CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA
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Thirty-first meeting of the Animals Committee
Online, 31 May, 1, 4, 21 and 22 June 2021

Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

ADDENDUM TO THE OVERVIEW OF THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

1.   This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2.   In paragraphs 10 to 13 of document AC31 Doc. 13.1, the Secretariat informed the Animals Committee on the implementation of Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP18) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP18) on the *Review of Significant Trade (RST)* and reported that the development of the RST tracking and management system was well under way and envisaged to be completed by October 2020.

3.   Since May 2020, the Secretariat has made further advancements in its implementation of Decision 17.108 (Rev. CoP18). In October 2020, the United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC) presented its progress to the Technical Advisory Group to seek its inputs into the system's look and functionalities. UNICC received useful feedback on possible enhancements and improvements to the tracking and management system, many of which were taken on board and implemented. UNICC finalized the RST tracking and management system in October 2020 and has been contracted to undertake the system's maintenance.

4.   As a further development, the Secretariat has entered into a Service Delivery Agreement with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) to support the implementation of Decision 17.108 (Rev. CoP18) by populating the tracking and management system with the relevant documentation for all current RST cases (i.e. ongoing cases and those species/country combinations subject to a recommendation to suspend trade). The historical RST cases will be inserted in a second phase. Once populated with all relevant documentation for all current cases, the RST tracking and management system will be made publicly available to Parties and interested stakeholders. In due course, the Secretariat would be pleased to present the tracking and management system to all interested, whether at an upcoming CITES meeting or through an online event.

5.   In parallel, the Secretariat is currently working on implementing Decisions 17.109 (Rev. CoP18) and 17.110 (Rev. CoP18), thanks to funding received from Switzerland. Accordingly, the Secretariat will make available a user-friendly guide and a comprehensive training module on RST once the tracking and management system is publicly launched.

Revised recommendation

6.   The Animals Committee is invited to take note of document AC31 Doc. 13.1 and its addendum.