secured, and when appropriate, properly disposed of for non-commercial purposes.

Directed to the Secretariat (Decision 18.184 with new provisions underlined)

19.BB The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification to all Parties requesting them to provide a declaration of ivory stocks and in the case of "Parties in whose jurisdiction there is an ivory carving industry, a legal domestic trade in ivory, an unregulated market for or illegal trade in ivory, or where ivory stockpiles exist, and Parties designated as ivory importing countries" submit an Inventory, using the Declaration of Ivory Stocks and Model Inventory Form proposed in Annex 1 to document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.1;
- b) identify those Parties that have not provided information on the level of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significant privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are not well secured and report to the 77th and 78th meetings ~~72nd and 73rd meetings*~~ of the Standing Committee with recommendations as necessary; and
- c) annually publish updated summary data based on the inventories submitted by Parties, disaggregated to regional but not country level, including the total ivory stockpiles by weight.

Directed to the Standing Committee (Decision 18.185 with new provisions underlined)

- 19.CC At its ~~72nd and 73rd meetings~~ 77th and 78th meetings, the Standing Committee shall consider the report and recommendations of the Secretariat in Decision ~~48.484~~ 19.BB and determine whether any further actions are necessary in the case of Parties who fail to provide annual inventories of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significant privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are not well secured.

- 66.2.2 Establishing a fund accessible to range States
upon non-commercial disposal of ivory stockpiles CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2

Directed to Parties

- 19.AA** Parties are urged to join the intersessional Working Group and share ideas for alternative funding mechanisms whereby funds can be accessed on agreement to terms including non-commercial disposal of ivory and dispersed on the basis of criteria unrelated to ivory volumes.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall support the intersessional Working Group as requested.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.CC**
- a) At its 76th meeting (SC76), the Standing Committee shall establish an intersessional Working Group to consider the funding mechanisms, criteria, and terms presented in document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2. The Working Group shall operate under the mandate provided in Annex 1 and the Working Group Chair shall be identified by the Committee during SC76.
 - b) The Chair of the Working Group shall convene the initial meeting of its members as soon as practicable after SC76 with the intent of submitting a report to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC77) on the discussions in the working group regarding the: terms for the fund, the funding mechanisms, criteria for dispersing funds, and the level of interest in contributing to the fund. The Chair should highlight whether any input is needed from the Standing Committee.
 - c) The Standing Committee at its 77th meeting shall consider the report of the intersessional Working Group on non-commercial disposal of ivory stocks and provide any required input.
 - d) Following SC77, the Chair with assistance from the Working Group shall draft a working document for consideration by the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20), which would establish a fund for elephant range States to access upon non-commercial disposal of their ivory stocks based on the terms and criteria presented in document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2, paragraphs 17 and 21, and elaborated upon in the Working Group. The draft working document shall be submitted to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC78).
 - e) The Standing Committee at its 78th meeting shall review the draft working document and approve final text for submission to CoP20.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

19.DD Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support the fund established.

66.3 Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18)
on the closure of domestic ivory markets CoP19 Doc. 66.3

DRAFT DECISIONS

Urge Parties that still have open, legal domestic markets, especially in ivory destination countries, for commercial trade in ivory that are demonstrably connected to illegal international trade in ivory to implement closure of their markets in accordance with Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) paragraph 3.

Adopt the following draft decisions to replace Decisions 18.117 to 18.119

Directed to Parties:

19.AA Parties that have not closed their domestic markets for commercial trade in raw and worked ivory are requested to report to the Secretariat for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 77th and 78th meetings on what measures they are taking to ensure that their domestic ivory markets are not contributing to poaching or illegal trade.

Directed to the Secretariat:

19.BB The Secretariat shall compile the reports together with any other available information relevant to them and make them available to Parties in advance of the Standing Committee meetings.

Directed to the Standing Committee:

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the reports and any information provided by the Secretariat under Decision 19.XXX, and any other relevant information available; and

- b) report on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate and consistent with the scope and mandate of the Convention, to the 20th meeting of Conference of the Parties.

Adopt the following draft decision to assist the Parties and the Standing Committee in their consideration of the progress made by Parties who submitted reports in accordance with Decision 19.XXX

Directed to the Secretariat:

- 19.DD The Secretariat shall engage the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group and TRAFFIC in an analysis of ivory seizures connected to each Party with a legal domestic market for commercial trade in ivory and include the analysis in the ETIS report to the Standing Committee at its 77th and 78th meetings, and to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

66.4 Trade in live African elephants

- 66.4.1 International trade in live African elephant specimens:
Proposed revision to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18)
on *Trade in elephant specimens* CoP19 Doc. 66.4.1
- 66.4.2 Clarifying the framework:
Proposal of the European Union CoP19 Doc. 66.4.2

DRAFT DECISION ON
RESERVATIONS AND ANNOTATIONS
LINKED TO TRADE IN LIVE AFRICAN ELEPHANTS

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AA The Standing Committee shall

- a) provide guidance on how to deal with reservations made to changes in the scope of a listing introduced through amendment of an annotation and propose changes to the relevant Resolutions to CoP20;
- b) consider ways to avoid references to resolutions in annotations, and propose relevant changes to Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP18) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II* to CoP20;
- c) consider to call a CITES dialogue meeting as per Resolution Conf. 14.5 on *Dialogue meetings* for African elephant Range States to consider a harmonisation of the conditions to trade in live African elephants and propose relevant changes to Resolutions to CoP20 as well as relevant changes to annotation 2, including changes to streamline and simplify the annotation.

- 66.5 Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) CoP19 Doc. 66.5
- 66.6 Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS) CoP19 Doc. 66.6
- 66.7 Review of the National Ivory Action Plan process CoP19 Doc. 66.7

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair, contract a consultant to undertake the following:

- a) conduct a review of the National Ivory Action Plan Process and the associated Guidelines to ensure that they continue to meet the goals of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) and effectively and efficiently improve national and international responses to elephant poaching and ivory trafficking, in a way that appropriately incorporates the use of existing tools and mechanisms available to Parties and avoids duplication of effort. The review of the National Ivory Action Plan Process and its Guidelines should *inter alia*:
 - i) with reference to the above rationale, consider the need for the systematic, regular, and independent review to ensure equity in the application of the NIAP Process and Guidelines for all Parties; and
 - ii) provide recommendations to facilitate and standardize reporting obligations under the NIAP Process, as well as the improved integration of the NIAP Process into existing tools and mechanisms, and alignment of compliance mechanisms; and
- b) provide the Standing Committee with a report on the results of the review for consideration at SC77.

19.BB The Secretariat shall undertake any additional tasks directed to it by the Standing Committee under Decision 19.CC, paragraph a).

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) at its 77th meeting, review the report called for in Decision 19.AA, determine if further evaluation of the NIAP Process is needed and if so, outline any elements requiring further evaluation and direct the Secretariat to undertake the additional tasks as necessary and provide a report to the Committee at its 78th meeting; and
- b) prepare a report, along with its recommendations for updating the NIAP Process, for consideration for the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

DRAFT DECISIONS

ON THE *BIG CATS TASK FORCE*

For ease of reference, the Standing Committee has renumbered the draft decisions but has also indicated where the text of the CoP18 Decisions was kept. Change to existing Decisions are shown underlined (additions) or in ~~strikethrough~~ (deletions)

Directed to the Secretariat (former Decision 18.245, now draft decision 19.AA)

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

~~a) draft terms of reference and a *modus operandi* for the CITES Bigs Cat Task Force prior to convening its first meeting and submit it to the 73rd Standing Committee for review and adoption, and~~

subject to external resources

~~ba) establish and convene, in consultation with the Standing Committee, a~~ the CITES Big Cats Task Force (Task Force), ~~focusing on big cat species from Africa, Asia and Latin America, and consisting of representatives from Parties most affected by the illegal trade in big cats, the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime partner organizations, other Parties and organizations, as appropriate, and experts who the Secretariat determines may contribute to the Task Force in accordance with the terms of reference and modus operandi agreed by the Standing Committee as presented in Annex 2 to document CoP19 Doc. 67 on *CITES Big Cats Task Force (Felidae spp.)*;~~

~~eb) provide support to the Task Force allowing it, *inter alia*, to:~~

- ~~i) discuss enforcement and implementation issues related to the illegal trade in specimens of big cats;~~
- ~~ii) as deemed appropriate, exchange intelligence and other information on the illegal trade in big cats; and~~
- ~~iii) develop strategies and make recommendations to improve international cooperation regarding the enforcement of CITES concerning illegal trade in specimens of big cats; and~~

~~ec) report the findings and recommendations of the Task Force to the 74th-77th meeting of the Standing Committee for its consideration, and for making its own recommendations as appropriate.~~

Directed to the Standing Committee (former Decision 18.248, now draft decision 19.BB)

19.BB The Standing Committee shall:

~~a) review and adopt the draft terms of reference, membership and modus operandi for the CITES Big Cat Task Force submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 18.245, paragraphs a) and b) prior to convening the first meeting of the Task Force;~~

~~b)a) consider at its 74th 77th meeting the reports submitted by Animals Committee and the Secretariat, as per Decisions 18.244 to 18.247 19.AA, and make recommendations to the Animals Committee, the Secretariat and African lion big cat range States, as appropriate.~~

~~c) recommend further actions to be taken, including the possible need for the development of a draft resolution, on the conservation of the African lion taking into consideration Decisions 18.244, 18.245 and 18.247; and [This element is addressed in draft decision 19.CC, paragraph b, in document CoP19 Doc. 72 on *African lions*]~~

~~db) report on the implementation of Decision 18.248 19.BB and any relevant formulate recommendations as appropriate to the Conference of the Parties at its 49th 20th meeting.~~

DECISIONS ON ASIAN BIG CATS (FELIDAE SPP.)

Directed to Parties, especially Appendix-I Asian big cat range States

14.69 Parties with intensive operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale shall implement measures to restrict the captive population to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers; tigers should not be bred for trade in their parts and derivatives.

Directed to Parties

19.AA Parties are encouraged to:

- a) inform the Secretariat of genetic research projects undertaken in their territory focusing on the development of techniques to support addressing illegal trade in Asian big cat specimens, for this information to be made available to Parties;
- b) in accordance with their national regulations, share samples of Asian big cat specimens from living animals, seized animals or products that could contain DNA of Asian big cats with genetic research projects focusing on the development of techniques to address illegal trade in Asian big cat specimens; and
- c) take note that methods for the identification of tiger species and individual identification from different types of specimens of tiger parts and derivatives have been developed in the Czech Republic, and that analytical kits for use of these methods, as well as testing of tiger samples, are available to Parties free of charge.

18.102 (Rev. CoP19)

Parties in whose territories there are facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity referred to in Decision 18.108 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph a) are invited to welcome a mission from the Secretariat, to visit these facilities.

18.103 (Rev. CoP19)

All Parties that have made seizures of tiger skins since the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are encouraged to take note of the information on tiger range States which have photographic identification databases for tigers, and the capacity to identify tigers from photographs of tiger skins, as presented in paragraph 14 in document SC70 Doc. 42.1, and to share images in accordance with Resolution Conf 12.5 (Rev. CoP189) on Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species, paragraph 1 l) by 31 December 2019 and all Parties are encouraged to share images of any skins seized hereafter within 90 days of such seizure.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.108 (Rev. CoP 19)

The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, undertake a mission to those Parties identified in document SC70 Doc. 51 and in whose territories there are facilities which may be of concern keeping Asian big cats in captivity, with the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the operations and activities undertaken by these facilities; and
- b) report to the Standing Committee ~~at its 73rd and 74th meetings~~ on implementation of Decisions ~~18.107 to~~ 18.108, paragraph a), and progress with regard to the missions concerned and formulate recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.109 (Rev CoP19)

The Standing Committee at its ~~73rd and 74th meetings~~ shall review the report and recommendations of the Secretariat concerning the implementation of Decisions ~~18.100 to 18.108~~ (Rev. CoP19) and determine whether any further time-bound, country specific measures are needed to strengthen the implementation of the Convention, of Decision 14.69 and of paragraph 1 h) of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP18~~9~~).

69. Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.)

69.1 Report of the Standing Committee..... CoP19 Doc. 69.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON SEAHORSES (HIPPOCAMPUS SPP.)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, organize an expert workshop to discuss the implementation and enforcement of CITES for trade in *Hippocampus* spp., including the recommendations and outcomes from the Review of Significant Trade process, and propose practical steps to address implementation and enforcement challenges; and
- b) report on the implementation of paragraph a) to the Animals and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.BB The Animals Committee shall:

- a) analyse and review the results of any activities under Decision 19.AA, the report produced under Decision 18.229, paragraph c) i), and other relevant available information;
- b) develop recommendations to the Parties, the Secretariat, and relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, to ensure sustainable and legal trade in seahorses; and
- c) report on the implementation of Decision 19.BB to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) analyse and review the results of any activities under Decision 19.AA, the report produced under Decision 18.229 paragraph c) i) and, as appropriate, the report of the Animals Committee;
- b) develop recommendations to the Parties and the Secretariat, as appropriate, to strengthen CITES implementation and enforcement for trade in seahorses; and
- c) report on the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.CC to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to external funding, collaborate with Parties and species experts to prepare a report on the global illegal trade in seahorses, for consideration by the Standing Committee. The report should include an analysis of extracted data from the CITES illegal trade database, consultations with regional enforcement networks as applicable, analysis of illegal trade routes, modus operandi and seizures, and information contained in the studies prepared in response to Decision 18.229 c(i); and
- b) report on implementation of paragraph a) of the current Decision 19.AA to the Standing Committee at its 77th and 78th meeting.

Directed to the Parties

19.BB To effectively implement the inclusion of seahorses in Appendix II of CITES, source, transit, and consumer Parties for which there is evidence of illegal and/or unsustainable international trade in dried seahorses are encouraged to:

- a) collaborate with key stakeholders and species experts to develop national or regional plans of action to improve CITES implementation for seahorses and should include the following, inter alia:
 - i) encouraging collaboration and communication between key stakeholders at a national and regional level, including Environment, Fisheries and Enforcement agencies, with respect to CITES implementation and data gathering for the international trade in seahorses;
 - ii) improving monitoring, detection and law enforcement activities related to seahorses in coastal areas and at transaction points (e.g. in the marketplace, online, in maritime areas, and at air- and seaports);
 - iii) submitting comprehensive and accurate information on illegal international trade in seahorses in their annual illegal trade reports to the Secretariat, as required in compliance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on National reports, and in support of Decision 19.AA a);
 - iv) addressing the main drivers of illegal and unsustainable trade by effectively regulating and constraining the operations of non-selective fishing gears, such as bottom trawls and gillnets, to reduce their impacts on seahorses, and combating illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing of seahorses by developing best practices for sustainable harvest; and
- b) share progress in developing and implementing, these national or regional plans of action with the Secretariat for its report to the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.CC The Animals Committee shall:

- a) in consultation with species experts, analyse and review the results of any activities under Decisions 19.BB and other relevant available information;
- b) in consultation with species experts, develop recommendations to the Parties, the Secretariat, and relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, to ensure sustainable and legal international trade in seahorses; and
- c) consider recommending seahorses as a case study to the 2nd international expert workshop on non-detriment findings.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

19.DD Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical assistance to Parties to implement Decision 19.BB and any further recommendations made by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.EE The Standing Committee shall:

- a) in consultation with species experts, analyse and review the results of any activities under Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB, and the report of the Animals Committee produced in support of Decision 19.CC;
- b) in consultation with species experts, develop recommendations to the Parties and the Secretariat, as appropriate, to strengthen CITES implementation and enforcement for international trade in seahorses; and
- c) report on the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.EE to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

DRAFT DECISION ON ROSEWOOD TREE SPECIES
[LEGUMINOSAE (FABACEAE)]

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) in consultation with the Plants Committee, develop the objectives of the proposed study of rosewood tree species, taking into account findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- b) commission a study on the conservation and trade rosewood-tree species identified, taking into account the priorities, findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- c) report on the progress of the study to the Plants Committee;
- d) taking into account the above, organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts, with a view to presenting and discussing the results, and develop recommendations; and
- e) submit the final study for consideration by the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop, if held.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall consider any progress reported by the Secretariat in relation to the implementation of Decision 19.AA, work with the Secretariat to develop the objectives of the study, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Parties

19.CC Parties are invited to collaborate with the Secretariat and the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB, and support the work of the study and the international workshop, including seeking external resources from relevant organizations and stakeholders.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report relating to the implementation of Decision 19.AA to 19.CC;
- b) identify any implementation and enforcement issues associated with the international trade in rosewood tree species, particularly those identified as a priority by the Plants Committee; and
- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

71. Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)

71.1 Report of the Standing Committee
and the Animals Committee CoP19 Doc. 71.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON PANGOLINS (MANIS SPP.)

Revised Decision: Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

Directed to all pangolin range States

18.238 (Rev. CoP19)

All pangolin range States that have not yet done so, are encouraged to take urgent steps to develop and implement *in situ* pangolin management and conservation programmes, which includes population assessments, as anticipated in paragraph 7 of Resolution Conf. 17.10 on Conservation of and trade in pangolins, and report on the implementation of this Decision to the Secretariat.

New Decisions:

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.AA The Animals Committee shall:

- a) review the conversion parameters for all pangolin species, developed in accordance with the provisions of Decision 18.239, to enable the reliable determination of the number of animals associated with any quantity of pangolin scales seized, and that can be used by Parties in cases where national legislation demands that such information be provided for law enforcement and court purposes; and
- b) make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Standing Committee and the Secretariat.

Directed to Parties

19.BB All Parties are strongly encouraged to identify seized pangolin specimens at species level and report the seizures at species level in their annual illegal trade reports.

19.CC Parties in whose territories stocks of parts and derivatives of pangolins exist are encouraged to take urgent steps to establish and apply, where not yet done, strict control measures to secure these stocks, as called for in paragraph 3 of [Resolution Conf. 17.10](#) on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins* and report on the implementation of this Decision to the Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.DD The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification inviting Parties, international organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations that developed identification materials concerning pangolin species, their parts and derivatives, to bring such materials to the attention of the Secretariat;
- b) bring any materials reported in accordance with Decision 19.CC paragraph a) to the attention of the Animals Committee, together with any recommendations the Secretariat may have;
- c) subject to external funding, provide training to Parties on the identification of pangolin specimens;
- d) work with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) to initiate activities and support the efforts of Parties to address illegal trade in Pangolin specimens; and
- e) report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Decision 19.CC.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.EE The Animals Committee shall review existing identification materials concerning pangolin species, their parts and derivatives, and consider the need for new or additional materials to be developed, including to support the identification of seized pangolin specimens at species level, and make recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.FF The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider the report and any recommendations of the Animals Committee in accordance with Decisions 19.AA and 19.DD, and make recommendations to the Parties or the Secretariat as appropriate; and
- b) report the results of its work together with any recommendations it may have to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *PANGOLINS (MANIS SPP.)*

Text proposed to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~. Proposed new text is underlined.

Directed to all pangolin range States

19.AA All pangolin range States that have not yet done so, are encouraged to take urgent steps to develop and implement *in situ* pangolin management and conservation programmes, which includes population assessments, as anticipated in paragraph 7 of Resolution Conf. 17.10 on Conservation of and trade in pangolins, and report on the implementation of this Decision to the Secretariat.

Directed to Parties

19.BB All Parties are strongly encouraged to identify seized pangolin specimens at species level and report the seizures at species level in their annual illegal trade reports.

19.CC Parties in whose territories stocks of parts and derivatives of pangolins exist are encouraged to take urgent steps to establish and apply, where not yet done, strict control measures to secure these stocks, as called for in paragraph 3 of [Resolution Conf. 17.10](#) on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins* and report on the implementation of this Decision to the Secretariat, to allow the Secretariat to report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties and relevant stakeholders

19.DD Parties, intergovernmental organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations that develop tools or materials that could assist Parties in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.10, are invited to bring such tools or materials to the attention of the Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.DDEE The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification inviting Parties, international organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations that developed identification materials concerning pangolin species, their parts and derivatives, to bring such materials to the attention of the Secretariat;
- b) bring any materials reported in accordance with Decisions 19.CCDD and 19.EE paragraph a) to the attention of the Animals Committee or the Standing Committee, as appropriate, together with any recommendations it may have, and taking into account any subsequent recommendations from the Animals Committee or the Standing Committee, make such materials available to the Parties the Secretariat may have;
- c) subject to external funding, provide training to Parties on the identification of pangolin specimens;
- d) work with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) to initiate activities and support the efforts of Parties to address illegal trade in Pangolin specimens; and
- e) report to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Decision 19.AA, 19.BB, 19.CC, 19.DD, 19.EE, 19.FF and 19.GG.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.EEFF The Animals Committee shall:

- a) review existing identification materials concerning pangolin species, their parts and derivatives, and consider the need for new or additional materials to be developed, including to support the identification of seized pangolin specimens at species level, and make recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.

- b) review the conversion parameters for all pangolin species, developed in accordance with the provisions of Decision 18.239, to enable the reliable determination of the number of animals associated with any quantity of pangolin scales seized, and that can be used by Parties in cases where national legislation demands that such information be provided for law enforcement and court purposes, and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Standing Committee and the Secretariat; and
- c) review any information brought to its attention by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.EE and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Standing Committee and the Secretariat.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.FFGG The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider ~~the report and~~ any recommendations of the Animals Committee in accordance with Decisions 19.FFAA ~~and 19.DD~~, and make recommendations to the Parties or the Secretariat as appropriate; ~~and~~
- b) review any information brought to its attention by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.EE and make recommendations to the Parties or the Secretariat as appropriate;
- c) review the information contained in SC69 Doc. 57 Annex 2, SC74 Doc. 73 Annex 2, reports from Parties under Res Conf 17.10, and other relevant resources to develop time-bound and measurable recommendations for Parties (range, transit, and consumer countries) at SC78 that support addressing the illegal trade in pangolins; and
- bd) report the results of its work together with any recommendations it may have to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON AFRICAN LIONS (PANTHERA LEO)

For ease of reference, the Secretariat has renumbered the draft decisions but has also indicated where the text of the CoP18 Decisions was kept. Change to existing Decisions are shown underlined (additions) or in ~~strike through~~ (deletions)

Directed to the Secretariat (former Decision 18.244, now draft decision 19.AA)

19.AA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with African lion range States, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and, as appropriate, taking into consideration the joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative and the Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa in information document CoP18 Inf. 10:

- a) support the implementation of activities in joint African lion conservation plans and strategies that relate to trade in African lion specimens and the implementation of CITES and as needed, the review of such plans and strategies;
- b) jointly with the CMS Secretariat, undertake a comparative study of African lion population trends and conservation and management practices, such as lion hunting, within and between countries, including the role, if any, of international trade;
- c) support capacity-building in African lion conservation and management including where appropriate, in the making of non-detriment findings by range States according to Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings* and the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.9 on *Trade in hunting trophies of species listed in Appendix I or II*;
- d) assist in maintaining a joint CITES-CMS web portal on African lions, that also allows for the posting and sharing of information and guidance on the conservation and management of African lions;
- e) share any relevant update of the Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa ~~and any relevant update~~ with the Animals Committee for its review, ~~as appropriate~~; and
- f) report on the implementation of the present Decision to the ~~32nd meeting of the Animals Committee and the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee~~ and to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th ~~19th~~ meeting.

Directed to the Animals Committee (former Decision 18.247, now draft decision 19.BB)

19.BB The Animals Committee shall:

- a) review any relevant update of the Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa; ~~and any relevant update, as appropriate.~~
- b) review the information reported by the Secretariat under Decisions 19.AA 18.244 and 18.246, and submit recommendations to the Secretariat, the Standing Committee and African lion range States, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review any reports received from the Secretariat and the Animals Committee under Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB and;
- b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, the Animals Committee, the Secretariat and/or African lion range States to improve the implementation of the Convention for African lions, as appropriate.

Directed to Parties (former Decision 18.249 now draft decision 19.DD)

19.DD Parties, including range States and consumer countries of African lion, as relevant, are encouraged to:

- a) increase enforcement efforts to detect illegal, unreported or misreported trade in specimens of African lion and other big cats;
- b) use, where appropriate, South Africa's Barcode of Wildlife Project to help identify lion specimens in trade and, when importing lion specimens from South Africa, collaborate where necessary with relevant authorities in South Africa to improve the traceability of such specimens;
- c) provide details on the observed and/or removed lion body parts in trade when collecting and communicating data on illegal killing and illegal trade in lions to CITES in their annual reports; and
- d) cooperate on lion conservation, including by sharing information on lion populations, illegal killing and illegal trade.

Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities (former Decision 18.250, now draft decision 19.EE)

19.EE All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support African lion range States and the Secretariat in their efforts to conserve and restore African lions across their range, taking into consideration the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa*; ~~and in implementing Decisions 18.244 to 18.246, and 18.249, and the implementation of Decision 19.AA and 19.DD.~~

73. Jaguars (*Panthera onca*)

73.1 Report of the Standing Committee..... CoP19 Doc. 73.1

DRAFT DECISIONS ON JAGUARS (PANTHERA ONCA)

Directed to Parties, especially those that are range States of the jaguar, and relevant stakeholders

19.AA Parties, especially those that are range States of the jaguar, and relevant stakeholders are encouraged to:

- a) urgently adopt comprehensive legislation and enforcement controls aimed at eliminating the poaching of jaguars and illegal trade in their parts and derivatives, including online sales of specimens;
- b) include the jaguar as a priority species to be targeted as part of enforcement operations, measures and controls deployed to respond to and address wildlife crime;
- c) ensure that any illegal domestic and international trade in jaguar specimens detected are included in annual illegal trade reports in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*;
- d) promote the design and implementation of conservation corridors between range countries of the jaguar, strengthening cooperation mechanisms on a local, national and regional level in order to promote good conservation practices; channel investments to the conservation of the species; reduce the threats to the connectivity of its habitats; and strengthen the capacities of the main players involved, including by mobilizing Global Environment Facility (GEF) funding for this purpose;
- e) support the development of the proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring illegal killing of jaguars, associated illegal trade in their part and derivatives and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation;
- f) raise awareness about the importance of the jaguar and its protection status, its role in the ecosystem and the threats it faces, including illegal trade;
- g) participate in the meeting of jaguar range States referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 19.BB, and other events as appropriate, in order to share experiences and knowledge about the priority issues identified to combat illegal trade in jaguars;
- h) recognize the jaguar as the flagship species of its range countries so that the protection and conservation of the species and its habitat becomes a joint priority; and
- i) provide information to the Secretariat on the measures and activities they undertook to implement the actions directed to them under this Decision.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding, cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species and the Coordination Committee for the 2030 Jaguar Conservation Roadmap for the Americas led by the United Nations Development Programme with a view to:

- a) integrate and align conservation efforts, demand reduction strategies, behaviour change and livelihood alternatives to prevent illegal killing of jaguars and associated illegal trade in jaguar part and derivatives;
- b) develop a proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring illegal killing of jaguars, associated illegal trade in their part and derivatives and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation;
- c) convene a meeting of jaguar range States to:

- i) identify opportunities for cross-border collaboration and regional cooperation, joint actions, and resource mobilisation aimed at reducing habitat loss, habitat fragmentation and human-animal conflict, and preventing the illegal killing of and illegal trade in jaguars;
- ii) review options for an intergovernmental platform aimed to support jaguar conservation and combating the poaching and illegal trade in jaguars through a continental action plan;
- iii) review the Secretariat's proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring poaching and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation, referred to under paragraph b) of the present Decision; and
- iv) promote the reporting of any illegal domestic and international trade in jaguar specimens in CITES annual illegal trade reports in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*.

19.CC The Secretariat shall:

- a) support Parties in their implementation of Decision 19.AA; and
- b) report on the implementation of the Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties with recommendations as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall review the implementation of Decision 19.BB as well as the report and recommendations of the Secretariat under Decision 19.CC and make recommendations to range States, transit and destination countries, as appropriate and to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Secretariat's report to the Conference of the Parties under Decision 19.CC.

AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT DECISIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES, AS
SHOWN IN DOCUMENT SC74 SUM 6. (REV. 1),

New text is underlined; and deleted text is ~~struck through~~.

Directed to Parties, especially those that are range States of the jaguar, and relevant stakeholders

19.AA Parties, especially those that are range States of the jaguar, and relevant stakeholders are encouraged to:

- a) urgently adopt comprehensive legislation and enforcement controls aimed at eliminating the poaching of jaguars and illegal trade in their parts and derivatives, including online sales of specimens;
- b) include the jaguar as a priority species to be targeted as part of enforcement operations, measures and controls deployed to respond to and address wildlife crime;
- c) ensure that any illegal domestic and international trade in jaguar specimens detected are included in annual illegal trade reports in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*;
- d) promote the design and implementation of conservation corridors between range countries of the jaguar, strengthening cooperation mechanisms on a local, national and regional level in order to promote good conservation practices; channel investments to the conservation of the species; reduce the threats to the connectivity of its habitats; and strengthen the capacities of the main players involved, including by mobilizing Global Environment Facility (GEF) funding for this purpose;
- e) support the development of the proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring illegal killing of jaguars, associated illegal trade in their part and derivatives and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation;
- f) raise awareness about the importance of the jaguar and its protection status, its role in the ecosystem and the threats it faces, including illegal trade;
- g) participate in the meeting of jaguar range States referred to in paragraph c) of Decision 19.BB, and other events as appropriate, in order to share experiences and knowledge about the priority issues identified to combat illegal trade in jaguars;
- h) recognize the jaguar as the flagship species of its range countries so that the protection and conservation of the species and its habitat becomes a joint priority; and
- i) provide information to the Secretariat on the measures and activities they undertook to implement the actions directed to them under this Decision.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding, cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species and the Coordination Committee for the 2030 Jaguar Conservation Roadmap for the Americas led by the United Nations Development Programme with a view to:

- a) integrate and align conservation efforts, demand reduction strategies, behaviour change and livelihood alternatives to prevent illegal killing of jaguars and associated illegal trade in jaguar part and derivatives;
- b) develop a proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring illegal killing of jaguars, associated illegal trade in their part and derivatives and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation;

- c) convene a meeting of jaguar range States to:
 - i) identify opportunities for cross-border collaboration and regional cooperation, joint actions, and resource mobilisation aimed at reducing habitat loss, habitat fragmentation and human-animal conflict, and preventing the illegal killing of and illegal trade in jaguars;
 - ii) review options for an intergovernmental platform aimed to support jaguar conservation and combating the poaching and illegal trade in jaguars through a continental action plan;
 - iii) review the Secretariat's proposal for establishing a long-term system for monitoring poaching and other key aspects related to jaguar conservation, referred to under paragraph b) of the present Decision; and
 - iv) promote the reporting of any illegal domestic and international trade in jaguar specimens in CITES annual illegal trade reports in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*.

19.CC The Secretariat shall:

- a) support Parties in their implementation of Decision 19.AA; and
- b) issue a Notification to the Parties requesting the information specified in Decision 19. AA; and
- ~~b~~c) report on the implementation of the Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties with recommendations as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall establish an intersessional working group on jaguars (*Panthera onca*), with the following terms of reference:

- a) to work in collaboration with CITES Secretariat to establish a work programme for the actions outlined in Decisions 19.AA y 19.BB.
- b) based on the Secretariat's analysis in document SC74 Doc. 75, to assess whether a specific draft resolution on jaguars would be appropriate, also taking into consideration the conclusions of the meeting of jaguar range States mentioned in Decision 19.BB c), where applicable;
- c) to make recommendations to range States, and transit and destination countries, as appropriate; and
- d) to report its conclusions and recommendations at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

19.DDEE The Standing Committee shall review the implementation of Decision 19.BB, as well as the report and recommendations of the Secretariat under Decision 19.CC and the results of the intersessional working group, and make recommendations to range States, transit and destination countries, as appropriate and to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Secretariat's report to the Conference of the Parties under Decision 19.CC.

74. Songbird trade and conservation management
(Passeriformes spp.) CoP19 Doc. 74

DRAFT DECISIONS ON SONGBIRD TRADE AND
CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT (PASSERIFORMES SPP.)

Change to existing Decisions are shown underlined (additions) or in strikethrough (deletions)

Directed to the Secretariat

18.256 Subject to available funds, the Secretariat shall:
(Rev. CoP19)

- a) within 12 months of the conclusion of the ~~48th~~19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, commission a preliminary study on the scale and scope of international songbird trade to consider the management and conservation priorities of songbird taxa involved in such trade;
- b) consult with appropriate technical experts in the preparation of documents on the conservation, trade, management, enforcement and regulatory priorities of the songbird taxa identified;
- c) convene a technical workshop to consider the findings of the study and the reports referred to in paragraph b);
- d) invite the members of the Animals and Standing Committees, representatives from range, exporting, transit and consumer States, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the workshop; and
- e) make the results of the study and workshop, together with recommendations, available to the Animals Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.257 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals Committee shall review document CoP18 Doc. 79 and the results of the study and workshop on trade in songbirds, with the recommendations of the Secretariat, as per Decision 18.256 (Rev. CoP19), and make its own recommendations to the Standing Committee or ~~19th~~20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.258 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall consider the recommendations by the Animals Committee and make its own recommendations to the ~~19th~~20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties, nongovernmental organizations, commercial traders, and donors

18.259 (Rev. CoP19) Parties and non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders and donors are encouraged to provide funding to the Secretariat for the implementation of these Decisions.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON RHINOCEROSSES (RHINOCEROTIDAE SPP.)

Directed to Parties where illegal markets for rhinoceros horn exist

18.116 Parties in which illegal markets for rhinoceros horn exist are encouraged to develop demand reduction programmes targeted at key identified audiences, taking into consideration the provisions in Resolution Conf. 17.4 on *Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species* and taking advantage of the experience and expertise developed in other jurisdictions and by other organizations. Parties are urged to close those markets that contribute to poaching or illegal trade.

Directed to Parties

19.AA Parties are encouraged to:

- a) scale up efforts to collect samples from rhinoceros horn seized within their territories for forensic analysis, as anticipated by paragraph 1. f) of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses*;
- b) use the simplified procedures provided for under the *Regarding the use of simplified procedures to issue permits and certificates* in [Resolution Conf. 12.3 \(Rev. CoP18\) on Permits and certificates](#) for law enforcement purposes, to facilitate the exchange of rhinoceros horn samples for DNA analyses; and
- c) use the [Form for collection and sharing of data on rhinoceros horn seizures and on samples for forensic analysis](#) available in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17), as appropriate, to facilitate exchange of information and samples for analyses.

19.BB Parties are encouraged to:

- a) draw upon the [Directory of illegal trade in rhinoceros horn focal points](#) maintained by the CITES Secretariat, as may be needed, to facilitate contact between relevant agencies in different countries on matters related to rhinoceros poaching and illegal rhinoceros specimen trade; and
- b) if included in the directory, immediately inform the Secretariat if the details of their national focal point should be updated.

Directed to Botswana and South Africa

19.CC Botswana and South Africa are encouraged to review trends associated with the illegal killing of rhinoceroses and illegal trade in rhinoceros' specimens affecting them, and the measures and activities they are implementing to address these crimes, to ensure that these measures and activities are effective and adapted as may be needed to respond to any newly identified trends.

Directed to China, Mozambique, South Africa and Viet Nam

19.DD China (including Hong Kong SAR of China), Mozambique, South Africa and Viet Nam are encouraged to further strengthen their engagement, undertaking joint operations and further strengthening information and intelligence exchange, to build upon collaborative efforts, progress made and successes achieved, and further expand their collaboration to address illegal rhinoceros horn trade.

Directed to Malaysia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates

19.EE Malaysia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are encouraged to scale up their collaboration with Parties known to be associated with illegal rhinoceros specimens transiting their territories, and to review their risk management practices, developing rhinoceros specific risk profiles targeting cargo, luggage and passengers from and destined to these Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.FF Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall:

- a) convene a follow up CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force meeting consisting of representatives from Parties affected by rhinoceros poaching and illegal trade in rhinoceros specimens and, as appropriate, other Parties and experts to develop strategies to further strengthen responses to address rhinoceros poaching and rhinoceros specimen trafficking, taking into consideration the key poaching and trafficking challenges and responses outlined in Annex 4 to document CoP19 Doc. 75, and the outcomes of the October 2013 CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force meeting presented in the [Annex](#) to Notification to the Parties No. 2014/006 of 23 January 2014, and any other relevant matters; and
- b) report the to the Standing Committee on the results of the Task Force meeting, together with any recommendations it may have.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.GG The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.FF and make recommendations to the Parties and the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON SAIGA ANTELOPE (*SAIGA SPP.*)

Directed to range States of saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives

- 19.AA** a) The range States of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.) and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives, as identified by the Secretariat on the basis of CITES trade data, should fully implement the measures directed to them in the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope for 2021-2025* [MTIWP (2021-2025)], developed in support of the *Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (Saiga spp.)* and its *Saiga Action Plan*; and
- b) Consistent with the measures directed to saiga range States in MTIWP (2021-2025), the range States of the saiga antelope are encouraged to establish internal market controls for saiga parts, including registration of stockpiles, labelling of parts and products, and registration of manufacturers and traders, and report such information to the CITES Secretariat.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) review, in consultation with the CMS Secretariat, the conservation of and trade in saiga antelope, *Saiga* spp., based on available data on legal and illegal trade, materials and outcomes of the fourth meeting of Saiga MOU signatories, and stakeholder consultations, and report any consequent findings and recommendations to the Animals Committee, and to the Standing Committee in the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)* and the joint CMS-CITES work programme;
- b) consult saiga range States and major trading and consumer States concerning their management of stockpiles of saiga specimens; review processes and practices; and provide assistance in ensuring effective stockpile management and monitoring, including the development of inventories and strengthening stockpile security;
- c) provide training to strengthen cross-border cooperation in CITES implementation, identification of saiga products and techniques for countering illegal trade; and
- d) report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision, as appropriate.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.CC The Animals Committee shall, as appropriate, consider any findings and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.BB, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall, as appropriate, consider any findings and recommendations submitted by the Animals Committee and the Secretariat in accordance with Decisions 19.BB and 19.CC, and make recommendations as necessary.

Directed to saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders

19.EE Saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate

in the conservation and restoration of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.), and to support the implementation of MTIWP (2021-2025) as well as the technical coordination of the Saiga MOU.

DRAFT REVISED DECISIONS ON QUEEN CONCH (STROMBUS GIGAS)

Proposed new text is underlined, proposed deletions are indicated in ~~strikethrough~~

18.27519.AA **Directed to the range States of Strombus gigas**

The range States of Strombus gigas are encouraged to:

- a) *collaborate to implement the Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan, and develop national Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plans, as appropriate;*
- b) *continue to collect data on weight of S. gigas by processing grade in order to update and improve the regional conversion factors, and establish or update national conversion factors, taking into account the spatial variability and characteristics of the species;*
- c) *collaborate in developing and implementing joint research programmes at the sub- regional or regional level to support the making of non-detriment findings that take into account all fishing mortality, promote relevant research and capacity-building activities through regional fisheries management entities and mobilize financial resources for data collection;*
- d) *promote and collaborate in developing and implementing public education and awareness programmes regarding the conservation and sustainable use of S. gigas;*
- e) *continue to collaborate in exploring ways to enhance the traceability of specimens of S. gigas in international trade, including, but not limited to, catch certificates, labelling systems and the application of genetic techniques, and consider sharing relevant experiences with the Secretariat, Parties and the Standing Committee, as appropriate, in the context of discussions on traceability systems for trade in CITES-listed species;*
- f) *collaborate on combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity;*
- g) *share relevant experiences on traceability systems for specimens of Strombus gigas;*
- ~~h)g) — make available to the Standing Committee, through the Secretariat, share information concerning illegal trade in queen conch, including surveillance and enforcement activities, as appropriate; and~~
- ~~h)i) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of paragraphs a) to f) of this Decision to allow it to report at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with Decision 18.280, as appropriate progress reports on activities a) to h) to the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CFRM/CITES working group on queen conch.~~

18.27819.BB **Directed to the Secretariat**

The Secretariat shall continue to collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CFRM/CITES working group on queen conch, WECAFC, UNCTAD, OECS and other relevant international organizations, and, subject to external funding:

- a) *provide assistance to range States of S. gigas in order to enhance the capacity of their CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, fisheries authorities and other stakeholders to implement the Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan and national management plans and make scientifically robust non-detriment findings; ~~and~~*
- b) ~~*provide assistance to range States of S. gigas on relevant enforcement issues and report new developments in this regard to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.*~~

18.279 — **Directed to the Secretariat**

~~The Secretariat shall monitor the development of traceability systems for queen conch and report relevant developments to the Standing Committee, as appropriate; and~~

~~c) provide updates on relevant activities of the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM/CITES working group on queen conch to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate;~~

~~**18.280 Directed to the Secretariat**~~

~~The Secretariat shall collate the information provided in accordance with Decision 18.275, paragraph h), and report on the progress in the implementation of these Decisions at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.~~

~~**18.27619.CC Directed to the Animals Committee**~~

~~If requested by range States of *S. gigas* or the working group on queen conch composed of the Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC), the Central American Fisheries and Aquaculture Organization (OSPESCA), the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC), the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) and CITES, the Animals Committee shall provide advice regarding the making of non-detriment findings for trade, and on any other technical matters. The Animals Committee shall consider any reports from the Secretariat under Decision 19.BB, paragraph c), and any other relevant available information and make recommendations for the conservation and management of queen conch for consideration by the Standing Committee, as appropriate.~~

~~**18.27719.DD Directed to the Standing Committee**~~

~~On the basis of reporting by the Secretariat in compliance with Decision 18.275, paragraphs e) and g), the Standing Committee shall review traceability, especially for meat, and enforcement issues concerning international trade in queen conch and make recommendations as appropriate. The Standing Committee shall consider any reports from the Secretariat under Decision 19.BB, paragraph c), and any recommendations coming from the Animals Committee and make its own recommendations to the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties to improve implementation of the Convention for queen conch, as appropriate.~~

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *TORTOISES AND FRESHWATER TURTLES (TESTUDINES SPP.)*

Directed to Parties

19.AA Parties affected by illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles are encouraged to:

- a) initiate national level law enforcement operations specifically targeting illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles, and to participate in global operations such as those initiated by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization, identifying tortoises and freshwater turtles as a priority species for these operations;
- b) draw the [*Identification guide to tortoises and freshwater turtles: Parts, products and derivatives in trade*](#) to the attention of their national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement and promote its use; and
- c) translate the guide into their national languages where needed and inform the Secretariat about the availability of such translated versions.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB Subject to available funding, the Secretariat shall:

- a) engage with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime to implement activities specifically targeting illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles, which could include providing preparatory support to Parties for global law enforcement operations targeting wildlife crime, convening a further INTERPOL Regional Investigative and Analytical Case Management meeting, as well as a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Wildlife Inter-Regional Enforcement (WIRE) meeting.
- b) develop a CITES App version of the *Identification guide to tortoises and freshwater turtles: Parts, products and derivatives in trade*, to be made available for use by Parties; and
- c) report at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Decision 19.BB and any information received from Parties in accordance with Decision 19.AA.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON AFRICAN TREE SPECIES

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.AA The Plants Committee shall:

- a) update the list of African tree species and associated CITES processes contained in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 28;
- b) based on documents PC25 Doc. 27, PC25 Doc. 28 and PC25 Doc. 28 Add., establish priorities to strengthen the implementation of the Convention for the African tree species, including priorities for future work on *Prunus africana*;
- c) liaise with Parties in advancing the priorities identified above; and
- d) report the outcomes of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.BB The Secretariat shall, upon request of the Plants Committee, assist in the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall consider any report from the Plants Committee regarding Decision 19.AA and develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON MARINE ORNAMENTAL FISHES

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) convene a technical workshop to consider the conservation priorities and management needs related to the trade in non-CITES listed marine ornamental fishes worldwide, with a particular focus on data from importing and exporting countries;
- b) invite the Animals Committee, representatives from range States, exporting, and importing countries, fishery stakeholders, industry representatives and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in this workshop; and
- c) submit findings and recommendations of this workshop to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.BB The Animals Committee shall consider the results of the workshop referred to in Decision 19.AA and make recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON NEOTROPICAL TREE SPECIES

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.AA The Plants Committee shall:

- a) update the list of neotropical tree species and the related CITES processes included in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 29, taking into consideration the recommendations included in document PC25 Doc. 29, Addenda;
- b) based on the above, establish priorities for strengthening the implementation of the Convention for the neotropical tree species concerned;
- c) cooperate with the Parties in making progress with the priorities identified; and
- d) report on the results of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Parties

19.BB Parties are invited to cooperate with the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC The Secretariat shall, at the request of the Plants Committee, support the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall consider any reports of the Plants Committee on Decision 19.AA and, if it considers it appropriate, develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
TRADE IN MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANT SPECIES (MAPS)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, in close collaboration with the Plants Committee:

- a) develop informational materials for raising awareness of CITES regulations for the medicinal and aromatic plant industry stakeholders and consumers;
- b) publish a notification to ask Parties to:
 - i) liaise with key stakeholders along medicinal and aromatic plant trade value chains, including consumers, to enhance awareness of CITES regulations and to encourage sustainable use and legal trade CITES-listed medicinal and aromatic plants; and
 - ii) review their non-detriment findings (NDFs) for medicinal and aromatic plants and consider sharing such with the Secretariat to be included on the NDF page of the CITES website;
- c) subject to external funding, commission an in-depth analysis of e-commerce value chains in products of CITES-listed medicinal and aromatic plant species, including a stakeholder analysis of key producers, intermediate traders, manufacturers or distribution platforms to end consumers, and of institutions influencing the demand for CITES-regulated medicinal and aromatic plant products in biomedical, traditional and alternative medical systems, cosmetic and personal care, food industries (as appropriate), and including an assessment whether existing annotations focus on first products in trade or main products in trade;
- d) assess the possibilities of using the Medicinal Plant Names Service (MPNS) database in the analysis as per Decision 19.AA, paragraph c), and invite Parties representing different regions, cultures, and languages, through a notification, to assess the utility of the MPNS database in their routine work to see if it can contribute to the expansion of the Species+ database;
- e) review the Resolution Conf. 10.19 (Rev. CoP14) on *Traditional medicines* in relation to medicinal and aromatic plants and make suggestions as appropriate; and
- f) report to the Plants Committee.

Directed to Parties

19.BB Parties are invited to:

- a) liaise with key stakeholders along medicinal and aromatic plant trade value chains, including consumers as per Decision 19.AA, paragraph b), to enhance awareness of CITES regulations and to encourage sustainable use and legal trade in medicinal and aromatic plants; and
- b) assess the utility of the Medicinal Plant Names Service database in their routine work to see if it can contribute to the expansion of the Species+ database, and to provide feedback to the Plants Committee regarding the Decision 19.AA, paragraph d).

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.CC The Plants Committee shall:

- a) inform and review the report of the Secretariat as per Decision 19.AA, and the feedback from Parties regarding the utility of the Medicinal Plant Names Service as per Decision 19.BB;
- b) taking into consideration the information in document PC25 Doc. 30, information document CoP18 Inf. 11, the report of the Secretariat as per Decision 19.AA, and other relevant information, and in consultation with the Animals Committee, as appropriate, undertake a review of Resolution

Conf. 10.19 (Rev. CoP14) on *Traditional medicines*, and prepare recommendations for a revised Resolution on traditional medicines or a new Resolution on plant-based medicinal products; and

- c) submit its recommendations to the Standing Committee or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall review any report from the Plants Committee as per Decision 19.CC, as appropriate, and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
IDENTIFYING SPECIES AT RISK OF EXTINCTION FOR CITES PARTIES

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AA The Standing Committee shall, in collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees:

- a) make recommendations on the development and adoption by the Conference of the Parties of a procedure ensuring that the Animals and Plants Committees provide Parties requesting it with technical support in the preparation of listing proposals emanating from the implementation of CITES Resolution Conf. 19.XX., *Identifying Species at Risk of Extinction*, working in coordination with the CITES Secretariat, CITES Parties, and relevant experts as appropriate.
- b) establish a Working Group, with representation from all regions, the Animals and Plants Committees, and observers to review the recommendations developed by the Animals and Plants Committees under Decision 19.BB and make recommendations on the implementation of decision 19.AA a). The terms of reference for the Working Group shall be as provided in Annex A below.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall develop draft recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee to facilitate the implementation of CITES decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Secretariat

19. CC The Secretariat shall support the Animals, Plants and Standing Committees in the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB including through the provision of technical expertise, translation and interpretation as appropriate.

Annex A. Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee Working Group

Mandate

Review recommendations made by the Animals and Plants Committees under Decision 19.BB.

Membership

The working group will be Party led. It is proposed to have two co-chairs (and if necessary a vice-chair), with the co-chairs leading the work of the group. Membership will be open to Parties, Intergovernmental Organisations, and observers in line with the Standing Committee Rules of Procedure.

Modus Operandi

The group will operate by electronic correspondence to the extent possible. Support with translation and interpretation in the working languages of the Convention will be provided by the CITES Secretariat. Should a meeting be considered necessary, the group may meet virtually or in conjunction with intersessional meetings of the Standing Committee or any other CITES meetings should timings and resources permit.

Maintenance of the Appendices

84. Standard nomenclature

84.1 Report of the Animals and Plants Committees CoP19 Doc. 84.1

NEW OR REVISED DRAFT DECISIONS PROPOSED BY THE ANIMALS AND/OR PLANTS COMMITTEES

Change to existing Decisions are shown underlined (additions) or in ~~strike through~~ (deletions)

Aloe spp.

19.A1 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference for *Aloe* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 5 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31 and the Annex to PC25 Com. 5; and
- b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

19.A2 Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.A1;
- b) provide input to assist with the preparation of the updated *Aloe* spp. checklist, as noted in paragraph 5 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Pachypodium spp.

19.B1 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference for *Pachypodium* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 6 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
- b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

19.B2 Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.B1;
- b) provide input to assist with the preparation of the updated *Pachypodium* checklist, as noted in paragraph 6 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Nomenclature (Cactaceae Checklist and its Supplement)

18.304 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to Parties

Parties shall inform the Secretariat on their experience in using the *CITES Cactaceae Checklist* (3rd edition) and its *Supplement* (2018) and any issues that may arise as they

apply these lists, including feedback to improve it in the light of relevant updates of cacti taxonomy.

18.305 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) liaise with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to obtain feedback on the utility of the *CITES Cactaceae Checklist* (3rd edition) and its *Supplement* (2018) and any queries that arise as they update relevant databases, taking into account feedback provided by Parties as per Decision 18.304 (Rev. CoP19); and
- b) report to the Plants Committee of this feedback and any comments it receives from the Parties in order for the Committee to review this at its regular meetings.

18.306 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall review any report from the Secretariat related to the implementation of Decision 18.305 (Rev. CoP19) and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its ~~19th~~ 20th meeting.

Nomenclature of Diospyros spp. (populations of Madagascar)

19.C1 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference of *Diospyros* spp. (populations of Madagascar), taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 8 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
- b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

19.C2 Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.C1; and
- b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Nomenclature of Appendix-II listed orchids

19.D1 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek feedback from Parties and relevant experts on their experience in using the standard nomenclatural reference for Appendix-II listed orchids, in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*, including suggestions to improve the standard nomenclature in light of relevant updates in orchid taxonomy;
- b) subject to the availability of external resources, and in close collaboration with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee, commission the drafting of an update of the standard nomenclature references for Appendix II-listed orchids, taking into account feedback received under paragraph a) of this Decision; and
- c) report to the Plants Committee the feedback received for review.

19.D2 Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall review any report from the Secretariat related to the implementation of Decision 19.D1 and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature —Taxus spp.

19.E1 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an update of the standard nomenclature reference for *Taxus* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 10 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
- b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

19.E2 Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.E1; and
- b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Production of a CITES Checklist for Dalbergia spp.

18.307 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to availability of external resources, ~~undertake the development of~~ develop an annotated CITES Checklist of *Dalbergia* spp., taking into consideration:
 - i) ~~the Checklist as included in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on Standard nomenclature; relevant elements of paragraph 7 of document CoP18 Doc. 99, as well as the pertinence of including a distinction between timber and non-timber species of Dalbergia spp.;~~
 - ii) ~~the required~~ research and other work needed for the production of such a Checklist; and
 - iii) aspects related to its publication; and
- b) report on progress ~~or results of this process~~ to the Plants Committee at its regular meetings and seek its advice and input.

18.308 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress ~~and results~~ reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 18.307 (Rev. CoP19); and
- b) make recommendations to the Secretariat and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

~~These recommendations could include timelines for completion of the Checklist, or the adoption of a standard nomenclature reference for Dalbergia spp., amongst others.~~

Nomenclature (Bird family and order names)

19.AN1 Directed to the Animals Committee

- a) evaluate the implications of adopting the HBW/BI *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* as the new standard nomenclature reference for birds at the species, family and order levels, including the production of a listing of supplementary nomenclatural standard references that may be needed; and
- b) develop a recommendation for decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Higher Taxon Listings in the Appendices (submitted on behalf of the Standing Committee)

19.AN2 Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

The Animals and Plants Committees shall, taking into consideration document AC31 Doc. 38 with its Annex and its addendum, as well as the provisions of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), Annex 3, review the impacts of existing and future higher taxon listings in the Appendices and propose further guidance and recommendations as necessary, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

19.AN3 Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall take into account the guidance and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees and make any recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as required.

Taxonomy and Nomenclature of African Elephants (*Loxodonta* spp.)

19.AN4 Directed to the Secretariat:

The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification seeking the perspectives of Parties and other stakeholders on the potential effects of recognizing African forest elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) as a separate species to African savannah elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) for CITES purposes;
- b) develop a list of all current Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties that would be impacted by such a change of nomenclature;
- c) collate the responses to the Notification to the Parties and prepare a review of the potential impacts of recognising *L. cyclotis* as a separate species for CITES purposes, including the potential impacts on Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties; and
- d) prepare a report of its findings pursuant to a), b) and c) above and submit this report to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

19.AN5 Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) review the taxonomic-nomenclatural history of African elephant *Loxodonta africana* in CITES and the nomenclature that reflects accepted use in biology, at its 32nd meeting; and
- b) if appropriate, make a recommendation on adopting a new standard nomenclature reference for African elephants, for decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

19.AN6 Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review the report submitted by the Secretariat under paragraph d) of Decision 19.BB; and

- b) provide advice and any recommendations on the potential impacts of recognizing *L. cyclotis* as a separate species for CITES purposes, including the potential impacts on Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature of Appendix III listings – (submitted on behalf of the Standing Committee)

18.313 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

The Animals and Plants Committees shall, taking into consideration the current guidance in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on Standard nomenclature, paragraph 2 g), evaluate how nomenclature changes affect Appendix-III listings and propose further guidance and recommendations as necessary, that address how such nomenclature changes are to be handled, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

18.314 (Rev. CoP19) Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat, shall take into account the guidance and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees and make recommendations to address nomenclature changes that affect an Appendix-III listing, including possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) or Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP18) on Inclusion of species in Appendix III, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee, with support of the Secretariat, shall:

- 19.AA a) Consider and evaluate the nomenclatural issues related to *Dipteryx* spp., and, if considered appropriate, propose a standard nomenclatural reference for amendment of the Annex to Res. Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Standard Nomenclature*.
- b) Formulate recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee, with support of the Secretariat, shall:

- 19.AA a) Consider and evaluate the nomenclatural issues related to *Khaya* spp., and, if considered appropriate, propose a standard nomenclatural reference for amendment of the Annex to Res. Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Standard Nomenclature*.
- b) Formulate recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- 19.AA a) Consider and evaluate the nomenclatural issues related to *Rhodiola* spp., and, if considered appropriate, propose a standard nomenclatural reference for amendment of the Annex to Res. Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Standard Nomenclature* taking into consideration Ohba (2003) and the representation thereof in Annex 1 to proposal CoP19 Prop. 45.
- b) Report with recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

85. Annotations

85.1 Report of the Standing CommitteeCoP19 Doc. 85.1

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO DECISION 16.162 (REV. COP18) ON ANNOTATIONS

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Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP1819) Directed to the Standing Committee, Animals Committee, Plants Committee

The Standing Committee shall re-establish the working group on annotations, in close collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees, recognizing that the Animals and Plants Committees are an important source of expertise and advice to Parties on such scientific and technical issues. The group shall include, but not be limited to, members from the Standing Committee, Animals Committee, Plants Committee, observer Parties, CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, enforcement authorities, including customs, and industry representatives. The Standing Committee shall particularly endeavour to ensure balanced representation of importing and exporting Parties. The terms of reference for the working group shall be:

- a) in close collaboration with ongoing efforts in the Plants Committee, to continue reviewing the appropriateness and practical challenges resulting from the implementation of the annotations to the Appendices, including but not limited to those on the tree species, of the agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.), *Aniba rosaeodora*, *Bulnesia sarmientoi* and orchids, and to identify options to streamline these annotations taking into account the guidance provided by Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP18) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II*;
- b) to develop or refine definitions of terms used in current annotations as appropriate, ~~including but not limited to the terms “musical instruments” and “transformed wood”~~, and submit them for adoption by the Conference of the Parties and subsequent inclusion in the Interpretation section of the Appendices;
- c) to conduct any work related to annotations directed to it by the Conference of the Parties, the Standing, Animals or Plants Committee; and
- d) to prepare reports on progress made in addressing the issues tasked to it and submit them for consideration at the ~~7377~~⁷⁴⁷⁸th and ~~7478~~⁷⁵⁷⁹th meetings of the Standing Committee.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO DECISIONS 18.321 AND 18.322 ON ANNOTATION #15

Proposed new text is underlined, proposed deletions are indicated in ~~strike through~~.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.321 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to available resources, undertake a study to assess the effect on *Dalbergia/Guibourtia* species in international trade of the exemptions contained in annotation #15 for finished musical instruments, parts and accessories, and the conservation implications thereof;
- b) bring any scientific or technical issues to the attention of the Plants Committee and seek its advice; and
- c) report the results of its evaluation along with its recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.322 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee shall in the context of its work on annotations under the relevant Decisions, consider any report by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.321 (Rev. CoP19), undertake additional evaluation if necessary and report to the ~~49th~~ 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. If warranted, the Standing Committee may work

with relevant Parties in preparing an amendment proposal for the ~~19th~~ 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

85.2 Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species.....CoP19 Doc. 85.2

DRAFT DECISIONS ON INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR TRADE
IN SPECIMENS OF CITES-LISTED TREE SPECIES

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.317 (Rev. CoP19)

The Standing Committee shall explore the feasibility and requirements for developing an information system for the purpose of processing trade data associated with transactions in specimens of CITES-listed tree species authorized under the provisions of the Convention and submit any relevant recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall commission a study exploring the feasibility and requirements for developing an information system as proposed and provide its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON
INFORMAL REVIEW MECHANISM FOR EXISTING AND PROPOSED ANNOTATIONS

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall prepare a proposal on the feasibility and requirements for an informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations, provide its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.BB The Standing Committee shall evaluate the Secretariat's proposal for an informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations and submit any relevant recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *PRODUCTS CONTAINING SPECIMENS
OF APPENDIX II ORCHIDS*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to availability of external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) consult with Parties and stakeholders and undertake a study to compile an overview of Appendix-II orchid taxa that are particularly affected by wild harvest for international trade to inform the following assessments:
 - i) an assessment of the conservation impacts of exempting artificially propagated Appendix-II listed orchid taxa from CITES regulations, including as articulated in footnote annotation 10 of the CITES Appendices, including identification challenges and look-alike issues; and
 - ii) an assessment of the conservation impacts of exempting derivatives and/or finished products of certain Appendix-II listed orchid taxa from CITES regulations through amendments to annotation #4; and
- b) report to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall consider the study as per Decision 19.AA, and make recommendations on how to improve CITES implementation for Appendix-II listed orchids to the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall review any recommendations of the Plants Committee, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

87. Amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)

87.1 Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) CoP19 Doc. 87.1

DRAFT DECISION ON *LIVELIHOODS AND FOOD SECURITY (IF NEEDED)*

Livelihoods and food security as part of proposals for amendments to the Appendices

Directed to Parties

19.AA Parties proposing amendments to the Appendices shall consult with relevant stakeholders, ensure that international trade is the primary threat to a species and consider livelihoods options, food security and management programmes prior to tabling the proposal.

87.2 Aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices:
proposals for a new approach to the listing of sharks and raysCoP19 Doc. 87.2

88. Communications concerning amendments to the Appendices
received by the Depositary Government
after the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties CoP19 Doc. 88

Proposals to amend the Appendices

89. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

89.1 Secretariat's assessment of the proposals
to amend Appendices I and II..... CoP19 Doc. 89.1

89.2 Comments from Parties..... CoP19 Doc. 89.2

89.3 Comments from statutory consultees CoP19 Doc. 89.3

Conclusion of the meeting

90. Determination of the time and venue
of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties(no document)

91. Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary General,
Host Government).(no document)