

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

Fifty-third meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 27 June-1 July 2005

Standing Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

38. Reports of regional representatives

38.1 Africa SC53 Doc. 38.1

The Committee noted the document and the oral reports presented by the representatives of Africa (Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya and Zambia).

38.2 Asia SC53 Doc. 38.2

The Committee noted the document and the oral reports presented by the representatives of Asia (China, Japan and Malaysia).

38.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean SC53 Doc. 38.3

The Committee noted the document and the oral reports presented by the representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Chile, Nicaragua and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines). At the request of the observer from Honduras, it also noted that the Secretariat had been asked to speed up the process of considering the case of Honduras in relation to the Review of Significant Trade regarding *Strombus gigas*.

38.4 Europe SC53 Doc. 38.4

The Committee noted the document and the oral reports presented by the representatives of Europe (Czech Republic, Germany and Iceland). It also noted the statement by the observer from Argentina regarding the reference in the document to the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and that a dispute exists regarding sovereignty over this territory.

38.5 North America SC53 Doc. 38.5 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted the document and the oral report from the representative of North America (Canada).

38.6 Oceania SC53 Doc. 38.6

The Committee noted the oral report from the representative of Oceania (Australia) and that a document had been submitted and would be made available.

6. Strategic Vision SC53 Doc. 6.1

The Committee agreed to the proposals contained in document SC53 Doc. 6.1, with the following amendments:

- the following words will be appended to the final paragraph: "and take into account the relevant Decisions and Resolutions adopted at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on improved cooperation and synergy between CITES and CBD";

- the paragraph proposed by the representative of Asia (Japan) at the seventh session will be added to the terms of reference, i.e. "Reflect views and opinions of Convention Parties in its work of drafting the new Strategic Vision in order to guarantee fairness and transparency."

The Committee noted that, following the meeting, the Secretariat would produce a document indicating what had been agreed, with any necessary editorial changes. The Committee agreed that the regional representatives in the Committee should send to the Secretariat the names of their selected member of the Strategic Plan Working Group. It also designated Ghana as the Chairman of this Working Group and Canada as the Vice-Chairman.

37. Annotations in the Appendices SC53 Doc. 37

The Committee noted that the Secretariat would conduct its proposed work in coordination with the Chairman of the Plants Committee Working Group on Annotations of Plants Listed in Appendices II and III, in order to avoid any duplication.

10. Cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations SC53 Doc. 10.1

The Committee approved the draft text of a Memorandum of Understanding contained in document SC53 Doc. 10.1, to be forwarded to FAO for consideration. In taking its decision, the Committee considered the statement made by several Parties and agreed that they would be reflected in the summary record of the meeting.

16. Trade in Appendix-I species SC53 Doc. 16.1

The Committee agreed the terms of reference for the review of Appendix-I species presented in document SC53 Doc. 16.1, with the exception of paragraph 6.

Adoption of the executive summaries

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the first session in document SC53 Sum. 1 with the following amendment:

- under agenda item 3, in the sixth indent (regarding Rule 20), "60" will be changed to "75".

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the second session in document SC53 Sum. 2.

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the third session in document SC53 Sum. 3 with the following amendments:

- regarding agenda item 15, it will be indicated that the Chairman of the Standing Committee was designated to chair the workshop;
- under agenda item 36, the Committee's commendation of Spain and gratitude to the Chairman of the Plants Committee will be recorded.

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the fourth session in document SC53 Sum. 4 with the following amendment:

- under agenda item 25, in the section regarding the Paris agreement, it will be indicated that the Committee had agreed to the proposal of the representative of Europe (Germany), that the enforcement questions could be addressed by the European Union Enforcement Group.

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the fifth session in document SC53 Sum. 5 with the following amendments under agenda item 31:

- in the section regarding Parties with a deadline of 31 December 2003, Morocco will be moved from the list in paragraph b) to the list in paragraph a);

- in the section regarding Parties and dependent territories with a deadline of 30 June 2004, Saudi Arabia will be moved from the list in paragraph b) to the list in paragraph a); and
- a paragraph will be added to record the agreement that the Committee will review the legislative progress of Nigeria and Paraguay at its 54th meeting.

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the sixth session in document SC53 Sum. 6 with the following amendment:

- under agenda item 20.1, the following text will be appended to the fifth sentence: "and report at the 54th meeting of the Committee".

With regard to the executive summary of the seventh session in document SC53 Sum. 7, the Committee noted, in relation to agenda item 26, that a working group had been formed to discuss electronic permitting, comprising Chile, Italy (Chairman), Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Committee adopted the executive summary with the following amendments:

- under agenda item 27, Jamaica will be added to the list of members of the working group; and
- under agenda item 8, the final sentence will read, "The Committee adopted document SC53 Doc. 8.1 with the deletion of the words 'protected areas' in the second line of paragraph d) and the addition of the word 'international' before the word 'trade' in the first and second bullet points of paragraph d)."

The Committee adopted the executive summary of the eighth session in document SC53 Sum. 8 with the following amendment:

- under agenda item 34, the text will indicate that the Committee noted the view of the representative of Asia (Japan) that the current practice of the Secretariat should be continued.

39. Any other business

Referring to document SC53 Inf. 8 (Rev. 1), the representative of Europe (Germany) briefed the Committee on the outcome of an informal meeting on *Saiga tatarica* that had taken place in the margins of SC53. The Committee noted this oral report.

40. Determination of the time and venue of the next meeting

It was noted that there were two possibilities for the next meeting, either the week of 2 October 2006 or the week of 27 November 2006, subject to the availability of the conference centre. The Chairman undertook to inform the members as soon as the decision was made.

41. Closing remarks

Participants congratulated the Chairman on the progress made at this meeting and expressed appreciation of his chairmanship. The Secretary-General presented to the Chairman a gold CITES pin. The Chairman thanked all of the participants for their cooperation and their work. He also thanked the Secretariat and the interpreters.