

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



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Strategic matters

CITES AND LIVELIHOODS

1. This document has been prepared by Peru*, as Chair of the Working Group on CITES and Livelihoods, in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat.

Background

2. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 16.6 on *CITES and livelihoods*, recognizing, among other things, that the implementation of CITES is better achieved with the engagement of rural communities, especially those which are traditionally dependent on CITES-listed species for their livelihoods.
3. At CoP16, the Conference of the Parties also adopted Decisions 16.17 to 16.25 on livelihoods as follows:

Directed to Parties

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Exporting and importing countries are invited to carry out voluntary rapid assessments of the impact of implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities and to mitigate negative impacts.

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Parties are encouraged to develop case studies and facilitate exchange visits between relevant stakeholders from the different ongoing conservation and sustainable use programmes which address issues related to CITES and livelihoods in order to stimulate the exchange of lessons learnt regarding CITES-listed species living in similar environments and/or social conditions.

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Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and public and private donors/investors are encouraged to support rapid assessments of the impact of the implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities, the implementation of activities which mitigate any negative impacts, and cooperation agreements between relevant national government agencies and rural communities.

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Directed to the Standing Committee

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*The Standing Committee shall **continue the operation of its Working Group** on CITES and Livelihoods so that the Working Group can review the comments on the toolkit and guidelines submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee.*

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The Working Group shall continue to work electronically through a forum available on the CITES website. The Working Group may, subject to availability of external funding, recommend to the Standing Committee that a meeting of the working group be required.

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The Standing Committee shall review at its 65th and 66th meetings the progress made with regard to CITES and livelihoods.

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The Standing Committee shall present a report at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress made on this work.

Directed to the Secretariat

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*The Secretariat shall, via a **Notification**, invite Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations to provide comments on document CoP16 Inf. 21. The comments shall be made available for consideration by the Working Group.*

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*Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with interested Parties and relevant international and regional organizations, **facilitate the organization of workshops** and **side-events** to showcase successful livelihood experiences, and create a section on the CITES website to publish experiences and case studies related to CITES and livelihoods submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations.*

Composition of the Working Group

4. The members of the Working Group as agreed at the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee (SC61, Geneva, August 2011) are: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, India, Indonesia, Israel, Mali, Nicaragua, Nigeria, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, South Africa, Suriname, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe, the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Conservation Force, Humane Society International, IFAW, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, Pro Wildlife, Safari Club International, SSN, TRAFFIC, WWF and the CITES Secretariat.

Progress made with regard to the implementation of Decision 16.17 to 16.25

5. Since CoP16, the Secretariat has been active in raising external funds to implement Decisions 16.17 to 16.25 and is pleased to announce that the European Union has identified this theme among the list of activities that will benefit from their funding for the implementation of CoP16 Decisions (see also document SC65 Doc. 17).
6. The Chair of the Working Group and the CITES Secretariat have been in contact with the Organization of American States (OAS), the International Trade Centre and the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) in order to implement some of the tasks requested under Decisions 16.18 and 16.25.

7. OAS has offered to assist in the development of an international workshop in the Peruvian Amazon towards the end of August 2014 aimed at presenting some case studies and exchanging successful experiences. The workshop will also allow the identification of practical cases to implement the toolkit and guidelines mentioned in Decision 16.20 and Resolution Conf. 16.6.
8. The Amazonian Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) has incorporated in its work plan for 2014 the theme of "CITES and livelihoods" during its regional preparatory meeting for SC65. ACTO member countries have agreed to carry out an identification process to select species and develop successful and non-successful case studies within the Amazonian region. The ACTO Secretariat will prepare a background document to provide support to countries that require assistance.
9. A questionnaire has been prepared to facilitate the implementation of Decision 16.24, and is annexed to the present document (in Spanish only).

Recommendations

10. The Chair of the Working Group recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - a) note the present document and the progress made; and
 - b) re-establish the Working Group on CITES and livelihoods and invite it to reconvene in the margins of the present meeting, taking account of the contents of the present document and, if deemed appropriate, make recommendations for further action.

CUESTIONARIO

País Parte:

Dirigido a las Autoridades Administrativas

En relación a la aplicación de la Resolución Conf. 16.6 sobre *La CITES y los medios de subsistencia*.

¿Se cuenta con alguna experiencia de aplicación de estrategias de empoderamiento dirigidas a comunidades rurales que han sido o pueden ser impactadas por las decisiones de la CITES?

Si No

Indicar cuales:

- 1) Participación de las comunidades rurales en la elaboración y aplicación de políticas relacionadas con la CITES

Si No

- 2) Acciones que hayan potenciado los beneficios para las comunidades rurales derivados de la aplicación de la CITES y el comercio.

Si No

- 3) Promoción de asociaciones de usuarios de especies silvestres.

Si No

- 4) Acciones de reconocimiento de la tenencia y la propiedad de los recursos así como de los conocimientos tradicionales asociados a especies incluidas en los Apéndices de la CITES.

Si No

- 5) Sensibilización y la educación del público, incluidos programas dirigidos a las comunidades rurales.

Si No

¿Se cuenta con alguna experiencia de aplicación de estrategias de mitigación a impactos negativos sobre las comunidades rurales?

Si No

Indicar cuales:

- 1) Se ha proporcionado asistencia, incluido apoyo financiero a corto plazo a las comunidades rurales afectadas por la aplicación de las decisiones de inclusión en los Apéndices de la CITES.

Si No

- 2) Se han proporcionado alternativas a las comunidades que la generación de ingresos, tales como el pago por los servicios de los ecosistemas, el turismo sostenible y el empleo en el ecoturismo o como guardas de caza.

Si No

En relación a la aplicación de las Decisiones

Sobre información específica:

¿Podría escoger dos casos de estudio relevantes para el tema de la CITES y los medios de subsistencia?

Citar el estudio de caso en que las decisiones de la CITES han tenido impactos positivos sobre los medios de subsistencia de las poblaciones locales (especie y comunidad local)

Citar el estudio de caso en que las decisiones de la CITES han tenido impactos negativos sobre los medios de subsistencia de las poblaciones locales (especie y comunidad local)

¿El país cuenta con las facilidades para el desarrollo de un estudio de caso (elaboración de un documento) sobre los impactos de las decisiones de la CITES sobre los medios de subsistencia de una población local definida?

¿El país cuenta con fondos para poder compartir uno de los estudios de caso en un taller internacional (financiamiento de la asistencia del experto)?

¿El país cuenta con las capacidades técnicas para poder aplicar las herramientas para la rápida evaluación a escala nacional de los efectos positivos y negativos de la aplicación de decisiones de inclusión en los Apéndices de la CITES sobre los medios de subsistencia de la poblaciones locales?

¿El país cuenta con recursos financieros para poder aplicar estas herramientas?