

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

Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Johannesburg (South Africa), 24 September – 5 October 2016

Amendment of the AppendicesProposals to amend Appendices I and II

SECRETARIAT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSALS TO AMEND APPENDICES I AND II

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Article XV, paragraph 1 (a), of the Convention, states that:

Any Party may propose an amendment to Appendix I or II for consideration at the next meeting [of the Conference of the Parties]. The text of the proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretariat at least 150 days before the meeting.

3. By 27 April 2016, i.e. 150 days before the opening date of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 64 Parties had communicated to the Secretariat their proposals of their support to proposals for amendment of Appendices I and II, for consideration at that meeting. These were Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Palau, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. Most of the proposals were accompanied by supporting statements presented in accordance with the format recommended by the Conference of the Parties [Annex 6 to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16)].
4. The list of the proposals for amendment of Appendices I and II together with the Secretariat's recommendations thereon is provided in Annex 1 of the present document.
5. The Secretariat consulted the Parties on the proposed amendments in accordance with the provisions of Article XV, paragraphs 1 (a), 2 (b) and (c), through a Notification sent to the contracting and signatory States of the Convention through the diplomatic channel on 26 May 2016, as well as with Notification to the Parties [No 2016/043](#) of the same date. Document [CoP17 Doc. 88.2](#) contains the list of the Parties which replied and the full texts of their comments in the language in which they were provided.
6. In accordance with the provisions of Article XV, paragraphs 1 (a) and 2 (b), of the Convention, the Secretariat has consulted intergovernmental bodies having a function in relation to marine species regarding the amendment proposals for marine species. In accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15), on *Implementation of the Convention for timber species*, paragraph b), of the section entitled *Regarding international organizations*, the Secretariat has sought the views of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) regarding the amendment proposal for timber species. The list of statutory consultees and comments received is available in document [CoP17 Doc. 88.3](#)

7. On the basis of the above consultation procedure and comments received, the Secretariat prepared its assessments of the proposals and recommendations, contained in Annex 2 to the present document.