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Results of Working Documents

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Abbreviations used: RC=Resolution Conf. • CoP=Conference of the Parties • SC=Standing Committee • AC=Animals Committee • PC=Plants Committee • WG=Working Group

AGENDA ITEM	RESULTS
1. Adoption of the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted amended agenda by consensus.
2. Adoption of the working program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted amended working program by consensus.
3. Rules of Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed by consensus.
4. Credentials Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>4.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee</u>: Accepted all nominations for the Credentials Committee. <u>4.2 Report of the Credential Committee</u>: Accepted credentials from 149 Parties.
5. Admission of observers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved the list of observer organizations.
6. Financing and budgeting of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>6.1 Terms of reference of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee</u>: Adopted draft terms of reference (ToR), with minor amendments, which direct the subcommittee to, <i>inter alia</i>, consider all aspects of the financing and budgeting of the Convention. <u>6.2 Financial reports for the years 2007 to 2008</u>: Noted the reports. <u>6.3 Implementation of the costed programme of work for 2009</u>: Noted the document. <u>6.4 Implementation of the costed programme of work for 2010 and 2011</u>: Accepted the document. <u>6.5 Costed programme of work for 2012 to 2013</u>: Accepted the document and adopted a draft Resolution on <i>Financing and budgeting of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties</i>, which includes a 6% budget increase to be met by Parties through their contributions, in addition to an exceptional drawdown of USD 450,000 annually from the Trust Fund reserve for 2012 and 2013. <u>6.6 Non-payment of contributions</u>: Adopted four draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct Parties in arrears to pay their contributions, the SC to assist the Secretariat in ensuring that contributions are paid, and the Secretariat to seek payment of contributions.
7. Committee reports and recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>7.1 Standing Committee</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>7.1.1 Report of the Chair</u>: The Chair of the SC did not submit a report and he did not attend the meeting. <u>7.1.2 Election of regional and alternate regional members</u>: Election results can be viewed at: http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/15/sum/E15-Plen-03.pdf <u>7.2 Animals Committee</u>:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>7.2.1 Report of the Chair</u>: Noted the report of the Chair; issues regarding the Review of Felidae were discussed under agenda item 19 on Review of Decisions; and a recommendation from the Secretariat that the AC and PC amend their Rules of Procedure (RoP) to include a rule regarding the impartiality of Committee members was referred to the SC for reporting to CoP16. ■ <u>7.2.2 Election of regional and alternate regional members</u>: Election results can be viewed at: http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/15/sum/E15-Plen-03.pdf ● <u>7.3 Plants Committee</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>7.3.1 Report of the Chair</u>: The report of the Chair was noted. ■ <u>7.3.2 Election of regional and alternate regional members</u>: Election results can be viewed at: http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/15/sum/E15-Plen-03.pdf
8. Implementation of the Strategic Vision: 2008-2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed under agenda item 21 on National reports.
9. Review of the scientific committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted an amendment to RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Establishment of committees</i> that requires that the Chairs of the AC and PC be replaced in their roles as regional members by their alternates.
10. Cooperation with other organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>10.1 Synergy with biodiversity-related international initiatives</u>: Adopted draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to continue as key indicator partner in the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP), the SC to review post-2010 biodiversity targets and make appropriate adjustments to the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013, and the AC, PC and SC to identify CITES text and Resolutions that are or are likely to be affected by climate change and make recommendations for further actions. ● <u>10.2 Cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</u>: Discussed the document and decided that no further action was needed. ● <u>10.3 CCAMLR: Report on toothfish</u>: No document on this agenda item was received and no relevant person was present at the meeting. ● <u>10.4 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)</u>: Adopted a draft Decision on <i>Cooperation with other organizations: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) of the CBD</i> which, <i>inter alia</i>, directs the PC to collaborate with the GSPC and the Secretariat to communicate the contributions of CITES in the context of its Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat of the CBD. ● <u>10.5 Statements from representatives of other conventions and agreements</u>: Statements were made on behalf of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the World Customs Organization (WCO) Secretary-General, and by Thailand, in connection with the Global Tiger Initiative.
11. Cooperation with international financial institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted a draft decision which directs the Secretariat to investigate ways to establish a financial mechanism to secure funding for the provision of technical assistance to the Parties; and report its findings and recommendations to CITES CoP16.
12. Harmonization of nomenclature and taxonomy with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted amendments to RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Standard Nomenclature</i> which, <i>inter alia</i>, acknowledge the desirability of harmonizing species nomenclature used by the biodiversity-related Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), and direct the Secretariat, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialists, to promote harmonization of the taxonomy and nomenclature used by biodiversity-related MEAs.

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13. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted proposed amendment to Decision 14.29; agreed to retain Decision 14.28 with an amendment, and Decision 14.30 unamended. These Decisions, <i>inter alia</i>, request Parties to review their stricter domestic measures, direct the SC continue the Working Group on Multilateral Measures, and direct the Secretariat to prepare a report on implementation of CITES Resolutions and whether “the scope for multilateral CITES processes that reduce the need by Parties for recourse to stricter domestic measures and reservations should be further developed.”
14. CITES and livelihoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rejected the draft Resolution; adopted three draft Decisions that, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the SC to continue its Working Group on CITES and Livelihoods (including the preparation of a toolkit and voluntary guidelines) and the Secretariat to invite comments on these documents.
15. National wildlife trade policy reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted an amended draft Resolution which, <i>inter alia</i>, invites Parties to carry out wildlife trade policy reviews, instructs the Secretariat to facilitate the review of wildlife trade policies, and encourages Parties to take into account the needs of indigenous people and other local communities when adopting trade policies concerning wild fauna and flora. Adopted a draft Decision (Annex 2) directing the Secretariat to report at SC62 and CoP16 on progress made.
16. Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>16.1 Report of the Secretariat</u>: Agreed to retain Decision 14.10 on <i>Support to Master’s programs</i>; adopted two draft Decisions that direct the Secretariat to, <i>inter alia</i>, seek funding to convene a capacity-building workshop and regional meeting for the Oceania and African regions. <u>16.2 International expert workshop on non-detriment findings (NDFs)</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>16.2.1 Report of the Secretariat</u>: Noted the report. <u>16.2.2 Report of the Animals and Plants Committees</u>: Adopted three draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the AC and PC to prepare a discussion paper for CoP16 on how to use the Workshop outcomes, including, if appropriate, a draft Resolution on guidelines for the making of NDFs; and the Secretariat to include NDFs as a principal component of regional capacity-building workshops. <u>16.2.3 Non-detriment findings for timber, medicinal plants and agarwood</u>: Adopted two draft Decisions on <i>Non-detriment findings for timber, medicinal plants and agarwood</i>, which, <i>inter alia</i>, encourage Parties to conduct workshops on the use of timber species, medicinal plants and agarwood-producing species.
17. Incentives for the implementation of the Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rejected draft Decisions by consensus.
18. Review of Resolutions CoP15 Doc. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>RC 11.10 (Rev. CoP14) on Trade in stony corals</u>: Adopted an amendment to the definition of ‘coral fragments’. <u>RC 4.6 (Rev. CoP13) on Submission of draft Resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties</u>: Adopted an amendment directing the Secretariat to provide justification for any proposed changes to a Decision at each CoP. <u>RC 5.10 on Definition of ‘primarily commercial purposes’</u>: Adopted a revision of RC 5.10, together with an amendment stating that imports of specimens of Appendix-I species for captive-breeding purposes are “a special case” and that any import of such specimens for captive-breeding purposes should be in accordance with RC 10.16 on <i>Specimens of animal species bred in captivity</i>. <u>RC 7.12 (Rev.) on Marking requirements for trade in specimens of taxa with populations in both Appendix I and Appendix II</u>: Adopted the draft revision. <u>RC 9.5 (Rev. CoP14) on Trade with States not party to the Convention</u>: Adopted a revised version of the Resolution, with amendments that include, <i>inter alia</i>, that "Parties accept documentation from States not party to the Convention only if the details of the competent authorities and scientific institutions of such States that are included in the online CITES Directory were communicated less than two years previously unless the Secretariat confirms that it has more recent information." <u>RC 9.7 (Rev. CoP13) on Transit and transshipment</u>: Adopted a draft revision with amendments. <u>RC 9.10 (Rev. CoP14) on Disposal of illegally traded, confiscated and accumulated specimens</u>: Adopted a revised Resolution with amendments.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>RC 9.19 (Rev. CoP13) on Guidelines for the registration of nurseries exporting artificially propagated specimens of Appendix-I species</u>: Adopted the proposed revision. ● <u>RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP14) on Trade in elephant specimens</u>: Adopted a Decision directing the SC to evaluate the need to revise RC10.10 (Rev. CoP14). ● <u>RC 11.11 (Rev. CoP14) on Regulation of trade in plants</u>: Adopted a correction to RC 11.11 (Rev. CoP14). ● <u>RC 11.21 (Rev. CoP14) on Use of annotations in Appendices I and II</u>: Adopted proposed amendments. ● <u>RC 12.2, on Procedure for approval of externally funded projects</u>: Agreed to delete RC 12.2; and adopted a Decision that directs the Secretariat to investigate ways to establish means to secure funding in order to provide technical assistance to Parties. ● <u>RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) on Permits and certificates</u>: Adopted amendments to the Resolution including, <i>inter alia</i>, a definition of “hunting trophy”, the definition of source code “C”, and the requirement for endorsement of permits and certificates at the time of export. Amendments to RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) also were agreed under agenda items 30.2 and 34. ● <u>RC 12.10 (Rev. CoP14) on Guidelines for a procedure to register and monitor operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes</u>: Adopted amendments to RC 12.10 (Rev. CoP14) which include, <i>inter alia</i>, a provision that the SC consider objections to facility registration rather than the CoP. ● <u>RC 14.7 on Management of nationally established export quotas</u>: Adopted proposed amendment requiring Parties to report export quotas to the Secretariat each year.
19. Review of Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding individual Decisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>14.5 and 14.8 (Review of the scientific committees)</u>: Agreed to incorporate 14.5 into RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Establishment of committees</i> and to delete 14.8. ■ <u>13.14 (Rev. CoP14) to 13.17 (regional communication and representation)</u>: Agreed to incorporate these Decisions into RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Establishment of committees</i>. ■ <u>14.18 (Harmonization of nomenclature and taxonomy with other MEAs)</u>: Agreed to transfer the first sentence of Decision 14.18 to RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Standard nomenclature</i>, directing the Secretariat to consider ways of harmonizing the taxonomy and nomenclature of species included in other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements. ■ <u>14.61 (Physical inspection of timber shipments)</u>: Agreed to extend the Decision to CoP16. ■ <u>14.73 and 14.74 (Bushmeat)</u>: Agreed to retain 14.73 and to revise 14.74, directing the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group to continue its work and report to CoP16. ■ <u>10.2 (Rev. CoP11) (Disposal of elephant ivory stocks)</u>: Agreed to delete this Decision. ■ <u>13.93 (Rev. CoP14) (Review of the Appendices)</u>: Agreed to extend this Decision for reporting at CoP16. ■ <u>14.66, 14.68 and 14.69 (Tigers)</u>: Agreed to retain these Decisions. ■ <u>14.75 (Elephants)</u>: Agreed to delete this Decision. ■ <u>14.76 (Elephants)</u>: Agreed to retain the Decision. ■ <u>14.78 (Elephants)</u>: Agreed to delete this Decision; adopted replacement with amendments which directs the Secretariat, in preparation for SC61 and SC62, <i>inter alia</i>, to produce an updated analysis of MIKE data, pending the availability of adequate new MIKE data and invite the African elephant range States to provide information on progress made in the implementation of the <i>African elephant action plan</i>. ■ <u>14.79 (Elephants)</u>: Agreed to delete last paragraph as the organization of an African elephant meeting has been implemented. ■ <u>14.81 (Great whales)</u>: Proposed deletion was rejected in Committee II (24 yes, 46 no and 9 abstentions); this decision to reject the deletion was adopted in plenary. ■ <u>14.82 to 14.85 (Grey parrot)</u>: Agreed to retain Decisions 14.82-14.85. ■ <u>14.100 (Sea cucumbers)</u>: Agreed to extend the Decision for reporting at CoP16.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 14.138 and 14.144 (Agarwood-producing taxa): Agreed to extend these Decisions for reporting at CoP16. ● Agreed to maintain all Decisions in Annex 3 of document CoP15 Doc. 19.
20. National laws for implementation of the Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted revised versions of draft Decisions and amendments to RC 8.4 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National laws for implementation of the Convention</i>.
21. National reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted revisions to Decision 14.37 which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the SC to: continue its review of the recommendations to Parties to provide special reports under the Convention, revise the standard biennial report format, and follow up on how the reporting required in the indicators for the <i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013</i> would be undertaken. ● Adopted revisions to Decision 14.38 which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to continue to collaborate with the Secretariats of other conventions and other bodies in order to facilitate the harmonization of knowledge management and reporting, and to identify additional ways to reduce the reporting burden on Parties.
22. Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted draft revisions of Decisions 14.39, 14.40 and 14.41 with amendments which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to conduct a survey of reporting practices of Parties relating to trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II, and the PC to determine whether there are any taxa of Appendix-II artificially propagated plants for which detailed reporting is less valuable.
23. Standard units of reporting trade in agarwood-producing taxa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted the recommendation that measurements should be, in each case, a unit indicating weight, mass or volume (e.g. “kg” for roots and stems). ● The Secretariat noted that it will issue a revision for the Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of Annual Reports to take this decision into account.
24. Enforcement matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to establish an Illegal Trade Database Working Group that creates a database on illegal trade of CITES species for use by the Parties, and the SC to review the group’s work and endorse any relevant recommendations that could be implemented prior to CoP16.
25. Proposal for revision of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP14) on Compliance and enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted the draft revision of RC 11.3 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Compliance and enforcement with amendments</i>, which incorporate language on detector dogs and related programs.
26. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II plant species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted two draft Decisions regarding <i>Cistanche deserticola</i>, <i>Dioscorea deltoidea</i>, <i>Nardostachys grandiflora</i>, <i>Picrorhiza kurrooa</i>, <i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>, <i>Rauvolfia serpentina</i>, and <i>Taxus wallichiana</i>.
27. Introduction from the sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted revisions to RC 14.6 on <i>Introduction from the sea</i> and Decision 14.48 which, <i>inter alia</i>, extends the operation of the SC working group on Introduction from the Sea
28. Ranching and trade in ranched specimens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted amendments to RC. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II</i>, which include, <i>inter alia</i>, a definition of the term ‘ranching’. ● Adopted an amendment to the definition of source code ‘R’ in RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> which does <i>not</i> restrict the use of the code to specimens originating from a ranching operation in conformity with RC 9.20 (Rev.) on <i>Guidelines for evaluating marine turtle ranching proposals submitted pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) or RC 11.16 (Rev. CoP14)</i>.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted two draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to prepare a guide on the appropriate use of source codes, and the AC to evaluate the merit of reinstating the ability to transfer qualified populations that continue to meet the criteria in Annex I of RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i> from Appendix I to Appendix II pursuant to RC 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) or RC 9.20 (Rev.).
29. Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See results under agenda item 28.
30. Electronic permitting	<p><u>30.1 Electronic permitting toolkit / 30.2 Proposed revision of RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Permits and certificates</i></u>: Adopted three draft Decisions with amendments which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct Parties to use the CITES Electronic Permitting Toolkit and the SC to extend the mandate of its Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems until CITES CoP16.</p>
31. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted a revision of Decision 14.54 with amendments which, <i>inter alia</i>, extends the work of the SC Working Group on Purpose Codes until CITES CoP16.
32. E-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, encourage Parties to submit information to the Secretariat on e-commerce of CITES specimens, and the Secretariat to develop an Internet portal to compile information related to e-commerce of CITES-listed specimens. Adopted a draft revision of RC 11.3 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Compliance and enforcement</i> with amendments which include, <i>inter alia</i>, a new operative paragraph regarding e-commerce in CITES-listed specimens recommending, <i>inter alia</i>, that Parties establish, at the national level, a unit dedicated to investigating wildlife crime linked to the Internet or incorporate wildlife trade issues into existing units that investigate or monitor computer or cyber-crime; and that Parties and Interpol to consider ways in which funding may be provided for the establishment of a full-time position, dedicated to e-commerce aspects of wildlife crime, within the General Secretariat of Interpol.
33. Transport of live specimens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to delete Decisions 14.158 and 14.159. Adopted two draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to incorporate transport-related guidance into the CITES National Legislation Project, and the AC and PC to proceed with the development of new guidelines for non-air transport of live animals and plants and propose revisions to RC 10.21 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Transport of live specimens</i> and RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> for consideration at CoP16.
34. Review of the universal tagging system and trade in small crocodilian leather goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted proposed amendments to RC 12.3 on <i>Permits and certificates</i> regarding small crocodilian leather products, which, <i>inter alia</i>, recommend that Parties consider measures to alleviate the administrative burdens associated with this trade through simplified procedures to issue permits and certificates; and that Parties that require import permits for small crocodilian leather products as a stricter domestic measure review these requirements in order to determine whether they are effective in achieving the objectives of the Convention to ensure that trade in wild fauna and flora species is not detrimental to their survival. Adopted proposed amendments to RC 11.12 on <i>Universal tagging system for the identification of crocodilian skins</i> which, <i>inter alia</i>, reduce the tagging requirement for chalcos to a single tag, clarify that “year of production or harvest” refers to the year the skin was produced, allow containers to be marked with labels (in addition to tags), and no longer require that tag orders be reported to the Secretariat.

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35. Standard nomenclature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted draft revisions to RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Standard nomenclature</i>, RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i>, and RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Establishment of committees</i>. Adopted three draft Decisions on standard nomenclature which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the AC and PC to conduct an analysis to identify monospecific taxa listed in the Appendices at the level of genus or above, and where appropriate, to prepare proposals to simplify the listing of these taxa to cover the highest taxon possible.
36. Identification of CITES-listed corals in trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted the draft Decisions as amended by the Secretariat which, <i>inter alia</i>, recommend that the AC identify existing coral reference materials that could be adopted as standard nomenclatural references for CITES-listed corals and update its list of coral taxa for which identification to genus level is acceptable, but which should be identified to species level where feasible. Agreed to delete Annex 1 of Notification to the Parties No. 2003/020 that contains a list adopted by the AC of <i>Coral taxa identifiable to species level</i>.
37. Identification of worked specimens of black coral (<i>Antipatharia</i>) and parts thereof in trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted a revision of RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> stating that worked specimens of black coral (<i>Antipatharia</i>) in trade may be identified to the taxonomic level of Order for reporting and permits issuance. Adopted an amended draft Decision directing the Secretariat to develop guidance on the identification of worked specimens of black coral (<i>Antipatharia</i>) in trade at species, genus and higher taxonomic levels.
38. Identification Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the document.
39. Using the taxonomic serial number (TSN) in international wildlife trade data: a role for CITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada withdrew their request for the adoption of a draft Resolution. Adopted three substitute draft Decisions with amendments which, <i>inter alia</i>, encourage the Parties to consider the usefulness of incorporating taxonomic serial numbers in their domestic data systems and the SC to establish a working group to investigate the usefulness and feasibility of incorporating taxonomic serial numbers as an element of CITES data sets.
40. Personal and household effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted the draft revision of Decision 14.64, which extends the work of the SC Working Group on Personal and Household Effects until CoP16 and directs the working group, <i>inter alia</i>, to clarify the relationship between 'tourist souvenirs', 'hunting trophies' and 'personal and household effects'.
41. Applications to register operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>41.1 Consideration of operations subject to an objection / 41.2 Request from the Philippines regarding Birds International:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Committee I, rejected (24 in support, 20 against, and 30 abstaining) combined registration requests from the Philippines contained in CoP15 Doc. 41.1 and Doc. 41.2; and in plenary, confirmed the rejection of facilities in CoP15 Doc. 41.2 and rejected (66 in favor, 37 against and 30 abstentions) a request from the Philippines to amend its application in CoP15 Doc. 41.1 and register the same operation for only the species <i>Cacatua sulphurea abboti</i>, <i>C. s. citrinocristata</i>, <i>C. s. sulphurea</i>, and <i>C. moluccensis</i>. In Committee I, accepted (46 in support, 7 against, and 21 abstaining) a request from the USA to register a falcon breeding operation that had been subject to an objection; in plenary, the Decision of Committee I regarding this facility was adopted. <u>41.3 Request from the USA regarding Richard W. Anderson / 41.4 Request from the USA regarding Stephen C. Brown / 41.5 Request from the USA regarding Frank Metallo:</u> Adopted requests from the USA to register these facilities.
42. Great apes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted two draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to undertake missions to some gorilla range States and report to the SC, and the SC to consider the report and endorse recommendations to be implemented prior to CoP16.
43. Asian big cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>43.1 Report of the Secretariat / 43.2 Proposed revision of RC 12.5 on Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted draft Decisions which <i>inter alia</i>, direct all Parties to submit information to the Secretariat relating to incidents of poaching of and illegal

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	<p>trade in tigers that occurred within their territory from 2007; and the Secretariat to undertake an analysis of information received from Parties and also seek funds to convene a seminar involving senior-level Customs and police officers from tiger range States, to brief them on the threatened status of this species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adopted a draft revision of RC 12.5 which, <i>inter alia</i> urges all range States and other relevant Parties to implement systems for recording information relating to illegal trade in Asian big cats and that this information is shared as appropriate to ensure coordinated investigations and enforcement; and provides guidance for reporting and intelligence analysis and guidance for specialized wildlife law enforcement units.
44. Elephants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>44.1 Monitoring of illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimens</u>: Adopted a draft revision of Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP14) concerning the <i>Action plan for the control of trade in African elephant ivory</i> and a draft revision of RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>. ● <u>44.2 Monitoring of illegal hunting in elephant range States</u>: Noted the document.
45. Rhinoceroses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>45.1 Report of the Secretariat</u>: Adopted draft Decisions with amendments. ● <u>45.2 Revision of RC 9.14 (Rev. CoP14) on Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adopted draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to seek funds to convene a joint CITES Ivory and Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force; report on the implementation of RC 9.14 (Rev CoP15); facilitate bilateral exchanges of key rhinoceros range States and rhinoceros horn consumer States, to improve wildlife enforcement cooperation efforts; and report to SC61 and SC62. ■ Adopted a draft revision of RC 9.14 (Rev. CoP14) with amendments which, <i>inter alia</i>, directs the SC to pursue activities to <i>end</i> illegal trade in rhino parts and derivatives rather than merely reduce it; recommends the IUCN/SSC African and Asian Rhino Specialist Groups and TRAFFIC to include in their report to the Secretariat, “measures by implicated States to end the illegal use and consumption of rhinoceros parts and derivatives”; and directs the Secretariat to distribute the report to range and implicated States for any comments.
46. Tibetan antelope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Noted the document and that the Secretariat withdrew its two draft Decisions.
47. Saiga antelope CoP15 Doc. 47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted six draft new or revised Decisions on Saiga antelope.
48. Snake trade and conservation management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted four draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to convene a technical workshop on the snake trade in Asia, and the AC and SC to make recommendations in response to the workshop
49. Tortoises and freshwater turtles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted five draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the AC and SC to review the study from the IUCN Species Survival Commission Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group (IUCN-TFTSG) mentioned in Decision 14.128 and make recommendations to CoP16 , and Parties to review their implementation of RC 11.9 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Conservation of and trade in freshwater turtles</i> in order to determine what national actions may be necessary to strengthen their implementation and enforcement of CITES and their trade management and conservation of these species.
50. Hawksbill turtle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted a draft Decision directing the Secretariat to collaborate with the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC), the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean region (Cartagena Convention) and its Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW Protocol), and range States in the wider Caribbean and the Western Atlantic region in order to, <i>inter alia</i>, finalize the report of the regional workshop on hawksbill turtles, and explore opportunities for cooperation.
51. Humphead wrasse: additional management measures needed to combat IUU fishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopted a series of draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, urge Parties to consider adopting appropriate stricter domestic measures, including limiting the international trade in humphead wrasse to that which is conducted by air only, to strengthen the control and enforcement of the Appendix-II listing for the species.

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52. Atlantic bluefin tuna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the document was withdrawn by Monaco.
53. Conservation and management of sharks and stingrays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Committee I, two draft Decisions and a draft revision of RC 12.6 on <i>Conservation and management of sharks</i> were rejected (52 in favor, 36 against and 11 abstentions). In plenary, adopted a Decision directing range States of species in the family Potamotrygonidae (South American freshwater stingrays) to consider implementing or reinforcing national regulations regarding the management and reporting of capture and international trade of these species and consider the listing of endemic and threatened species of freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae) in CITES Appendix III. In plenary, adopted proposed amendments to RC12.6. which include, <i>inter alia</i>, inclusion of new text urging Parties that are shark fishing States to develop their own National Plan of Action (NPOA) and deletion of text directing the AC to critically review progress towards International Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks (IPOA-SHARKS) implementation (NPOA-Sharks) by major fishing and trading nations, and also deletion of text recommending that Parties identify endangered shark species that require consideration for inclusion in the Appendices, if their management and conservation status does not improve.
54. Conservation of and trade in Coralliidae species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the document was withdrawn by the USA.
55. Trade in epiphytic cacti (Cactaceae spp.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted the draft Decisions on <i>Assessment of trade in epiphytic cacti and review of listing of Cactaceae spp. in Appendix II</i>, which <i>inter alia</i>, direct the PC to assess trade in epiphytic cacti, and if appropriate, encourage the submission of proposals to exempt certain taxa of epiphytic cacti from Appendix II.
56. <i>Euphorbia</i> spp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted a draft Decision on <i>Euphorbia</i> spp. which directs the PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, analyze trade data and conservation status of succulent <i>Euphorbia</i> species, identify species that meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II, and prepare proposals to delist those that no longer meet the criteria.
57. <i>Cedrela odorata</i> , <i>Dalbergia retusa</i> , <i>Dalbergia granadillo</i> and <i>Dalbergia stevensonii</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted a draft revision of Decision 14.146 and its associated Action plan for <i>Cedrela odorata</i>, <i>Dalbergia retusa</i>, <i>Dalbergia granadillo</i> and <i>Dalbergia stevensonii</i>, with amendments.
58. Bigleaf mahogany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted three draft Decisions regarding the Working Group on Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species.
59. <i>Taxus cuspidata</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted amendments to RC 11.11 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Regulation of trade in plants</i> which includes, <i>inter alia</i>, a definition of ‘cultivar’.
60. Agarwood-producing taxa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted two draft Decisions regarding agarwood-producing taxa which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to organize a workshop to discuss management of wild and plantation-source agarwood and the PC to consider current definitions of artificially propagated plants and how they apply to trees in mixed species plantations. Adopted an amendment to the definition of ‘artificially propagated’ in RC 10.13 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Implementation of the Convention for timber species</i>.

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61. Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the document, and that it was decided under agenda item 19 that the related Decisions 14.73 and 14.74 would remain in effect.
62. Periodic Review of the Appendices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rejected the draft Decision and Resolution by consensus.
63. Criteria for the inclusion of species in Appendices I and II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted three draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, request the Secretariat, IUCN/TRAFFIC and FAO to each prepare a report summarizing their experience in applying criterion Annex 2 a B and the introductory text to Annex 2 a of RC. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i> to some or all of the commercially exploited aquatic species that were proposed for inclusion in Appendix II at CoP13, 14, and 15.
64. Cactaceae and Orchidaceae: review of annotations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the PC to continue to review trade in <i>Aloe</i> spp., Cactaceae spp., <i>Cyclamen</i> spp., <i>Galanthus</i> spp., <i>Gonystylus</i> spp., Orchidaceae spp., and <i>Prunus africana</i> to determine whether additional finished products should be exempted; and direct the Secretariat to provide information to the Parties on the implications and benefits in the application of RC 11.15 (Rev. CoP12) on <i>Non-commercial loan, donation or exchange of museum and herbarium specimens</i>.
65. Orchids: annotations for species included in Appendix II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted the draft Decisions which <i>inter alia</i>, direct the PC to monitor and assess possible conservation problems arising from the implementation of the annotation to Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II.
66. Annotations for tree species included in Appendices II and III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted the draft Decisions which, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the Secretariat to commission a study to review trade in timber species listed in Appendices II and III to determine the types of specimens that initially appear in international trade or are exported from range States, and those which dominate the trade in and demand for the wild resource, and directs the PC to take action on the results.
67. Inconsistent implementation of Appendix-III timber listings annotated to include only the national populations of the listing countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted a draft revision of RC 9.25 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Inclusion of species in Appendix III</i> with amendments that include, <i>inter alia</i>, a new paragraph directing the Secretariat to consult with a Party if it requests the inclusion of a particular population of a species in Appendix III, to ensure that the listing will achieve the level of control and cooperation with other range states intended by the Party.
68. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results can be viewed at: http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/15/prop/results.shtml
69. Time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted an offer from Thailand to host CITES CoP16.

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70. Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In summary, the Secretary-General of CITES expressed his thanks to the Chair and Government of Qatar for the excellent working conditions provided at the meeting. Numerous Parties and non-government organizations expressed their thanks to Secretary-General Willem Wijnstekers as this would be his last CoP and welcomed the new Secretary-General, Mr. John Scanlon.



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