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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP 20)(Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 24 November - 5 December 2025)
- Annex 2

Union position on certain proposals submitted to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

(Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 24 November – 5 December 2025)

“+”	indicates support
“-“	indicates no support
“0”	indicates an open position due to a lack of sufficient information to establish a position
“(+)”	indicates support conditional on the availability of additional information and/or amendments to the proposal
“(-)”	indicates no support, to be reconsidered if further supporting evidence is provided and/or the proposal is significantly amended

1. WORKING DOCUMENTS

No	Agenda item	Proponent ¹	Comments	Position
	Opening ceremony		<i>No document</i>	
	Welcoming addresses		<i>No document</i>	
Administrative and financial matters				
1.	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II		<i>No document</i>	

¹ Sec. = CITES Secretariat
 SC = Standing Committee
 AC = Animals Committee
 PC = Plants Committee

2.	Adoption of the agenda CoP20 Doc. 2		Sec.		
3.	Adoption of the working programme				
4.	Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties			Support amendments to Rule 25.6 and the draft decision to continue to discuss the stepwise approach.	+
5.	Credentials Committee				
	5.1	Establishment of the Credentials Committee		<i>No document</i>	
	5.2	Report of the Credentials Committee		<i>No document</i>	
6.	Admission of observers				
7.	Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties				

	7.1	Administration of the Secretariat	Sec.		
	7.2	Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative and other matters	UNEP		
	7.3	Financial reports for 2023-2025			
	7.4	Budget and work programme for 2026 to 2028			
	7.5	Arrangements for meetings of the Conference of Parties			
8.		Terms of reference of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee CoP20 Doc.8	SC		

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9.	Emerging operational issues of the Committees CoP20 Doc. 9	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 18.2 and the deletion of Decisions 19.1 to 19.3. Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 18.2 and the deletion of Decisions 19.1 to 19.3. Any further changes to the proposal that would entail a significant impact on the resources of the Secretariat should not be supported.	(+)
10.	Access to funding			
11.	Sponsored delegates project CoP20 Doc. 11	Sec. in consultation with SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.3 (Rev. CoP19) and the deletion of Decisions 18.12 and 19.10.	+

Strategic matters						
12.	Committee reports and recommendations					
	12.1	Standing Committee				
		12.1.1	Report of the Chair CoP20 Doc. 12.1.1	SC	<i>No decision required</i>	
		12.1.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members		<i>No document</i>	
	12.2	Animals Committee				
		12.2.1	Report of the Chair CoP20 Doc. 12.2.1	AC	Note the report and support the recommendations.	+
		12.2.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members		<i>No document</i>	
	12.3	Plants Committee				
		12.3.1	Report of the Chair CoP20 Doc. 12.3.1	PC	<i>No decision required</i>	
		12.3.2	Election of new regional and alternate regional members		<i>No document</i>	

13.	CITES Strategic Vision CoP20 Doc. 13	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.4 and 18.3 and deletion of Decisions 19.11-19.13. Request to prolong Decision 19.14 to identify a more meaningful additional indicator. Add consistent references to the BBNJ agreement.	(+)
14.	Enhancing the work and efficiency of the Convention through the permanent committees CoP20 Doc. 14	SC, AC, PC	Support the establishment of an inter-sessional working group to prioritise work of the committees.	+
15.	Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade			

	15.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP 20 Doc. 15.1	SC	Support the draft decisions while suggesting some modifications to Decision 20.BB to alleviate the work of the AC.	(+)
	15.2	One Health and CITES: Reducing risks to human and animal health associated with trade in CITES-listed species CoP 20 Doc. 15.2	Senegal	Do not support the draft resolution, which goes beyond the CITES mandate.	-
16.	Cooperation				
	16.1	Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organisations CoP20 Doc.16.1	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.4 and draft decisions. However, suggest a new recital referring to the BBNJ agreement.	(+)

16.2	Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation CoP20 Doc. 16.2	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.5 and the deletion of Decisions 19.22 and 19.23.	+
16.3	Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative CoP20 Doc. 16.3	AC in consultation with SC	Support the amendments to the revised decisions and the adoption of draft decisions.	+
16.4	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime CoP20 Doc. 16.4	Sec.	Support the adoption of draft Decision 20.AA and the deletion of Decisions 19.26 and 19.27.	+
16.5	Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services CoP20 Doc. 16.5	SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of Decisions 19.28 and 19.29.	+

17.	World Wildlife Trade Report CoP20 Doc. 17	SC	Support the draft decisions while suggesting some minor changes for clarity. Additionally, suggest a new decision calling on Parties to provide feedback on the outline of the Overview Report. Support the deletion of Decisions 19.30 and 19.31.	(+)
18.	CITES and forests CoP20 Doc. 18	Sec. in consultation with SC	Support draft decisions if amended to make future measures conditional upon the review of the report by the Plants Committee.	(+)
19.	Language strategy for the Convention CoP20 Doc.19	SC	Support the proposed way forward and amendments to Decisions 19.38 and 19.39.	+

Capacity-building				
20.	Capacity-building framework CoP20 Doc. 20	SC	Support the amendments to the decisions.	+
21.	Compliance Assistance Programme CoP20 Doc. 21	SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of Decisions 19.44 to 19.46.	+
22.	Country-wide Review of Significant Trade CoP20 Doc. 22	SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of Decisions 19.47 and 19.48.	+
23.	CITES Tree species programme CoP20 Doc. 23	Sec.	Support the decision and the deletion of Decisions 19.49 and 19.50.	+
CITES and people				
24.	United Nations World Wildlife Day CoP20 Doc. 24	Sec.	<i>No decision required</i>	

25.	CITES gender action plan CoP20 Doc. 25	SC	The recognition of gender related roles in wildlife conservation is important for the EU. Support to addressing gender related issues effectively. Open to exploring other alternatives to strengthen the implementation of Resolution Conf. 19.3 on Gender and international trade in wild fauna and flora.	(+)
26.	CITES Global Youth Network CoP20 Doc. 26	China, Costa Rica, Ghana, Kuwait, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.5.	+

27.	<p>Engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities CoP20 Doc. 27</p>	SC	<p>Welcome the non-binding guidance as a good basis for further discussion, emphasising that such engagement is best addressed at national level.</p> <p>Support recommendations b)–d).</p> <p>On recommendation a) no position.</p>	0
28.	<p>Draft resolution on the creation of an advisory Subcommittee of the Standing Committee of People Living alongside Fauna and Flora species included in the CITES Appendices (PLFF), a related Voluntary Fund, and their procedures CoP20 Doc. 28</p>	Zimbabwe	<p>Do not support establishment of the proposed subcommittee.</p>	-

29.	Livelihoods				
	29.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 29.1	SC	Support the deletions in Resolution Conf. 16.6; do not support the reference to the six strategies; conditionally support selected elements of certain draft decisions with amendments to align with CITES mandate; support deletion of the relevant implemented decisions.	(-)
	29.2	Document by Zambia CoP20 Doc. 29.2	Zambia	Do not support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.6 and dissemination of the guidance.	-
30.	Integrating human rights, livelihoods, and food security into the implementation of CITES CoP20 Doc. 30		Zimbabwe	Do not support the draft resolution, which goes beyond CITES mandate.	-

31.	Demand reduction to combat illegal trade CoP20 Doc. 31	SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of Decision 19.55 to 19.57.	+
Existing Resolutions and Decisions				
32.	Review of Resolutions CoP20 Doc. 32	Sec.	Support the amendments to the Resolutions and the draft decision.	+
33.	Review of Decisions CoP20 Doc. 33	Sec.	Support the amendments to the Resolution, the deletion of the implemented decisions and the maintaining of Decision 19.71 to 19.73 on Malagasy palisanders, ebonies and rosewoods and 17.256 on African grey parrots.	(+)

Compliance				
34.	National laws for implementation of the Convention CoP20 Doc. 34	Sec.	Support recommendation a) to adopt the draft decisions contained in Annex 1, and c) to delete Decisions 19.58 to 19.62. Do not support recommendation 38 b) on publishing Guidance and suggest a review of the Guidance by the Standing Committee.	(+)
35.	Compliance matters			
	35.1 Implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on CITES compliance procedures CoP20 Doc. 35.1	Sec.	Generally support the recommendations as the first assessment is positive but further analyses is needed.	(+)

	35.2	Review of the National Ivory Action Plans Process CoP20 Doc. 35.2	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.10 and the draft decision. Support the deletion of Decisions 19.68 to 19.70.	+
	35.3	Totoaba (<i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i>) CoP20 Doc. 35.3	Sec.	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions. Suggest adding a recommendation to conduct annual visual vaquita survey.	(+)
36.		Review of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity</i> CoP20 Doc. 36	SC	Support the proposed decision and amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.7. Support the deletion of Decisions 19.63 to 19.65.	+

37.	Possession of specimens of species included in Appendix I CoP20 Doc. 37	SC.	Do not support recommendations a) and b) as they conflict with Article VIII of the Convention. Support amendments to Resolution Conf. 8.4 and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	(-)
Illegal trade and enforcement				
38.	Review of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) <i>on Compliance and enforcement</i> CoP 20 Doc. 38	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.13 and the deletion of the implemented decision.	+
39.	Enforcement matters CoP20 Doc. 39	Sec.	Generally support the recommendations.	(+)
40.	Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa CoP20 Doc. 40	SC	Support the draft decisions as amended by the Secretariat and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+

41.	CITES Big Cats Task Force CoP20 Doc. 41	SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of Decisions 19.92 and 19.93.	+
42.	Implementation of the priority recommendations from the review of the ETIS Programme CoP20 Doc. 42	SC	Generally support the renewal of Decisions 19.94 to 19.96 and adoption of the original draft decision (not as amended by the Secretariat). However, some modification might be necessary to ensure a coherent approach to all ETIS-related documents while also considering the comments from the Secretariat.	(+)

43.	<p>ETIS categorisation of Parties CoP20 Doc. 43</p>	SC	<p>Generally support the adoption of the criteria to be used in Step 1 paragraph a) of the Guidelines to the NIAP Process. However, some further refinement to the criteria and clarifications might be necessary, especially to ensure the binding nature of the criteria. Moreover, make sure that contextual information should also be used as part of the categorisation process as it is currently not included in the recommendations. The exclusion criteria in paragraph 13 a) is outdated and should be updated to: “Exclusion criteria guided by the latest updated ETIS data reviewed by the MIKE-ETIS TAG,</p>	(+)
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			should be applied to ETIS analyses.”	
44.	Ivory seizures and domestic ivory markets CoP20 Doc. 44	SC	Support the deletion of the Decisions 19.99 to 19.101.	+
45.	Illegal trade in cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>) CoP20 Doc. 45	SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
46.	Marine turtles (<i>Cheloniidae spp.</i> and <i>Dermochelyidae spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 46	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 19.5. Support the deletion of the implemented decision.	+

47.	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (<i>Testudines spp.</i>)				
	47.1	Report of the Standing Committee and of the Secretariat CoP20 Doc. 47.1		<p>Generally support the adoption of the amendment to Resolution Conf. 11.9 (Rev. CoP18) and support the deletion of Decisions 19.123 to 19.127.</p> <p>Generally support the revised and consolidated version of draft decisions as prepared by the Secretariat in document 47.2 under Comments of the Secretariat.</p>	(+)

	47.2	Trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles from Madagascar CoP20 Doc. 47.2	EU	Support the revised and consolidated version of draft decisions as prepared by the Secretariat under Comments of the Secretariat.	+
Regulation of trade					
48.		Proposal to amend Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) CoP20 Doc. 48		Do not support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3. The amendments would create additional burdensome procedures and affect the rights of Parties to establish stricter domestic measures.	-

49.	<p>Legal acquisition findings</p> <p>CoP20 Doc. 49</p>	Sec. at the request of SC	<p>Do not support recommendation 24 c) as the guidelines cannot be supported in their current form. In particular, the term “founder stock”, if deemed necessary by the Parties, will require a proper definition through an amendment to the relevant Resolution(s) before it is included in the guidelines.</p> <p>Support adoption of the draft decisions and amendments to Annexes 1 and 3 to Resolution Conf. 18.7 as proposed under recommendation 24 a) and b).</p> <p>Support the deletion of the implemented decisions, as proposed under recommendation 24 d).</p>	(-)
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50.	Non-detriment findings CoP20 Doc. 50	AC, PC	Support adoption of the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
51.	Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction CoP20 Doc. 51	SC	Support the adoption of the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions. However, note it is not possible to support draft decision 20.BB in Doc. 52.	(+)
52.	Introduction from the sea CoP20 Doc. 52	SC	Support the adoption of the draft decisions apart from 20BB (changes to Resolution Conf. 14.6). With regard to draft decision 20BB, oppose the reopening of the resolution. Support the deletion of the implemented decisions.	(+)

53.	Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species CoP20 Doc. 53	AC, PC	Support the decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
54.	Identification of timber and other wood products CoP20 Doc. 54	SC	Support the revisions to the Decisions 19.146 to 19.148 and the new draft Decision 20.AA.	+
55.	Purpose-of-transaction-codes CoP20 Doc. 55	SC	Support the mandate but do not support the proposed definition of code 'P'.	(-)
56.	Electronic systems and information technologies and authentication and control of permits			

56.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 56.1	SC	<p>Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.</p> <p>However, the decisions must be coordinated with amendments proposed in Doc. 56.2.</p> <p>Support proposal of CITES Secretariat to amend paragraph 3 d) in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev CoP19) on Permits and Certificates by adding reference to the Guidelines on the use of two-dimensional (2D) barcodes on CITES permits/certificates.</p>	(+)
56.2	A hub model for the exchange of CITES permits CoP20 Doc. 56.2	United Kingdom of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Switzerland	Support the amendments to the decisions, including editorial changes as proposed by CITES Secretariat. Ensure that the assessment of feasibility and	+

				options using a hub model takes into account existing regional hubs or such hubs as will exist before the CITES global hub could be operational.	
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57.	Review of Resolution Conf. 8.13 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade</i> CoP20 Doc. 57	SC	Support the draft decisions including the addition “subject to external resources” as proposed by the Secretariat.	+
58.	Risk assessment and analysis for border control of CITES-listed species CoP20 Doc. 58	SC	Support adoption of the guidance; if not adopted, support renewal of Decisions 19.153–19.155 to allow finalisation.	+

59.	<p>Stocks and stockpiles</p> <p>CoP20 Doc. 59</p>	SC	<p>Support the amendments to the Resolutions.</p> <p>Do not support the draft definition of 'stockpiles' unless the reference to 'legally stored' is removed and the phrase "...held by museums, scientific institutions..." is added. Only support one part of the change to the definition proposed by the Secretariat. Specification of the particular obligations to government-held stockpiles is acceptable. The addition 'and where specified in a Resolution or Decision, privately held' [stockpiles] should not be adopted.</p>	(+)
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60.	Transport of live specimens CoP20 Doc. 60	SC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions 19.158 and 19.159. An open position is maintained regarding draft decision 20.AA.	0
61.	Rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and musical instruments CoP20 Doc. 61	SC	Support the draft decisions but ensure that their implementation is conditional on the availability of resources. Support the deletion of Decision 19.160.	(+)
62.	Specimens produced through biotechnology CoP20 Doc. 62	SC	Support the renewal of the Decisions 19.161 to 19.163.	+
63.	Definition of the term ' appropriate and acceptable destinations ' CoP20 Doc. 63	SC in consultation with the Chair of the AC	Support the renewal of the renew Decisions 19.164 to 19.166.	+

64.	Disposal of confiscated specimens				
64.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 64.1	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.8 and the maintenance of the decisions and deletion of the implemented decisions.	+	
64.2	Review of Resolution Conf. 17.8 (Rev. CoP19) CoP20 Doc. 64.2	Kenya	Do not support the proposal in its current form. The proposal with regard to both terminology and transfer of animals to research institutions requires careful analysis and discussion, which is unlikely to be possible at CoP20.	(-)	
64.3	Voluntary register of placement facilities for confiscated live specimens CoP20 Doc. 64.3	Nigeria and United States of America	Do not support the proposal as it has negative consequences for species conservation and enforcement.	-	

65.	Labelling system for trade in caviar CoP20 Doc. 65		SC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
66.	Trade in stony corals				
	66.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 66.1	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.10 and Resolution Conf. 9.6. Regarding Decision 19.178 directed to SC, suggest involvement of AC. Suggest that including an additional reporting unit to capture not only the number but also the size of individual live corals should be considered at CoP20.	(+)

	66.2	Trade in asexually produced stony corals CoP20 Doc. 66.2	Australia	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.10 (Rev. CoP15), including new definitions for asexually produced coral born and bred in captivity.	+
Exemptions and special trade provisions					
67.	Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source				
	67.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 67.1	SC	Support the draft decisions and deletion of the implemented decisions	+
	67.2	Considerations and recommendations for ranching of aquatic species CoP 20 Doc. 67.2	Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America	Support the draft decisions. However, the scope of the work on this issue should be widened beyond aquatic species.	(+)

68.	<p>Review of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) <i>on Registration of operations that breed Appendix I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</i> CoP20 Doc. 68</p>	SC	<p>Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.10 while proposing some amendments for clarity and to better reflect the outcomes of the discussions at the SC and AC. Support the deletion of the implemented decision.</p>	(+)
69.	<p>Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated' CoP20 Doc.69</p>	PC	<p>Support the adoption of the decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.</p>	+
70.	<p>Use of phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation CoP20 Doc. 70</p>	Chair of the SC in consultation with the Chair of the PC and Sec.	<p>Do not support as the information is updated, and there is no justification for further looking into the matter.</p>	-

Species conservation and trade				
71.	Assessment of Appendix-I listed species CoP20 Doc. 71	AC, PC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
72.	Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade CoP20 Doc. 72	SC	Support the decisions and deletion of the implemented decisions.	+

73.	<p>Trade in endemic species CoP20 Doc. 73</p>	Brazil and Ecuador	<p>Do not support draft decisions 20.AA, 20.BB and 20.CC as proposed by proponents. If there is general support among the Parties for the study, draft decisions 20.BB and 20.CC, as redrafted by the Secretariat (renumbered to 20.AA and 20.BB respectively), could be supported, provided they are further amended. In particular, the amendments should focus on narrowing the scope of the study to the actual impact of trade on endemic species and ensuring that the study examines both the demand and supply sides, including practices in place in the countries of origin. Furthermore, duplications with</p>	(-)
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			other processes, notably on LAF (such as in Document 49), should be avoided.	
Fauna				
74.	West African vultures (<i>Accipitridae spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 74	SC	Support the revised decisions.	+
75.	Conservation of amphibians (<i>Amphibia spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 75	AC in consultation with the Chair of the SC	Support the decisions, while possibly excluding Decision 20.BB (b) (development of table of conversion factors) as not absolutely necessary.	(+)

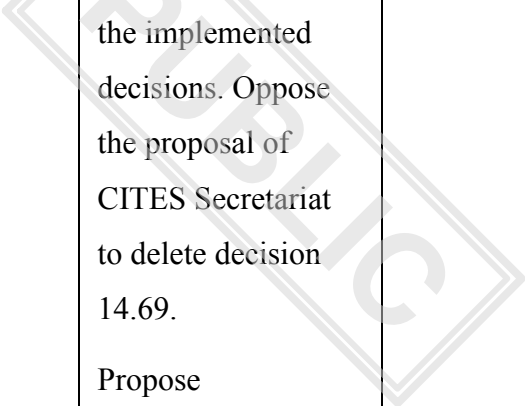
76.	Elephants (<i>Elephantidae spp.</i>)				
	76.1	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i> CoP20 Doc. 76.1	SC	Generally support the majority of the recommendations in the document. However, ensure that there is a call to ensure consistent funding for ETIS by not deleting recommendation 19.36 and including MIKE and ETIS financial and operational sustainability as foreseen in Resolution 10.10.	(+)

	76.2	<p>Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on the closure of domestic ivory markets</p> <p>CoP20 Doc. 76.2</p>	Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Niger and Senegal	<p>Do not support the recommendations.</p> <p>Appropriate procedures to identify Parties affected by illegal trade in ivory are already in place.</p> <p>Moreover, the proposed revised draft decision 18.118 is unnecessary as the ETIS data is available online and the Parties already have access to the aggregates.</p> <p>Additionally, the decisions directed to the Parties seem to only take into account Parties that responded to the relevant Notification.</p> <p>Position to be considered in relation to working documents 44 and 76.1.</p>	-
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76.3	Ivory stocks and stockpiles Cop20 Doc. 76.3	Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.10 to ensure consistency with the decisions to be adopted under agenda point 76.1. Delete decisions 18.184-18.185 and 19.156 as the workload of the Secretariat needs to be considered and take the existing processes AITR, guidance on the Annual Illegal Trade report and ETIS into account.	(-)
76.4	Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) CoP20 Doc. 76.4	Sec.	<i>No decision required</i>	

	76.5	Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS) CoP20 Doc. 76.5		Support recommendations. However, make sure to include the continuation of the ETIS network analysis. Delete 20.AA as exchange between the Annual Illegal Trade Report and ETIS is already being addressed.	(+)
	76.6	Results of the African elephant dialogue meeting CoP20 Doc. 76.6	SC	Support the deletion of Decisions 19.167 and 19.168 and welcome the outcome of the Dialogue Meeting. Support the decisions that have been agreed by the majority of range States. Ensure that decisions on agenda points 44, 76.6 and 76.7 are aligned.	(+)

	76.7	Sustainable financing for the African elephant conservation and management CoP20 Doc. 76.7	Zimbabwe	Support the proposal if the majority of the range States supports it. Ensure that position is aligned with the one on agenda point 76.6.	(+)
77.	Asian big cats (<i>Felidae spp.</i>)				
	77.1	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP19) <i>on Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species</i> CoP20 Doc. 77.1	Sec.	Support the deletion of the decisions either implemented or being incorporated in the CITES Big Cats Task Force outcome document and Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP 19).	+

	77.2	Asian big cats in captivity CoP20 Doc. 77. 2	SC	<p>Generally support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions. Oppose the proposal of CITES Secretariat to delete decision 14.69.</p> <p>Propose amendments to Decision 20.AA in order to not exclude smaller breeding operations upfront, and add “programmes” in order to better specify conservation breeding activities in 20.AA a) and to include a reference to the “destruction of carcasses” at the end of the paragraph 20.AA f).</p> <p>Suggest adding reference to the newly proposed decision on illegal trade in big cats (20.AA under doc. CoP20 Doc. 41) to</p>	(+) 
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				fully implement CITES Big Cats Task Force outcome document.	
78.	Great apes (<i>Hominidae spp.</i>)				
	78.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 78.1	SC	<i>No decision required</i>	
	78.2	Conservation of and trade in live great apes CoP20 Doc. 78.2	Uganda	Support the decisions.	+
79.	Pangolins (<i>Manis spp.</i>)				
	79.1	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.10 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Conservation of and trade in pangolins</i> CoP20 Doc. 79.1		Support recommendation a) and c) but consider strengthening the language in draft decisions in recommendation b) and the need to develop time-bound and measurable recommendations directed to specific Parties e.g. in an in-session working group.	(+)

	79.2	Report on Decisions 18.238, 18.239 & 19.200 to 19.204 CoP20 Doc. 79.2	SC in consultation with the Chair of the AC and Sec.	Support adoption of the decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
80.	African lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>) CoP20 Doc. 80		SC in consultation with the Chair of the AC	Support the revised decisions; however, propose amendments to relevant decisions to address the issue of outdated population data or data gaps in that matter.	(+)
81.	Jaguars (<i>Panthera onca</i>) CoP20 Doc. 81			Support document with minor amendments.	(+)
82.	Guidance on non-detriment findings for trade in leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) hunting trophies CoP20 Doc. 82		AC	Support the revised decisions; however, further assessment is needed. Propose additional wording to support sharing of information with importing countries.	(+)

83.	Songbird trade and conservation management (<i>Passeriformes spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 83	SC in consultation with the Chair of the AC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions. Suggest new decisions to ensure that the outcomes of the workshop are followed up.	(+)
84.	Rhinoceroses (<i>Rhinocerotidae spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 84		Support recommendations to maintain Decision 18.116. Support the adoption of the draft decisions on Rhinoceroses. Support the deletion of Decisions 19.115 to 19.122.	+

85.	Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>)				
	85.1	Report of the Secretariat CoP20 Doc. 85.1	Sec.	Support the decisions. Suggest adding a request to range states and importing Parties to provide information on number of stockpiles, volume of stockpiles, and provenance of saiga specimens held in stockpiles. Depending on the adoption of listing proposal 3, suggest additional Decisions to allow assessment of impacts of the trade on saiga populations and control measures in place.	(+)

	85.2	Documents by Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation CoP20 Doc. 85.2	Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation	Support the document. However, seek clarification from the Secretariat whether the proposal would result in additional workload for the Secretariat.	(+)
Aquatic species					
86.	Aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices CoP20 Doc. 86		SC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
87.	Eels (<i>Anguilla spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 87		SC	Support the text of the resolution while seeking possibilities to further strengthen it, especially regarding the enforcement measures. However, decision 20DD b) “ <i>explore options to facilitate discerning between European eels raised in aquaculture and wild European eels in CITES trade data.</i> ” cannot be supported.	(+)

88.	Sharks and rays (<i>Elasmobranchii spp.</i>)				
	88.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 88.1	SC	Support the decisions and the amendments to Res. Conf. 18.7. Support deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
	88.2	Draft decisions on trade, conservation and management of deep-water elasmobranchs CoP20 Doc. 89.2	EU, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	<i>Document submitted by the EU</i>	+
89.	Seahorses (<i>Hippocampus spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc.89		SC in consultation with the Chair of AC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions. However, further assessment is required once the costing is available.	(+)
90.	Conservation of and trade in sea cucumbers (<i>Holothuridae and Stichopodidae</i>) CoP20 Doc. 90		United States of America	Support the draft decisions	+

91.	Queen conch (<i>Strombus gigas</i>) CoP20 Doc. 91	AC in consultation with the Chair of SC	Support the renewal of the decisions.	+
92.	Marine ornamental fishes CoP20 Doc. 92	AC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
Flora				
93.	Agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria spp.</i> and <i>Gyrinops spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 93	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.10 and deletion of the implemented decisions.	+

94.	<p>Boswellia trees (<i>Boswellia</i> spp.) CoP20 Doc. 94</p>	PC	<p>Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.</p> <p>Do not support the Secretariat's merged amendments to draft decision 20.WW and 20.XX to direct this draft decision to a meeting of <i>Boswellia</i> spp. Range States only.</p> <p>The draft decisions as they stand without the Secretariat's amendments are the involved and detailed consensus from discussions within the <i>Boswellia</i> working group and the Plants Committee plenary, which did not limit the meeting to the Range States only.</p>	(+)
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95.	Rosewood tree species [<i>Leguminosae (Fabaceae)</i>] CoP20 Doc. 95	PC in consultation with the Chair of the SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
96.	Products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids (<i>Orchidaceae spp.</i>) CoP20 Doc. 96	SC	Propose deletion of draft Decisions 20.BB a) and b), 20.CC a) and 20DD a). Support the deletion of implemented Decisions.	(+)
97.	Brazil wood (<i>Paubrasilia echinata</i>) CoP20 Doc. 97	Sec. in consultation with the Chair of the SC	Support the adoption of the decisions and deletion of the implemented decisions. The text might need to be adapted depending on the CoP decision on listing proposal 46.	(+)

98.	African tree species CoP20 Doc. 98	PC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
99.	Neotropical tree species CoP20 Doc. 99	PC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
100.	Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species CoP20 Doc. 100	SC	Support the decisions and deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
Fungi				
101.	Resolving the implementation of the CoP12 decision that the Convention applies to fungi (<i>correction of the cross-references in the draft decisions</i>) CoP20 Doc. 101 (Rev. 1)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Support the adoption of the decisions.	+

Appendices of the Convention				
102.	Considering the ' look-alike ' critterion Annex 2B A of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i> CoP10 Doc. 102	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Do not support the decisions as proposed in the document. Only if a clear majority of parties supports the proposal, suggest instead that the issue is discussed by the AC and PC, rather than initiating a process to develop a guideline.	-
Annotations				
103.	Annotations CoP20 Doc. 103	SC	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13, the Interpretation section of the Appendices. Support the decision and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+

104.	<p>Annotation #15 CoP20 Doc. 104 A3: Report on the impact of CITES exemptions for Dalbergia and Guibourtia</p>	Sec. in consultation with the Vice-Chair of the SC	<p>Do not support recommendation a) and b). Support recommendation c) and d).</p> <p>The Annotation is actively implemented, proves to be effective and the exemptions have low conservation impact.</p>	-
105.	<p>Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another</p>			
105.1.	<p>Report of the Secretariat at the request of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 105.1</p>	Sec. at the request of the SC	<p>Support recommendation under 11. a) with an addition to the 'DRAFT GUIDANCE' in Annex 2 under para. 15 b) i) concerning the documents that can serve as proof of export.</p> <p>Support Decision 20.AA in Annex I with some amendments.</p>	(+)

				Support Deletion of Decision 18.151 (rev CoP19).	
105.2.	Facilitating legal trade and sustainable use during periods of transition CoP20 Doc. 105.2	United States of America	Do not support amendments to Resolution 12.3 as pre-Convention permits cannot be issued before a species is listed, and retrospective permits or certificates cannot be issued before a species is listed. Support amendments to Resolution 13.6, while noting that the “excessive acquisition” concept is not defined and that this limitation might not be in line with national laws.	(-)	

106.	Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species CoP20 Doc. 106	SC	Support the deletion of the relevant implemented decisions.	+
107.	Informal review mechanism of existing and proposed annotations CoP20 Doc. 107	SC	Support the draft decisions and the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
108.	Orchids specimens exempted through annotation #4g) CoP20 Doc. 108	SC	Support the draft decisions while insisting on clear labelling.	+
109.	Annotation of Cape aloe (<i>Aloe ferox</i>) CoP20 Doc. 109	PC	Support the deletion of the implemented decisions.	+
Nomenclature matters				
110.	Standard nomenclature CoP20 Doc. 110	AC, PC	Generally support with some modifications necessary for ‘bulb genera’ and to align with other decisions taken by the CoP.	(+)

111.	Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings CoP20 Doc. 111	SC	Support the amendments to the Resolutions and the deletion of the decisions. Add explicit request for the Secretariat to inform the Parties affected by the changes.	(+)
112.	Higher taxon listings in the Appendices CoP20 Doc. 112	Sec.	Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.11 and the deletion of the relevant implemented decisions.	+

113.	Taxonomy and nomenclature of African elephants <i>(Loxodonta spp.)</i> CoP20 Doc. 113	Sec. at the request of the SC	Support the decisions in recommendation b) and amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.10 and the deletion of implemented decisions. Regarding recommendation a) more information is necessary; the views of the range states should be sought.	(+)
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Proposals to amend the Appendices				
114.	Proposals to amend Appendices I and II			
114.1	Secretariat's assessment of the proposals to amend Appendices I and II			
114.2	Comments from Parties			
114.3	Comments from statutory consultees			

2. LISTING PROPOSALS

No	Taxon / Detail	Proposal	Proponent	Comments	Position
FAUNA – MAMMALIA					
1.	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i> (Bontebok)	II – 0 Delete from Appendix II	South Africa	Support the proposal to remove <i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i> from the CITES Appendices as the species no longer meets the criteria for Appendix II. However, note the continued national threats to the species from hybridization and habitat loss and fragmentation and encourage South Africa to continue strengthening relevant measures including the development of a metapopulation management plan.	+
2.	<i>Gazella dorcas</i> (Dorcas Gazelle)	0 – II Include in Appendix II	Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania,	Support the proposal if the proposal is also supported by non-	(+)

			Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia	proponent range stages.	
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3.	<i>Saiga tatarica</i> (Saiga, Saiga Antelope, Steppe saiga)	Amend the annotation by adding the wording "except for specimens from the population <i>Saiga tatarica</i> of Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	Acknowledge the conservation success and significant growth of the KZ population and agree in principle that well-regulated trade is unlikely to be detrimental to the population. However, further safeguards are necessary to ensure that trade in horns is sustainable, well managed and will not result in laundering of specimens illegally acquired from other populations. The proposal can therefore only be supported if limited to a one-off sale of horns already stockpiled and properly marked originating in Kazakhstan, conditioned to prior verification by the	(-)
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				<p>Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, that sufficient control mechanisms are in place in Kazakhstan, with the option to cease trade in case of non-compliance or proven detrimental impacts of the trade on wild populations. The importing countries should also put in place adequate control mechanisms. Add reporting requirements through additional decisions in WD 85.1 to assess trade impacts on the wild populations, including impact on smaller populations in other range states also of <i>Saiga borealis</i>, and whether control</p>
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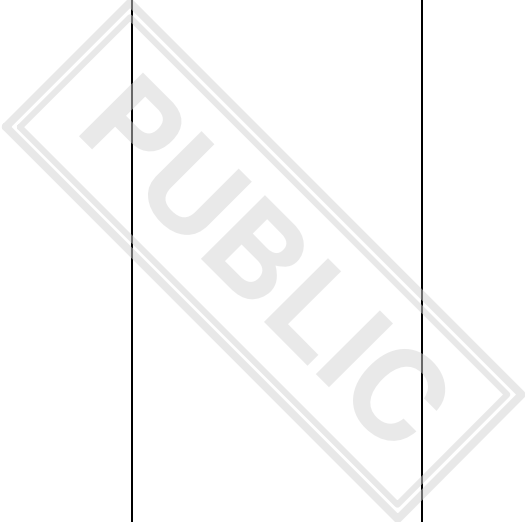
				mechanisms in Kazakhstan and main consumer countries are robust enough to prevent laundering and loopholes for illegal trade.	
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4.	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe)	Delete the populations of Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe from Appendix II	Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe	The populations in the range states relevant to the proposal show a positive trend and are not considered to be threatened by trade. However, further information and analysis is needed, especially with regard to the impact of the proposal on enforcement of the listing for other populations. Furthermore, recent changes in taxonomy of the genus needs to be taken into account.	0
5.	<i>Okapia johnstoni</i> (Okapi)	0 – I Include in Appendix I	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Biological criteria are met. Further information on the scope of international trade should be sought from the proponent.	(+)

6.	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i> (Striped Hyaena, Striped hyena)	0 – I Include in Appendix I	Israel, Tajikistan	The proposal does not demonstrate that the species meets Appendix I listing criteria.	-
7.	<i>Arctocephalus townsendi</i> (Guadalupe Fur Seal, Lower Californian Fur Seal)	I – II Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II	Mexico, United States of America	The proposal demonstrates that the species no longer meets Appendix I criteria.	+
8.	<i>Monachus tropicalis</i> (Caribbean Monk seal, West Indian Monk Seal)	I – 0 Delete from Appendix I	Mexico, United States of America	The proposal demonstrates that the species no longer meets CITES listing criteria. The species is extinct.	+

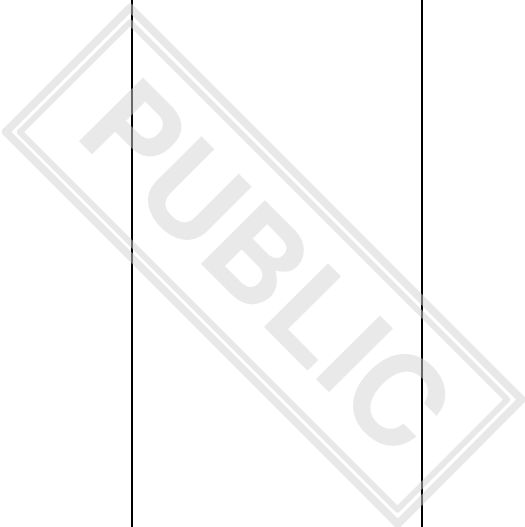
9.	<p><i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i></p> <p>(Southern Square-lipped Rhinoceros, Southern White Rhinoceros)</p>	<p>Amend the annotation of the population of <i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> of Namibia listed in Appendix II For the exclusive purpose of allowing international trade in:</p> <p>a) live animals for <i>in-situ</i> conservation only;</p> <p>b) hunting trophies; and</p> <p>c) trade in rhino horn stocks owned by the Government and the Private Landowners originating in the State (excluding seized rhinoceros horn and rhinoceros horns of unknown origin); subject to the following:</p> <p>i) only stocks registered with the Government;</p> <p>ii) only horns with RHODIS certificates;</p> <p>iii) only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing; Committee, to</p>	Namibia	<p>The proposal should not be supported unless the scope is significantly reduced, in particular by excluding the trade in rhino horn, and additional safeguards are added for trade in live animals.</p> <p>Support is contingent on the reintroduction of the phrase “Live animals for in-situ conservation only, and only within the species natural and historical range of <i>Ceratotherium simum</i> in Africa.</p>	(-)
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		<p>have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls; and</p> <p>iv) not before the Secretariat has verified prospective importing countries and the registered stocks.</p> <p>All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I, and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.</p>		
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10.	<p><i>Diceros bicornis</i></p> <p>(Black Rhinoceros, Hook-lipped Rhinoceros)</p>	<p>Transfer the population of <i>Diceros bicornis</i> of Namibia from Appendix I to Appendix II with the following annotation:</p> <p>For the exclusive purpose of allowing trade in registered rhinoceros horn, whole or pieces subject to the following:</p> <p>i) only registered Government-owned stock, originating in the State (excluding seized rhinoceros horn and rhinoceros horns of unknown origin);</p> <p>ii) only horns with RHODIS certificates;</p> <p>iii) only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, to have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls;</p> <p>iv) not before the Secretariat has verified</p>	Namibia	Do not support the proposal as it would result in the opening of the international trade in rhino horns.	-
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		<p>prospective importing countries and the registered stocks; and</p> <p>v) the proceeds of this trade are used exclusively for rhinoceros conservation and community development programmes within or adjacent to the rhinoceros range.</p> <p>All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.</p>			
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11.	<p><i>Choloepus didactylus</i></p> <p><i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i></p> <p>(Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth, Hoffmann's Two-fingered Sloth)</p>	<p>0 – II</p> <p>Include in Appendix II</p>	<p>Brazil, Costa Rica, Panama</p>	<p>Listing criteria do not seem to be met. Request additional information on national protection measures and the extent of international trade with <i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i> and its impact on wild populations. If additional information supports the inclusion of <i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i> in Appendix II, <i>Choloepus didactylus</i> should be included according to Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17).</p>	0
12.	<p><i>Cercocebus chrysogaster</i></p> <p>(Golden-bellied Mangabey)</p>	<p>II – I</p> <p>Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I</p>	<p>Democratic Republic of the Congo</p>	<p>The proposal demonstrates that the species meets Appendix I criteria.</p>	+

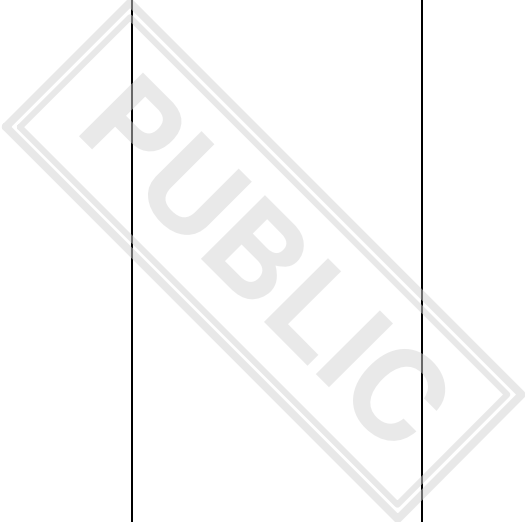
13.	<p><i>Loxodonta africana</i> (African Elephant, African Savannah Elephant)</p>	<p>To allow Namibia to trade in registered stocks of raw ivory (whole tusks and pieces) of Namibian origin, owned by the Government of the Republic of Namibia, for commercial purposes with trading partners that have been verified by the CITES Secretariat as having sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls. This ensures that ivory imported from Namibia will not be re-exported and will be managed following all requirements of Resolution Conf. 10.10 concerning domestic manufacturing and trade.</p> <p>Furthermore, to enable Namibia to achieve full Appendix II status for its elephants, as provided for in Article IV of the Convention, thereby permitting the regulated and legal trade in</p>	Namibia	Do not support the proposal as it would result in the opening of the international trade in ivory.	-
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		Namibian elephant products, including ivory.			
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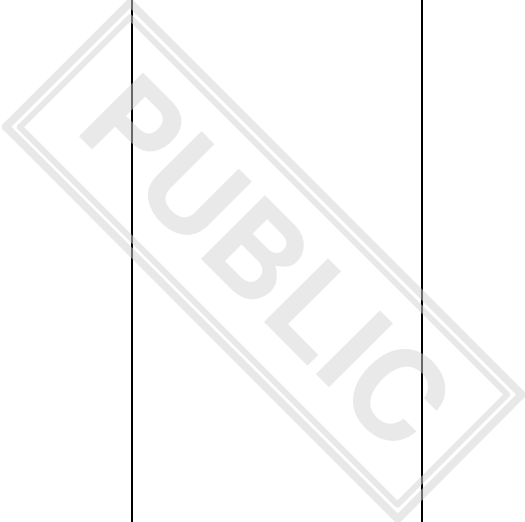
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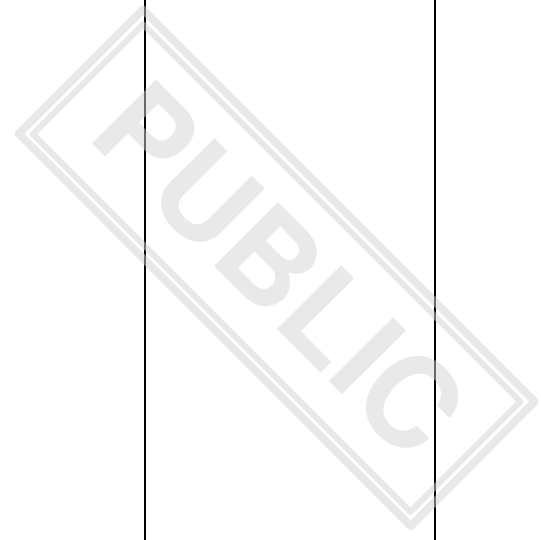
14.	<p><i>Loxodonta africana</i></p> <p>(African Elephant, African Savannah Elephant)</p>	<p>Amend annotation A10 pertaining to the elephant populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe to harmonize the conditions of trade in live African elephants (deleted text reflected as strike through and text inserted <u>underlined</u>:</p> <p>For the exclusive purpose of allowing:</p> <p>a) trade in hunting trophies for non-commercial purposes;</p> <p>b) trade in live animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations; as defined in Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18), for Botswana and Zimbabwe and for <i>in situ</i> conservation programmes for Namibia and South Africa;</p> <p>c) trade in hides;</p> <p>d) trade in hair;</p> <p>e) trade in leather goods for commercial or</p>	Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Namibia, Zimbabwe	<p>The proposal is one of the outcomes of the CITES Dialogue Meeting for African elephant range states that took place from 23 to 26 September 2024 in Botswana. Support the proposal if supported by the majority of the range states in Africa.</p>	(+)
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		<p>non-commercial purposes for Botswana, Namibia and South Africa and for non-commercial purposes for Zimbabwe;</p> <p>f) <u>trade for non-commercial purposes</u> in individually marked and certified ekipas incorporated in finished jewellery for non-commercial purposes for Namibia and ivory carvings for non-commercial purposes for Zimbabwe;</p> <p>g) trade in registered raw ivory (for Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, whole tusks and pieces) subject to the following:</p> <p>i) only registered government-owned stocks, originating in the State (excluding seized ivory and ivory of unknown origin);</p> <p>ii) only to trading partners that have been verified by the</p>			
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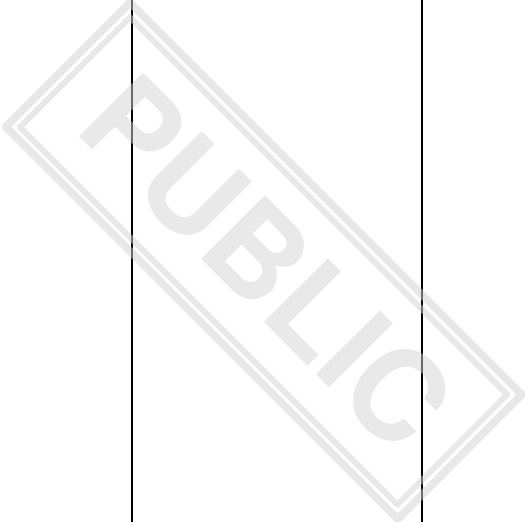


		<p>Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, to have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls to ensure that the imported ivory will not be re-exported and will be managed in accordance with all requirements of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) concerning domestic manufacturing and trade;</p> <p>iii) not before the Secretariat has verified the prospective importing countries and the registered government-owned stocks;</p> <p>iv) raw ivory pursuant to the conditional sale of registered government-owned ivory stocks agreed at CoP12, which are 20,000 kg (Botswana), 10,000 kg (Namibia) and 30,000 kg (South Africa);</p> <p>v) in addition to the quantities agreed at</p>			
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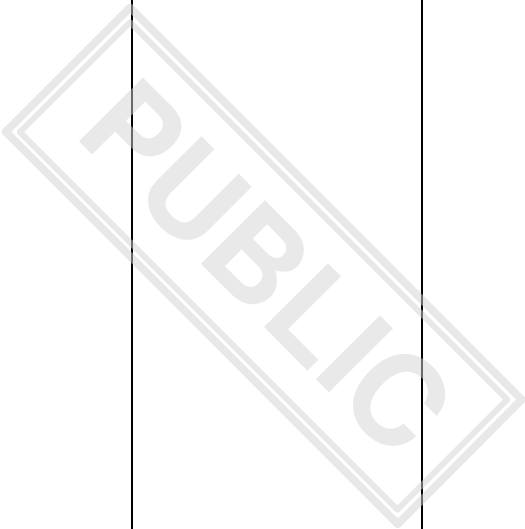


		<p>CoP12, government-owned ivory from Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe registered by 31 January 2007 and verified by the Secretariat may be traded and dispatched, with the ivory in paragraph g) iv) above, in a single sale per destination under strict supervision of the Secretariat;</p> <p>vi) the proceeds of the trade are used exclusively for elephant conservation and community conservation and development Programmes within or adjacent to the elephant range; and</p> <p>vii) the additional quantities specified in paragraph g) v) above shall be traded only after the Standing Committee has agreed that the above conditions have been met; and</p>			
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		<p>h) no further proposals to allow trade in elephant ivory from populations already in Appendix II shall be submitted to the Conference of the Parties for the period from CoP14 and ending nine years from the date of the single sale of ivory that is to take place in accordance with provisions in paragraphs g) i), g) ii), g) iii), g) vi) and g) vii). In addition, such further proposals shall be dealt with in accordance with Decisions 16.55 and 14.78 (Rev. CoP16).</p> <p>On a proposal from the Secretariat, tThe Standing Committee can decide to cause this trade to cease partially or completely in the event of non-compliance by exporting or importing countries, or in the case of proven detrimental impacts of the trade on other elephant populations.</p>			
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All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.



FAUNA – AVES					
15.	<i>Bycanistes spp.</i> <i>Ceratogymna spp.</i>	0 - II Include in Appendix II	Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo	The species meet Appendix II criteria.	+
16.	<i>Gyps africanus</i> (White-backed Vulture) <i>Gyps rueppelli</i> (Ruppell's Vulture)	II – I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Gambia, Guinea, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo	The species meet Appendix I criteria.	+

17.	<i>Falco peregrinus</i> (Duck Hawk, Peregrine, Peregrine Falcon)	I – II Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II	Canada, United States of America	Although the population shows an increasing trend and most of the trade is likely to remain in captive-bred specimens, downlisting to Appendix II could lead to an increased demand for wild-caught birds and thus potentially threaten the populations in the wild. The proposal could possibly be supported if it is accompanied by a zero-export quota for wild-caught specimens.	(-)
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18.	<p><i>Sporophila angolensis</i></p> <p><i>Sporophila atrirostris</i></p> <p><i>Sporophila crassirostris</i></p> <p><i>Sporophila funerea</i></p> <p><i>Sporophila maximiliani</i></p> <p><i>Sporophila nuttingi</i></p> <p>(Great-billed seed-finch)</p>	<p>Include <i>Sporophila maximiliani</i> in Appendix I and include <i>Sporophila angolensis</i>, <i>Sporophila atrirostris</i>, <i>Sporophila crassirostris</i>, <i>Sporophila funerea</i> and <i>Sporophila nuttingi</i> in Appendix II</p>	Brazil	<p>The species meet the listing criteria in Appendix I and II, as respectively proposed.</p>	+
FAUNA – REPTILIA					
19.	<p><i>Caribicus warreni</i></p> <p>(Hispaniolan Giant Galliwasp, Haitian Giant Galliwasp)</p>	<p>0 - I</p> <p>Include in Appendix I</p>	Dominican Republic	<p>Suggest Appendix II listing with zero quota and invite Dominican Republic to list <i>Caribicus anelpistus</i> and <i>Caribicus darlingtoni</i> in Appendix III.</p>	(+)

20.	<i>Phyllurus amnicola</i> (Mount Elliot Leaf-tailed Gecko, Mount Elliot Broad-tailed Gecko)	III - II Include in Appendix II	Australia	Support the proposal as listing criteria appear to be met. International trade mainly consists of captive-bred specimens.	+
21.	<i>Phyllurus caudiannulatus</i> (Ringed Thin-tail Gecko)	III - II Include in Appendix II	Australia	Trade in the species is considered extremely rare.	0
22.	<i>Amblyrhynchus</i> spp. (Marine Iguana, Galápagos Marine Iguana)	II - I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Ecuador	Do not support as listing criteria do not seem to be met.	0
23.	<i>Conolophus</i> spp. (Galápagos Land Iguana, Common Land Iguana)	II - I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Ecuador	Support the proposal based on the precautionary approach and the indication of international demand for the species.	(+)

24.	<p><i>Bitis harensa</i></p> <p>(Ethiopian Mountain Adder, Ethiopian Viper)</p> <p><i>Bitis parviocula</i></p> <p>(Bale Mountains Adder)</p>	<p>0 - I</p> <p>Include in Appendix I</p>	Ethiopia	<p>Support as biological criteria seem to be met for both species. <i>Bitis parviocula</i> known to be in trade, however no secured evidence for trade in <i>Bitis harensa</i>.</p>	(+)
25.	<p><i>Crotalus spp.</i></p> <p><i>Sistrurus spp.</i></p>	<p>0 - II</p> <p>Include in Appendix II</p>	<p>Bolivia (Plurinational State of) Mexico</p>	<p>Do not support the proposal as it is unclear whether the listing criteria are met for <i>Crotalus ravus</i> and <i>Crotalus lepidus</i>. Listing in Appendix III could be the first appropriate step to understand trade patterns in rattle snakes.</p>	-

26.	<i>Kinixys homeana</i> (Home's Hinged-backed Tortoise, Home's Hinged Tortoise)	II- I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Cameroon, Guinea, Nigeria, Togo	Support as Appendix I listing criteria appear to be met.	+
FAUNA – AMPHIBIA					
27.	<i>Pelophylax epeiroticus</i> <i>Pelophylax lessonae</i> <i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i> <i>Pelophylax shqipericus</i>	0 - II Include in Appendix II (Entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II would be delayed by 18 months, i.e. until 5 June 2027.)	European Union, Israel, North Macedonia	EU proposal (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	

FAUNA – ELASMOBRANCHII (Sharks)					
28.	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> (Oceanic whitetip shark, Whitetip oceanic shark, White-tipped shark, Whitetip shark)	II - I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Honduras, Lebanon, Oman, Panama, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	EU co-proponent (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	

29.	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (Tope, Flake, Oil Shark, School Shark) <i>Mustelus spp</i>	0 - II Include in Appendix II	Brazil, Ecuador, European Union, Panama, Senegal	EU co-proponent (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	
30.	<i>Mobulidae spp.</i>	II - I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon, Jamaica, Maldives, Panama, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Togo	Support as Appendix I listing criteria appear to be met.	+

31.	<i>Rhincodon typus</i> (Whale Shark)	II – I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon, Maldives, Panama, Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Togo	Support as Appendix I listing criteria appear to be met and the listing would align with the protection under the Convention on Migratory Species.	+
32.	<i>Glaucostegus sp p.</i>	Add the following annotation "A zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes	Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea,	The establishment of the zero-export quota is justified given the decline in the species.	+

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33.	<i>Rhinidae spp.</i> (Wedgefishes)	Add the following annotation "A zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes"	Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo	The establishment of the zero-export quota is justified given the decline in the species.	+
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34.	<i>Centrophoridae</i> <i>spp.</i>	Include in Appendix II	Brazil, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Union, Lebanon, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	EU proposal (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	
FAUNA- ACTINOPTERI					
35.	<i>Anguilla spp.</i>	0 – II Include in Appendix II (Entry into effect would be delayed by 18 months, i.e. until 5 June 2027.)	European Union, Honduras, Panama	EU proposal (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	

FAUNA – HOLOTHUROIDEA					
36.	<i>Actinopyga echinites</i> <i>Actinopyga lecanora</i> <i>Actinopyga mauritiana</i> <i>Actinopyga miliaris</i> <i>Actinopyga palauensis</i> <i>Actinopyga varians</i>	0 - II Include in Appendix II	European Union	EU proposal (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	
37.	<i>Holothuria lessoni</i> (Golden Sandfish)	0 – II Include in Appendix II	European Union	EU proposal (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	

FAUNA - Arthropoda					
38.	<i>Acanthoscurria chacoana</i> <i>Acanthoscurria insubtilis</i> <i>Acanthoscurria musculosa</i> <i>Acanthoscurria theraphosoides</i> <i>Avicularia hirschii</i> <i>Avicularia rufa</i> <i>Avicularia avicularia</i> <i>Catumiri argentinense</i> <i>Cyriocosmus berate</i> <i>Cyriocosmus perezmilesi</i> <i>Grammostola rosea</i> <i>Hapalotremus albipes</i> <i>Holothele longipes</i> <i>Pamphobeteus antinous</i>	0 – II Include in Appendix II	Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Panama	The species do not appear to meet the listing criteria. Listing of some of the species in Appendix III by the range States could provide the necessary information about the trade in wild specimens and its impact	(-)

	<i>Umbyquyra acuminatum</i>				
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FAUNA – MOLLUSCA					
39.	<i>Haliotis midae</i> (South African Abalone, Midas Ear Abalone)	Include the population of South Africa in Appendix II with the annotation "dried specimens only"	South Africa	The listing criteria appear to be met. However, the proposal seems not to be in alignment with text of the Convention.	-
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40.	<i>Panax quinquefolius</i> (American Ginseng, American Ginseng Root, Canadian Ginseng, Dwarf-Groundroot, Five-Fingers, Ginseng, Man's Health, Occidental Ginseng, Red Berry, Sang, Tartar Root)	Amend annotation #3 to exempt finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of thin-sliced roots derived from artificially propagated plants of <i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	United States of America	Do not support the proposal in its current form. The amendment might result in increased risk of laundering of wild species. The proposed exemption can only be enforced/implemented if accompanied by clear labelling requirements that indicate the source from artificial propagation, or other documentation of the origin from cultivation. Consequently, the EU could support the comment by the	(-)

				Secretariat in its assessment in document 114.1 of CoP20.	
41.	<i>Jubaea chilensis</i> (Chilean palm)	0 – I Include in Appendix I	Chile	Support as Appendix I listing criteria appear to be met.	+
42.	<i>Beaucarnea glassiana</i> <i>Beaucarnea hookeri</i> (Ponytail Palm, Elephant-foot Tree, Bottle Palm)	Include in Appendix II as part of the listing of the genus <i>Beaucarnea</i> spp.	Mexico, Switzerland	Support as Appendix II listing criteria appear to be met.	+
43.	<i>Commiphora wightii</i> (Indian Bdellium, Guggul)	0 - II Include in Appendix II	European Union	EU proposal (position established in Council Decision (EU) 2025/1314 of 23 June 2025)	
44.	<i>Euphorbia bupleurifolia</i> (Cycad Spurge, Pinecone Euphorbia)	II - I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	South Africa	Support as Appendix I listing criteria appear to be met.	+

45.	<i>Afzelia bipindensis</i> (Red Doussié)	Delete the populations of Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon from Appendix II	Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon	The species continues to fulfil the listing criteria for Appendix II.	-
46.	<i>Paubrasilia echinata</i> (Brazil Wood, pernambuco wood)	II - I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	Brazil	Acknowledge the need for strengthening the conservation efforts of <i>Paubrasilia</i> , while recognizing the importance of <i>Paubrasilia</i> for musical instruments. Regarding concerns about unregistered stockpiles, the EU could potentially propose that Parties must send updated information on national stockpiles to the CITES Secretariat before	0

			<p>SC81 (end of 2026) or CoP21.</p> <p>Listing in Appendix I as originally proposed is unlikely to address the identified problems concerning illegal trade.</p> <p>Potentially support a solution within Appendix II, while strengthening controls and providing a solution to travelling musicians. Further work is needed prior to adopting a proposal, in which further discussions with the proponent is necessary.</p>	
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47.	<i>Pterocarpus soyauxii</i> (African Padauk, African Padouk, Barwood, African Coral Wood)	Delete the populations of Angola, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon from Appendix II	Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon	The species continues to fulfil the listing criteria for Appendix II.	-
48.	<i>Aloe bergeriana</i> <i>Aloe jeppeae</i> <i>Aloe subspicata</i> <i>Aloe welwitschii</i>	Amend the listing of <i>Aloe</i> spp. in Appendix II to also include the four species previously treated in the non-listed genus <i>Chortolirion</i> , but now included in <i>Aloe</i> section <i>Chortolirion</i> , namely <i>Aloe bergeriana</i> , <i>Aloe jeppeae</i> , <i>Aloe subspicata</i> , and <i>Aloe welwitschia</i>	South Africa, Switzerland, Zimbabwe	Support as Appendix II listing criteria appear to be met.	+

49.	<i>Podocarpus parlatorei</i> (Parlatore's Podocarp, Pino blanco)	I – II Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II	Argentina	Do not support unless the data on population in Bolivia is provided.	(-)
50.	<i>Avonia quinaria</i>	II – I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	South Africa	Support as Appendix I listing criteria appear to be met.	+
51.	<i>Aloe ferox</i> <i>Euphorbia antisiphilitica</i>	Amend annotation #4 as follows: f) finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of <i>Aloe ferox</i> and <i>Euphorbia antisiphilitica</i> packaged and ready for retail trade;	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Support as the minor amendment simplifies and clarifies the annotation text without changing the scope or meaning.	+