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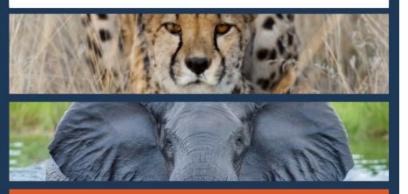
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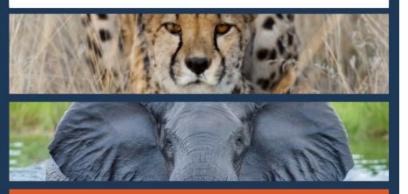








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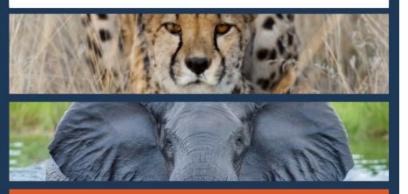








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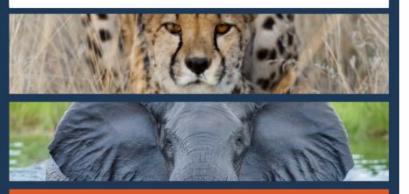








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# UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS













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### **Practical information**

Meeting webpage: <a href="https://cites.org/eng/meetings/sc">https://cites.org/eng/meetings/sc</a> (agenda and all working documents)

Venue:	International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Rue Varembe, Geneva
Registration:	Parties are requested to register no later than <b>30 October 2023</b> – even with a UN badge
Media:	Media accreditation through submission of the form available on the meeting webpage
Credentials:	To be submitted by email by 30 October or on-site
Meeting hours:	Monday 6 November to Friday 10 November: 9-12 and 14-17
Interpretation:	English, French and Spanish
Livestreaming:	CITES YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/CITES

### **16. CITES Strategic Vision**

### CITES Strategic Vision: 2021 – 2030

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was adopted in December 2022. CITES processes contribute to the implementation of the GBF and relevant processes and documents to reflect this contribution.

- Secretariat reports on:
  - linkages between the strategic vision, the SDGs and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; and proposes amendments to the Resolution on *Cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions* to ensure the long-term contribution of CITES to the GBF
  - possible indicators for objective 1.4 of the CITES Strategic Vision: "The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation status and needs of species"
- Standing Committee invited to:
  - Review the areas of alignment and submit the proposed amendments to the Resolution to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting;
  - Consider the proposed indicators for objective 1.4 in the strategic vision



### **18.** Cooperation

# Cooperation with other biodiversity related Conventions and other international organizations

- The Secretariat presents:
  - Next steps in developing a partnership strategy
  - Opportunities for highlighting the achievements of CITES and advancing on synergies: UN Environment Assembly (UNEA6), February 2024; Bern III Conference on synergies, week of 20-26 January 2024 (to be confirmed)
- Standing Committee invited to
  - consider the process outlined for the development of the draft CITES partnership strategy and provide any inputs;
  - coordinate the participation of its Members at the Bern III Conference on synergies to ensure that the Convention and its interests are adequately represented at the conference; and
  - encourage Parties participating in the UNEA-6 high-level dialogues to represent the achievements, needs and interests of CITES and its Parties.



### **12. Emerging operational matters**

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need to consider the approach to organize meetings in similar circumstances in the future to ensure that work progresses

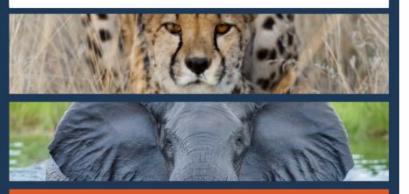
- Secretariat proposes:
  - Two guiding principles for the best course of action if intersessional work/meetings are affected by exceptional circumstances: (1) in-person meetings are the default options for all meetings of the CITES permanent committees; and (2) online or hybrid options would be considered only when quorum might not be reached;
  - Further, a postponed meeting should take place within six months of the original date and decision to be made withing two months otherwise meeting to be rescheduled online;
  - Amendments to a Resolution to allow for statements to be made on behalf of a Party unable to attend a meeting
- Standing Committee inter alia invited to:
  - consider the guiding principles and the exceptional circumstances
  - submit to the Conference of the Parties the amendments to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on Establishment of Committees







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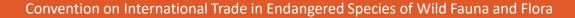
### **Elephants**

Several items relating to elephant matters, including:

- 51. Stocks and stockpiles (elephant ivory)
- 55. African elephant range State dialogue meeting
- 63.2 MIKE and ETIS Programmes: Financial & Operational sustainability
- 74. African elephant taxonomy and nomenclature

63.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP 18)

- MIKE PIKE trend analysis
- ETIS trend analysis
- Conservation status African and Asian elephants
- African Elephant Action Plan and African Elephant Fund
- Closure of domestic ivory markets



### 23. Capacity-building

# 23.1: Report of implementation on the new Resolution Conf. 19.2 on *Capacity-building*

 Secretariat report on capacity-building activities to Parties at national and regional levels

### **23.3 Continue the development of a capacity-building framework**

- Secretariat proposal to organize regional technical consultation(s) to facilitate consideration of an integrated capacity-building framework
- Opportunity to align with Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework



### **26. Gender Action Plan**

# Implementation of Resolution Conf. 19.3 on *Gender and international trade in wild fauna and flora*

- Secretariat drafted an outline of the CITES Gender Action Plan
- Collected inputs from Parties & stakeholders on information, case studies, and other experience that could help develop the Action Plan
- Engaged with MEAs and UN agencies to collect information on the gender policies
- Seek inputs, plans to work with SC Chair to further develop the Action Plan for SC78



### **27. CITES Youth Global Network**

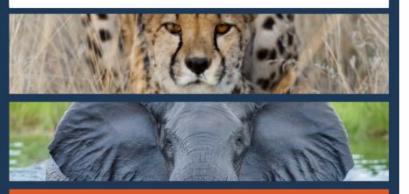
**Document submitted by Singapore (in collaboration with the Secretariat)** 

- Resolution Conf. 17.5 (Rev. CoP18) on Youth Engagement
- proposes to establish a CITES Global Youth Network to build a platform for youths to be equipped with the capacity to objectively understand and manage the intricacies of sustainable wildlife trade
- Invites youth representatives from around the world to be founding members
- Hold a CITES Youth Leadership Programme & Global Youth Summit
- Request Parties to support the efforts





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### **33. Compliance matters – Application of Article XIII**

- Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) supportive and non-adversarial approach is taken towards non-compliance with the aim of ensuring long-term compliance
- Overview document Viet Nam, UK and other matters
- Guinea, Lao PDR, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo
  - Secretariat provides an update on the implementation of recommendations of the Standing Committee
  - Standing Committee invited to
    - note progress made by the respective Parties
    - adopt new recommendations or renew existing ones
- Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, Ecuador, European Union
  - Secretariat reports on compliance matters identified by its technical compliance missions to the Parties:
    - Bangladesh illegal trade in live birds and shark specimens
    - *Cameroon management and trade in African teak (Pericopsis elata)*
    - China trade in live Asian elephants for commercial purposes
    - Ecuador trade in shark specimens
    - European Union implementation of the provisions related to trade captive bred specimens of species included in Appendix I
  - Standing Committee invited to:
    - consider the compliance matter
    - provide advice and recommendations to the respective Parties to address the compliance matter
    - *invite respective Parties to report back to the Standing Committee on the implementation of the agreed recommendations*



### **National laws and annual reporting**

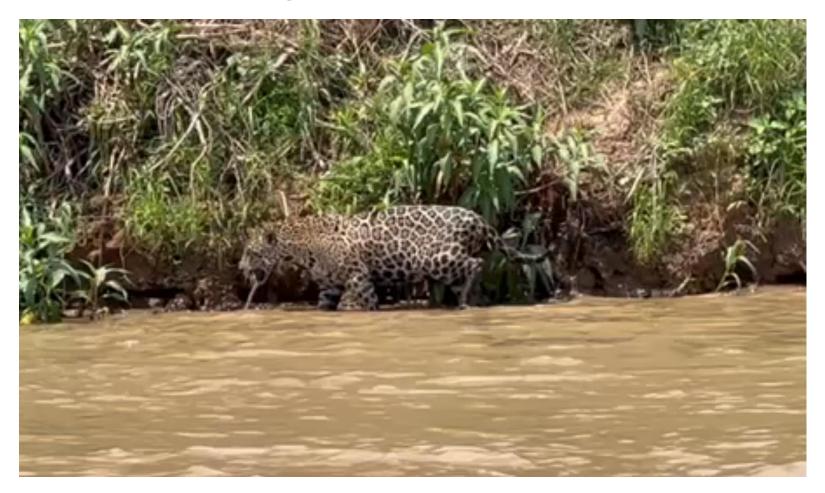
### 31. National laws for implementation of the Convention

- Secretariat presents an update on:
  - number of Parties with legislation in Category 1 (111 Parties), 2 (45 Parties) and 3 (25 Parties)
  - progress (or lack thereof) of Parties with legislation in Category 2 or 3 (25 updates received)
- Standing Committee invited to:
  - agree on a recommendation to all Parties to suspend commercial trade with: Comoros, Congo, Dominica, Ecuador, Libya, Mongolia and Sierra Leone
  - request the Secretariat to issue a formal warning to the Parties that have not reported any legislative progress for more than three years : Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon and North Macedonia
  - agree to add Uganda to the list of Parties that requires the attention of the Committee as a priority.

### 32.1 National reports: Submission of annual reports

- Secretariat provides the list of Parties that have not provided annual reports for the past two years:
  - Angola, Antigua, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, the Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Maldives, Myanmar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands and Togo.
- Standing Committee invited to
  - take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and instruct the Secretariat to issue a recommending that Parties not authorize any commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties until they have provided the missing reports

# 43. Conservation and monitoring of Jaguars (*Panthera onca*)





Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

### 33. Compliance matters - – Application of Art. XIII (2)

### *Expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood (*Pterocarpus erinaceus) *for all range States and the review of significant trade in* Pterocarpus erinaceus

- Secretariat provides an update on the implementation of recommendations of the Standing Committee:
  - Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Gambia (the)\*, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau\*, Mali\*, Nigeria\* and Togo: currently subject to a recommendation to suspend trade in p. erinaceus until fulfilment of certain conditions
  - Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Sierra Leone: must prepare non-detriment findings in order to be able to export
  - *Côte d'Ivoire, Niger and Senegal: have adopted zero-export quotas*
- Sierra Leone provides information on progress made to develop an NDF for P. erinaceus
- Senegal highlights capacity constraints for Parties in West Africa and proposes a range-State approach in providing support
- Standing Committee invited to
  - note progress made by the respective Parties
  - Consider information provided by Sierra Leone
- Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)
  - Madagascar presents an update on the implementation of Decision 19.71 and recommendations of SC75
  - Standing Committee invited to note the progress reported by Madagascar



### **Other legal matters**

- Introduction from the sea
- Legal acquisition findings
- Provides general elements on Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) on Legal acquisition findings, and the "Guidance for making legal acquisition findings" and "Rapid guide for the making of legal acquisition findings".
- Provides an update on the workshops and other capacity-building activities conducted as well as digital solutions (i.e. CITES-LEX).
- Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) encourage Parties to implement Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19) and use the "Rapid guide for making legal acquisition findings" when preparing their legal acquisition findings; and
  - b) invite Parties to, where possible, share their legal acquisition findings to build knowledge and share best practices.



### **Other legal matters**

#### • Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations

- The Secretariat has selected and is in the process of recruiting a consultant to undertake the study of the feasibility and requirements for an informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations.
- The Standing Committee is invited to take note of the Secretariat's progress in the implementation of Decisions 19.266 and 19.267
- Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed species
- The Secretariat has developed draft terms of reference for a study on the feasibility and requirements for an information system on trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species. The draft ToRs have been shared with the Plants Committee.
- The Standing Committee is invited to take note of the Secretariat's progress in the implementation of Decision 19.265.



# 28. Engagement with indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs)

Decisions under CITES may have an impact on IPLCs and their livelihoods. CoP Decisions aim to explore how to effectively engage IPLCs in CITES processes

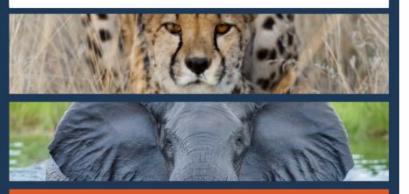
- Secretariat presents
  - information on Parties' experiences and lessons learned in engaging indigenous peoples and local communities in CITES processes
- Chair of the Standing Committee working group presents
  - Progress in the development of non-binding guidance for consulting IPLCs on proposals to amend the Appendices to the Convention
- Standing Committee invited to
  - Note the progress and agree to extend the mandate of the working group to also consider issues related to terminology







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### **Ben Van RENSBURG**

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### **39.1 Enforcement matters**

- Secretariat reports on
  - Addressing corruption
  - Integration of financial crime investigations into the investigation of crimes involving wildlife
  - Update to the Directory of laboratories conducting wildlife forensic testing
  - CITES Illegal Trade Database and the online data dissemination platform
- Standing Committee invited to
  - Encourage Parties to integrate financial crime investigations into the investigation of crimes involving wildlife; increase the use of financial investigation techniques
  - Encourage Parties to draw upon the CITES directory of laboratories that conduct wildlife forensic testing,
  - Request the Secretariat to convey the budgetary implications and importance of securing sustainable funding to maintain the CITES Illegal Trade Database, during the budget and work programme discussions for 2026 to 2028 at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.



### 33.13.1 and 33.13.2 Totoaba

Illegal fishing of totoaba and the threat this poses to the Vaquita remains a matter of great concern. Countries of origin, transit and destination need to take action to combat illegal trade in totoaba

Two documents submitted:

33.13.1 - Submitted by Mexico as Chair of the Trilateral Contact Group (TECG) between Mexico, China and the United States of America.

• Provide update on progress with finalizing ToR for the TECG and to operationalize it

33.13.2 - Document prepared by the Secretariat.

- Secretariat reports on
  - An update on the development and implementation of a compliance action plan by Mexico
  - Milestones in the action plan that have not yet been achieved
  - Progress on the study of the vaquita and totoaba
- Mexico provides
  - an update on the operationalization of the Trilateral Contact Group (China, Mexico and United States of America) on Law Enforcement.
- Standing Committee invited to
  - Welcome the rapid progress made by Mexico with implementation of its compliance action plan and request Mexico to consider the observations of the Secretariat on the implementation of the action plan and prepare another report for the next meeting;
  - Request China, Mexico and the United States of America to report on the operationalization and activities of the Trilateral contact group to next meeting of the Committee
  - Request the Secretariat to conduct missions to China and the United States of America to get a better understanding of the measures and activities being implemented by these Parties in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs a) to c) of Decision 18.292 (Rev. CoP19)
  - Request the Secretariat to work with INTERPOL and UNODC to convener a Wildlife Inter Regional Enforcement (WIRE) meeting and a Regional Investigative and Analytical Case Meeting (RIACM) on totoaba;
  - Note the reporting of the Secretariat regarding the study on vaquita and totoaba.



### **39.3 CITES Big Cat Task Force**

- Secretariat reports on the outcome of the meeting of the Big Cat Task Force, held in Entebbe, Uganda, in April 2023, including the outcome document recommending measures in the following areas:
  - strengthening effective implementation and enforcement of the Convention with regards to illegal trade in big cat specimens;
  - strengthening regulation of facilities breeding big cats in captivity to prevent and detect any illegal trade from such facilities and deploy strengthened enforcement measures;
  - reducing demand to combat illegal trade in big cat specimens;
  - identification of big cat specimens in trade; and
  - strengthening regional and international collaboration to address illegal trade in specimens of big cats.
- Standing Committee invited to
  - consider the proposal of a resolution on illegal trade in big cats
  - encourage all Parties affected by illegal trade in specimens of big cat species to make every effort to implement the strategies, measures and activities outlined in the CITES Big Cats Task Force outcome document, as a matter of priority



### **Species-specific enforcement matters**

### 41.1 Asian big cats

- The Secretariat
  - Secretariat report on broad range of matters related to the Asian big cats Resolution and Decisions on Asian big cats adopted at CoP19. Including:
    - Conservation status and measures
    - Enforcement measures and activities
    - Reduction of demand
    - Wildlife forensics related to Asian big cat specimens
    - others
- The Standing Committee is invited to:
  - Note the information provided by Parties
  - Encourage all Parties affected by illegal trade in Asian big cat species to include seizure data related to these species in their annual illegal trade reports and submit their reports in a timely manner
  - Due to a a lack of specific information, invite Parties and range States to report information on conservation measures undertaken; poaching incidents detected; and seizure data involving the leopard (Panthera pardus)



### **Species-specific enforcement matters**

### 41.2 Asian big cats in captivity

Secretariat was requested to undertake missions to identified Parties 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.

- The Secretariat
  - Reports on findings and conclusions from missions undertaken to : Czech Republic, Lao PDR, South Africa, Thailand and Viet Nam
- The Standing Committee is invited to consider:
  - A number of recommendations directed to Parties in whose territories there are facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity, which inter alia relates to:
    - strengthening compliance monitoring and enforcement of legislative provisions relating to facilities keeping tigers in captivity
    - taking a more methodical proposed approach regarding facilities that breed large numbers of tigers and facilities housing large numbers of tigers
    - to enhance their efforts in demand reduction activities related to illegal trade in Asian big cats
  - Specific recommendations directed to the Patries visited during the missions.
  - Encouraging I governments, intergovernmental organizations, international aid agencies, and nongovernmental organizations to provide funds and other assistance to Parties with facilities that breed large numbers of tigers and those housing large numbers of tigers, to support the implementation of the methodical approach proposed.



# **Species-specific enforcement matters**

#### 45 Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)

- The Secretariat inter alia
  - Reports on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP19) on Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses and Decisions 19.117, 19.118 and 19.119 regarding measures to address the illegal killing of rhinoceros and trafficking of rhinoceros' horn
  - The document focusses on Botswana, China [including Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China], Malaysia, Mozambique, Qatar, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam, as the Parties most affected by illegal trade in rhinoceros' horn
  - The Secretariat also address emerging issues of concern related to Angola and Namibia
  - Further, the Chitwan Declaration for Asian Rhinos Conservation 2023 agreed by the five Asian rhinoceros range States and the Directory of illegal trade in rhinoceros horn focal points are addressed in the document.
- The Standing Committee is invited to:
  - welcome the Chitwan Declaration for Asian Rhinos Conservation 2023 agreed by the five Asian rhinoceros range countries
  - consider recommendations specific to the Patries mentioned
  - request Parties included in the Directory of illegal trade in rhinoceros horn focal points, to inform the Secretariat if the details of their national focal points in the Directory should be updated



# **39.2 International Consortium on Combatting** Wildlife Crime (ICCWC)

- Secretariat reports on
  - Activities conducted under the auspices of ICCWC
  - The ICCWC Vision 2030 which provides a roadmap for the activities of ICCWC over the next decade
  - ICCWC continue to play a critical role in engaging and working with Parties globally to combat wildlife crime, using a coordinated and cohesive approach and providing Parties with the tools, services and technical support needed to address wildlife crime and bring criminals involved to justice
- Standing Committee invited to
  - note the efforts of Parties to combat wildlife crime and welcome the support provided by ICCWC
  - note that the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit and the ICCWC Indicator Framework for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime have been revised and updated, and encourage Parties to make use of these tools
  - encourage Parties to actively engage in ICCWC initiatives and operations and to reach out to ICCWC for support where needed
  - welcome the generous contributions from donor Parties enabling the implementation of the ICCWC Strategic Programme which is now coming to a close



# **Several other matters**

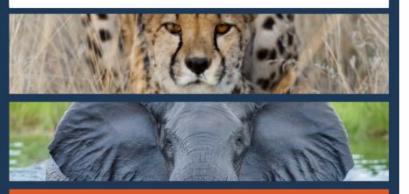
- 39.4 Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa
- 40 Marine turtles (Cheloniidae spp. and Dermochelyidae spp.)
- 44 Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope (Pantholops hodgsonii)
- *Etc.*







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# **21. CITES and Forests**

The strategic importance of CITES in the conservation of forests and sustainable forest management will be discussed, building on the collective knowledge, resources, mechanisms and networks of the existing global governance framework on forests

- Secretariat reports on
  - progress in preparing a 'CITES and forests compendium: CoP19-CoP20';
  - preparations of a multidisciplinary study on CITES and forests;
  - the scope of new initiatives as agreed by the Plants Committee that will initially focus on CITES-listed tree species although eventually the scope could include all forest species of fauna and flora;
  - its efforts to enhance and raise awareness on CITES contributions to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives.
- Standing Committee is invited to:
  - consider progress made; and
  - explore options aligned with the CITES Strategic Vision to:
    - enhance the implementation of CITES with respect to CITES-listed forest species and its contribution to global forest-relevant mandates; and,
    - raise awareness of the importance of investing in the conservation, sustainable management and legal trade of CITES-listed forest species



# **17.** Role of CITES in reducing the risk of future zoonotic disease

- Israel and Singapore are chairing the Standing Committee working group on the topic and report on discussions related to the establishment of a CITES advisory body to provide guidance to Parties.
- The Secretariat reports on
  - responses received from Parties about any measures they have in place to prevent and mitigate the risk of pathogen spillover and transmission from wildlife trade and associated wildlife supply chains, including markets,
  - information relating to the activities implemented by the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and Parties to CMS relating to this area of work and inputs from other organizations and the United Nations Environment Programme.
  - The finalization of the draft Memorandum of Understanding with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and its draft working programme
- The Standing Committee is invited to
  - Note the interim report of the working group;
  - Review the report of the Secretariat and provide inputs on the draft Memorandum of Understanding and draft joint programme of work with the World Organisation for Animal Health
  - request the working group to consider the information provided by the Parties, the CMS Secretariat, organizations and the United Nations Environment Programme



# **35. Review of significant trade**

Process designed to:

- identify species that may be subject to unsustainable levels of international trade and
- *identify remedial measures to ensure that the export of Appendix-II listed species takes place at a level that will not be detrimental to the survival of that species*

118 species/country combinations are currently subject to review:

- 79 *fauna* (of which 19 will be reviewed in detail at SC77)
- 39 *flora* (of which 15 will be reviewed in detail at SC77)

48 of these are currently subject to a Standing committee recommendation to suspend trade

At SC74, actions to implement remedial measures were proposed for a number of the other species/country combinations aimed at improving science-based conservation and management actions

**Recommendation to SC:** Decide on necessary action and make recommendations to range States for the 34 cases due for reporting at SC77.



# 36. Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity

A large proportion of international trade involves individuals that are reported as bred in captivity. Convention provides for special treatment of animal species that are bred in captivity as defined by the Parties.

<u>Concerns</u>: incorrect application of source codes / misuse or false declarations of source codes / legal origin of parental stock <u>Process agreed by Parties</u>: Review biological, trade and other relevant information regarding animal species subject to significant levels of trade (Source codes: C, D, F and R)

At SC74: 11 species/country combinations retained in review process (incl tortoises, monitors, seahorses, cockatoos and the fennec fox)

Recommendations --- implementation assessed by Secretariat in consultation with Animals Committee

#### The Standing Committee is invited to

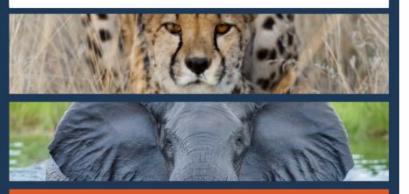
Decide on appropriate actions and make recommendations to the country or countries concerned, incl. remove species / country combinations from the review (8 combinations) / retain in review (3 combinations)







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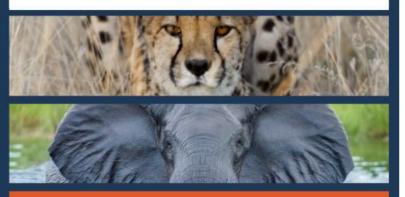








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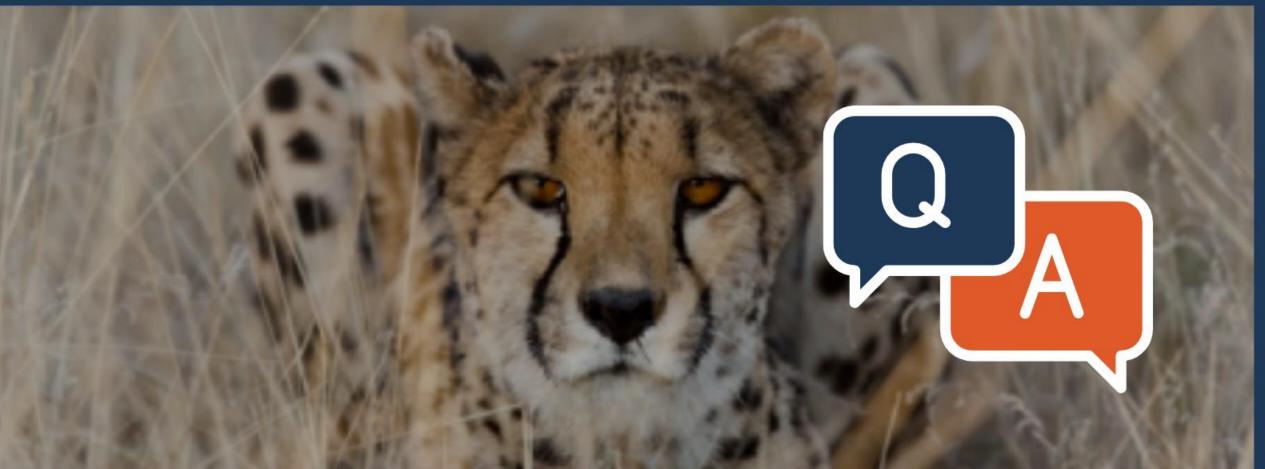
















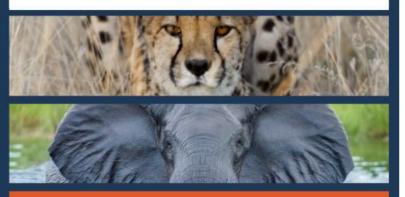








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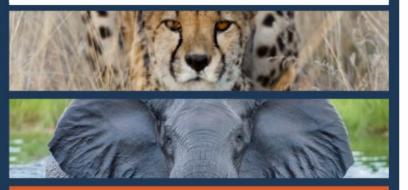








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