



**SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT
THE SIXTY-SECOND MEETING OF
THE CITES STANDING COMMITTEE
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND • 23-27 JULY 2012**

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SC=Standing Committee • AC = Animals Committee • PC = Plants Committee • RC=Resolution Conf. • CoP=Conference of the Parties

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1. Opening Remarks by the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
2. Report of the Secretary-General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
3. Agenda SC62 Doc. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides the provisional agenda of the meeting for consideration and adoption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
4. Working Programme SC62 Doc. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides the provisional working programme of the meeting for consideration and adoption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
5. Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee SC62 Doc. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides SC Rules of Procedure as amended at SC58. ● Proposes to change Rule 21 so that only members and alternate members of the SC who request paper meeting documents will receive them. ● States that there have been occasions at the AC and PC meetings where visitors have sought to participate in working groups and one occasion when a visitor sat on the delegation of the organization that he claimed to be representing and actively participated in the debate. ● Seeks confirmation of the SC that visitors may be allowed to attend its meetings, or guidance on the approach to be followed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to continue to allow visitors to attend its meetings and to instruct the Secretariat to bring any concerns regarding individual visitors to the attention of the SC. ● SSN <u>recommends</u>, however, that the SC clarify that participation in Working Group discussions should be confined to delegates and registered observers unless a Party specifically requests and receives permission from the WG Chair to allow a visitor to make a presentation to the group.
6. Credentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
7. Admission of observers SC62 Doc. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not available at the time this document was prepared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.

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8. Relationship with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)			
8.1	Report of UNEP SC62 Doc. 8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not available at the time this document was prepared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
8.2	Decisions of the UNEP Governing Council SC62 Doc. 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that the UNEP Governing Council's 12th Special Session adopted decisions on <i>International environmental governance and, Accountability and financial and administrative arrangements between the United Nations Environment and the multilateral environmental agreements for which it provides the secretariat or performs secretariat functions.</i> ● Recommends that the SC note this report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC note this report.
9. Financial Matters			
9.1	Financial report for 2011 SC62 Doc. 9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that the Trust Fund expenditure for 2011, including programme support costs, amounted to US\$5.51 million, which is 4.38% over the approved budget of US\$5.28 million; and, that salary costs were approximately US\$480,000 over-budget. ● Provides: Costed programme of work for the CITES Secretariat for 2011 (Annex 1); the status of contributions as of 31 December 2011 (Annex 2); summary of the paid contributions for 2011 (Annex 3); unpaid contributions as of 31 December 2011 (Annex 4); updated table of unpaid contributions from 2011 and prior years (Annex 5); and an overview of the flow and use of the CITES Trust Fund for the biennium 2010-2011 (Annex 6). ● Requests the SC to note and accept this report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to ensure that the Secretariat reins in its spending and makes up for the \$230,000 lost in 2011 by reducing or eliminating low priority activities in 2012-2013.
9.2	Costed programme of work for 2012-2013 SC62 Doc. 9.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CoP15 decided that the budget for 2012-2013 should be met by Party contributions and an exceptional drawdown from the Trust Fund reserve in the amount of US\$ 450,000 per year. The drawdown from the reserve limited the increase in contributions from the Parties to 6%. ● Proposes to move US\$30,000 from the budget for 'General translation of documents' to the budgets for translation for the SC, AC and PC meetings (US\$10,000 each). ● Proposes to move US\$275,000 from the 2013 budget to the 2012 budget for CoP document translation costs. ● Reports that UNEP reached a termination settlement agreement with a CITES translation staff member, and that UNEP and the CITES Secretariat disagreed about who was liable to pay the settlement sum but that a compromise was reached. No additional information is provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>notes</u> with concern that current limitations on the availability of funds for translation have a significant negative impact on the participation of non-English speakers in intersessional discussions of important CITES issues. SSN <u>is concerned</u> that the changes proposed by the CITES Secretariat to the costed programme of work for 2012-2013 regarding allocation of such funds (as well as the proposal to move US\$30,000 from the general translation budget to the translation budgets for the SC, AC and PC) will exacerbate this problem. SSN <u>believes</u> that translation should be a high priority for the allocation of CITES funds. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Transfer US\$52,277 from Activity 6 of the costed program of work (regarding Resolution assessment and stricter domestic measures) to translation budgets for Committee meetings; ■ Further increase the funds allocated to translation in the costed

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		<p>program of work by transferring to it appropriate levels of funding from the total two-year US\$183,317 travel and consultancy costs under Activity 8 regarding Analysis of amendment proposals and cooperation with relevant IGOs; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prepare a document for consideration at CoP16, proposing various funding options to guarantee that sufficient funds are available for translation, taking into account the need to use a tendering process to ensure that the most financially viable translation option is used by the Secretariat. ● SSN <u>recommends that</u>, in order to appropriately fund translation needs and ensure that sufficient funds are available for the biennium, as well as to make up for the \$230,000 overspend by the Secretariat in 2011, the SC should significantly reduce and/or eliminate the following 2012-2013 expenditures (activity number) from the CITES Trust Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US\$ 211,067 (5) E-permitting US\$ 52,276 (6) multilateral measures US\$ 183,317 (8) advice on CoP proposals US\$ 68,973 (29) work with Bretton Woods organizations US\$ 139,856 (30) public awareness US\$ 70,883 (32) work with UNEP/ETB, WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, OECD US\$ 82,997 (33) work with private sector US\$ 22,372 (34) work on BIP US\$ 22,372 (35) livelihoods US\$ 250,642 (36) biodiversity-related MEAs US\$ 143,877 (39) work with other institutions ● SSN <u>is concerned</u> that the total (US\$2,331,015) of these non-essential items is more than double the total budget for CITES enforcement activities (US\$734,797). ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the CITES Finance and Budget Subcommittee compare the budgets for different subcategories (e.g. enforcement, work with other organizations/agreements) to ensure that high priority activities (those that directly improve implementation and enforcement of the Convention) receive a greater proportion of funds. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC support the proposal to move US\$275,000 from the 2013 budget to the 2012 budget for CoP document translation costs.
9.3	Format for financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that the Secretariat sought advice from other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) on budget presentations and
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to reject the proposed new budget formats, as they:

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<p>reporting</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 9.3</p>	<p>financial reporting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposes the use of new formats for the presentation of budget documents at CoP16 including the costed programme of work (CPW). Provides a chart showing the functions of the Secretariat (Annex 1) and, for 2014-2016: the proposed format for the CPW (Annex 2), the operational budget under the CITES Trust Fund (Annex 3), and support to CITES Activities from external funds (Annex 4). ● Reports that two budget proposals will be provided to the CoP: one retaining the <i>status quo</i> in both staff and operations (necessitating an approximately 24% increase in contributions) and the other retaining status quo in staff only, but with increased operating costs. ● Reports that although Party numbers have increased, Secretariat staff has decreased. ● Suggests that the Parties might want to consider establishing a minimum annual contribution for each Party, such as US\$250 or US\$500. ● Proposes that RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Establishment of committees</i> be amended so that the Financial and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) has permanent status and would not need to be re-established after each CoP. ● Requests the SC to consider this report and provide feedback in preparation for the budgetary discussions at CoP16. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide less detail on budget and action items making the budget process significantly less transparent. ■ Eliminate essential ranking of activities (e.g. core, high, medium, low). ■ Remove staff costs column from the CPW. It is vital that staff costs are provided for each activity in order for the SC and Parties to evaluate the true and total cost of individual activities, particularly since staff costs are sourced from the CITES Trust Fund. The SC rejected a similar proposal from the Secretariat at SC61. ■ Delink Trust Fund costs from outside funding, eliminating the ability of the SC and Parties to evaluate the total costs of any one activity/budget item. ● SSN <u>notes</u> with concern, the substantial increase in contributions necessary to maintain the current operation of the Secretariat. Given the current world economic climate, we urge the SC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recommend that budgets for low priority activities (and those listed under SSN recommendations for agenda item 9.2) be deleted or significantly reduced. ■ Consider which Secretariat positions, once vacated, may be replaced with positions at a lower salary scale. ■ Consider reviewing medium priority activities for additional budget reductions. ■ Require that budgets for implementing specific CITES Decisions be proposed to and finalized by the FBSC at CoP16. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to reject the proposal to establishing a minimum annual contribution, such as US\$250 or US\$500. Such a requirement would unfairly penalize those Parties least able to pay. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC reject the proposal for the FBSC to have permanent status. Re-establishing the Subcommittee at each CoP provides the opportunity for new SC Members to join the subcommittee.
<p>9.4</p> <p>Access to finance, including GEF funding</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 9.3 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on Access to Finance of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) in collaboration with the Innovative Finance Foundation (IFF) and the CITES Secretariat. ● Decision 15.20 directs the Secretariat to investigate ways to establish the means to secure funding to support the provision of technical assistance to CITES Parties in relation to regulating wildlife trade, and report its findings to CoP16. ● Provides the responses of 34 Parties to a questionnaire on <i>Access to finance, including GEF Funding</i> for the CITES Parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to approach the recommendations regarding the finance portfolio with great caution. The IFF website states that it is working on a fund that “will offer new ways to combat illegal trade, make legal trade fast and better and allow for CITES to share in profits generated”. The portfolio also mentions “enhanced reputation/market access/brand building” for “enterprises that operate in domains linked to CITES-listed species such as the luxury goods industry” and “funding from product marketing partnerships”. CITES’ mission is not to promote trade in wildlife and their parts and products, nor should CITES seek to

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		<p>(Annex I) that shows some avenues for possible action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports on approval by GEF of a CITES-related project to strengthen wildlife forensic capabilities in South Africa. ● Reports that the Secretariat has concluded a Small Scale Funding Agreement with IFF, financed through external funds provided by an individual private donor, to outline a finance portfolio to support CITES; and ● Provides a feasibility study by IFF on innovative financing for CITES implementation (Annex II) including alternative assets, financial markets, and corporate social responsibility. ● The Chair recommends that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ instruct the working group to submit a set of recommendations for approval at CoP16 based on the questionnaire responses; and ■ identify, on the basis of the study in Annex 2, financial tools for use in the CITES context, and determine its level of involvement in developing further financial tools to CITES. ● States that the Working Group will meet at SC62 to decide on possible additional recommendations. 	<p>profit from the wildlife trade. SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to direct the Secretariat to advise IFF of this, and to instruct IFF to restrict its activities in fulfillment of the agreement to the objectives of the Convention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>believes</u> that the implications of the recommendations explored in the feasibility study on innovative financing provided in Annex II are too significant and potentially controversial to be decided upon by the SC, and <u>recommends</u> that the SC defer the decision to move forward on this issue to CoP16. ● SSN also <u>recommends</u> that the SC request the Secretariat to provide details on the Secretariat's agreement with IFF and the finances involved. ● SSN <u>is concerned</u> by the low number of responses, believes that Parties should be given the opportunity to provide additional input to guide the Working Group in the development of recommendations, and therefore <u>recommends</u> that the SC seek the assistance of its members and of the regional AC and PC representatives in gathering additional responses for submission to the Working Group. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to require that the Working Group develop recommendations for CoP16 in cooperation with the Chair of the FBSC. SSN believes that it is critical that the FBSC, as a fiscal subset of the SC, be intensely involved in this endeavor. ● SSN <u>supports</u> efforts to make GEF funding available to improve the implementation and enforcement of the Convention.
9.5	<p>African elephant fund</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 9.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The African elephant fund (AEF) was established as a Multi-Donor Technical Cooperation Trust Fund for the Implementation of the <i>African Elephant Action Plan (AEAP)</i>. ● Provides an update on activities taken under the fund. ● Strongly encourages contributions to the AEF, and invites Parties to second an official to UNEP or the CITES Secretariat to assist with the AEF. ● Asks the SC to note this report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC note this report and encourages CITES stakeholders to continue to commit significant funding to the AEF for implementation of the <i>African Elephant Action Plan</i>.
10. Meetings of the Conference of the Parties			
10.1	<p>Structure and length of future meetings</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 10.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposes changes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reducing the second week by one day; ■ Extending individual work days; and ■ More work done in working groups. ● Invites the SC to note the document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to reject the proposal that more work be done in working groups. Many Party delegations to the CoP number one or two individuals; moving more work to the working groups would further restrict the ability of these Parties to fully participate in CoP deliberations.

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<p>10.2</p> <p>Arrangements for the 16th meeting</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 10.2.2 - 10.2.6</p>	<p><u>10.2.1 Preparation for CoP16</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. <p><u>10.2.2 Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC62 Doc. 10.2.2 <p><u>10.2.3 Working programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC62 Doc. 10.2.3. <p><u>10.2.4 Rules of Procedure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC62 Doc. 10.2.4 ● Recommends the following amendments to the CoP16 Rules of Procedure (RoP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rules 20 and 21: change references to “draft resolutions and other documents” to “draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents”. ■ Rule 23, paragraph 6: Amend to require that “If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be decided upon.” ● ■ Rule 25, paragraph 1: Amend to require that “In the case of votes taken by an electronic system other than votes taken by secret ballot, the individual votes of all Parties shall be displayed on a screen for all participants to see immediately after a vote has taken place.” 	<p><u>10.2.1 Preparation for CoP16</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment. <p><u>10.2.2 Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment. <p><u>10.2.3 Working programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC62 Doc. 10.2.3. <p><u>10.2.4 Rules of Procedure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC support the proposed changes to Rules 20 and 21. ● Regarding proposed changes to Rule 23.6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regarding the proposed addition of the sentence “If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be decided upon” to Rule 23.6, SSN <u>is concerned</u> that, in the past, the Parties have amended a proposal and then voted on both the amended proposal and the original proposal. This is counter to standard rules of procedure such as Robert’s Rules of Order (Rule 12). Once a proposal is amended and the amendment is adopted, that should be the only proposal on the table. SSN <u>recommends</u> that the Secretariat’s addition be amended to clarify this issue in Rule 23.6 by adding the word “only” and deleting the word “then” (see below, <u>CAPITALIZED</u>). <p><i>If two or more proposals, including proposals amended in accordance with Rule 22, paragraph 2, and proposals made in accordance with or Rule 23, paragraph 5, relate to the same taxon, but are different in substance, the Conference shall first decide on the proposal that will have the least restrictive effect on the trade and then on the proposal with the next least restrictive effect on the trade, and so on until all proposals have been submitted to decision. When however, the adoption of one proposal necessarily implies the rejection of another proposal, the latter proposal shall not be submitted to decision. <u>If one or more amendments are adopted, ONLY the amended proposal shall then be decided upon.</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding Rule 25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SSN <u>strongly encourages</u> the SC to support the proposed addition to Rule 25, which would require that the individual votes of all Parties shall be displayed on a screen for all participants to see immediately after a vote has taken place.

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	<p><u>10.2.5 Selection of nominees for chairmanship of the committees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. <p><u>10.2.6 Sponsored Delegates Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC62 Doc. 12.2.6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SSN <u>further recommends</u> that the following language be added to the end of the revised rule, following the word ‘place’, “... <u>and the Chair shall allow adequate time for delegates to verify that their vote was accurately recorded before moving to the next point.</u>” ● Regarding Rule 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SSN <u>notes</u> that at CoP15, there was confusion regarding the order in which a motion for closure is considered in relation to requests to amend a proposal (see CoP15 Com. I Rec. 8 (Rev. 1)). In order to provide clarification on this issue, SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC propose the addition of the following new paragraph to Rule 18: <p><i><u>3. The adoption of a motion for closure on a proposal to amend the Appendices shall not prevent the proponent either from withdrawing the proposal or amending it. In the case that the proponent amends its own proposal, discussion on the amended proposal shall not be limited by the motion for closure on the original proposal, and no further motion for closure shall be considered until at least two Parties have spoken in favour of the amended proposal and two against. If the amendment fails, however, voting shall take place immediately on the original proposal if it has not been withdrawn by the proponent.</u></i></p> <p><u>10.2.5 Selection of nominees for chairmanship of the committees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment. <p><u>10.2.6 Sponsored Delegates Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See <i>SSN Recommendations</i> under SC62 Doc. 11. 	
10.3	<p>Improving transparency of voting during meetings of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 10.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC61 agreed that “the Secretariat should conduct a study on the recent history of the use of secret ballots.” ● Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A list of votes taken by secret ballot at each of the last six CoPs (Annex 1); and ■ A record of the discussions on secret ballots at the CoPs and SCs from 1994 to 2004 (Annex 2). ● Notes the following history of the Rules for secret ballots: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From CoP1 (1976) to CoP5 (1985) a vote would be taken by secret ballot if this was requested by any Party; ■ From CoP6 (1987) to CoP8 (1992) a vote would be taken by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>notes</u> that secret ballots make it possible for delegates to vote contrary to directions from their own governments; impede open and informed discussion of certain contentious issues at CoPs; and deny citizens knowledge of their government’s position. Furthermore, a secret ballot makes it impossible for a Party to determine at the time of voting that its vote has been properly recorded. ● SSN <u>notes</u> that the Secretariat, in its chart of the number of secret ballots used at past CoPs, fails to provide data prior to CoP10 when the current rules for secret ballots were adopted. Under the current rule, a total of 70 votes by secret ballot were taken; under earlier

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	<p>secret ballot only if this was requested by a Party, supported by a second Party, and then supported by a simple majority; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From CoP9 (1994) to CoP15 (2010) a vote would be taken by secret ballot if this was requested by a Party and supported by 10 Parties. This rule remains in effect. 	<p>rules, only seven votes were held by secret ballot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that CITES align its CoP Rules of Procedure with those of other U.N. bodies, the Ramsar Convention and the Convention on Migratory Species, and, historically, CITES itself, under which votes by secret ballot only when a motion for a secret ballot has been approved by a majority of Parties present and voting. SSN <u>strongly believes</u> that States are accountable to their citizens; secret ballots at CITES CoPs eliminate that accountability.
<p>11. Provision of support for Committee Members</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Secretariat uses the CITES Trust Fund to support the participation of SC/AC/PC members in the SC/AC/PC meetings, in accordance with RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Establishment of committees</i>, and RC 15.1 on <i>Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the biennium 2012-2013</i>. ● RC 15.1 states, “the CITES Trust Fund should not be used to cover travel costs and per diem of committee members and other representatives of developed countries.” ● SC61 requested the Secretariat to invite comments on this issue through the CITES website forum, and to prepare a document on this issue for SC62 with a draft proposal. Only one Party provided comments. ● Provides the following options (Annexes 1-6) for determining developed countries including: scale of contributions to the CITES Trust Fund; membership of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list of Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) recipients; membership of the Group of Twenty (G20); World Bank GDP ranking. ● Recommends that, regarding the provision of financial support, the scale of contributions to the Trust Fund be used as an indicator of the ability of Parties to pay; that a percentage be established on the scale as a threshold; that one representative per meeting of Parties that are below the specified threshold and individual committee members from such Parties be considered as eligible to receive support. ● In document SC62 Doc. 10.2.6, the Secretariat recommends the use of the same indicator as the one that will be selected in relation to this document for the sponsored delegates project which at present relies on the UNDP Human Development Index for its selection criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to postpone changing the funding selection practices until there has been further consultation with the Parties, via a Notification to the Parties. The fact that only one country responded to a request for comments posed to a CITES website forum indicates that consultations to date have been inadequate. SSN <u>notes</u> that many Parties do not have regular access to the internet and so may not participate in CITES forums. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> the SC direct the Secretariat to request Party comments, via a Notification, on all six options for determining eligibility to receive funding assistance.

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12. Scientific Committee Reports			
12.1	Animals Committee SC62 Doc. 12.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
12.2	Plants Committee SC62 Doc. 12.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
13. Implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013 SC62 Doc. 13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Chair of the Working Group on the Strategic Vision. ● Decision 15.10 directs the SC to “review the adopted post-2010 biodiversity targets and, if necessary, make adjustments to the <i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013</i> as appropriate.” ● Provides a revised version CITES Strategic Vision (Annex) which, <i>inter alia</i>,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Extends the Vision to 2020. ■ Changes the CITES Vision Statement (new text underlined): “Conserve biodiversity and contribute to its sustainable use by ensuring that no species of wild fauna or flora becomes or remains subject to unsustainable exploitation through international trade, thereby contributing to the significant reduction of the rate of biodiversity loss and making a significant contribution towards <u>achieving the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.</u>” ■ Changes goal 3: “Contribute to significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss <u>and to achieving globally agreed goals and targets</u> by ensuring that CITES and other multilateral instruments and processes are coherent and mutually supportive.” ● Recommends that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Propose to CoP16, the revised <i>Strategic Vision</i> (Annex); ■ Consider the views of the Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements regarding the reporting required in relation to indicators for the Strategic Vision; and ■ Establish a process for applying the indicators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN urges the SC to support extending the current Strategic Vision through to 2020. ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to reject the proposed change to the CITES Vision Statement and goal 3, requiring CITES to contribute to other globally agreed goals. Any work that CITES undertakes to ensure that CITES and other multilateral instruments and processes are mutually supportive should seek to contribute to “significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss” (current text of the Strategic Vision) and not to contribute to “globally agreed goals and targets” (proposed change), which may not be in keeping with the core objectives of CITES. An additional goal of contributing to initiatives already carried out by, or in compliance with, other Conventions is duplicative and may draw resources and funding from CITES core objectives. ● SSN <u>notes</u> that work related to other MEAs is of low priority under the current CITES Costed Program of Work, but if the proposed changes to the CITES Mission Statement and Goal 3 of the Strategic Vision were adopted this would likely result in such activities being assigned a high priority. We <u>strongly</u> urge the SC to oppose such a shift in priorities and seek to have CITES work maintain a focus on implementation and enforcement of the Convention.
14. Cooperation with Other Organizations			
14.1	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
14.2	Convention on Biological	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides an update on activities of the Secretariat associated with CBD, including: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.

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Diversity (CBD) SC62 Doc. 14.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meeting with the new Executive Secretary of CBD; ■ Presenting on “CITES compliance and enforcement regime” to the Expert Meeting on Cooperative Procedures and Institutional Mechanisms to Promote Compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and to Address Cases of Noncompliance (February/March 2012); and ■ Attending portions of CoP11 of the CBD in October 2012, India. ● Invites the SC to note this report. 	
14.3 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) SC62 Doc. 14.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides the final CMS-CITES Joint Work Programme 2012-2014 (Annex), as adopted by 38th meeting of the CMS Standing Committee. ● Requests the SC to endorse the Joint Work Programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC endorse the CITES-CMS Joint Work Program 2012-2014 as adopted by the CMS Parties in November 2011, and that the CITES and CMS Secretariats begin to work together on joint implementation of this work program.
14.4 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) SC62 Doc. 14.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC61 requested the Secretariat to invite further comments on a draft Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between CITES and FAO. ● Provides a clean version of the final draft MoC after review of the FAO legal office (Annex 1); changes made to the draft (in response to comments from Colombia, Japan, European Union, USA) and the source of those changes (Annex 2); and a draft MoC proposed by the USA (Annex 3). ● Recommends that the SC adopt the final draft MoC (Annex 1). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to make the following changes to the MoC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ITEM III (3). “The Participants should keep each other informed of their relevant activities and positions in other organizations and forums, and, as far as possible, coordinate their <u>positions, research, training and conservation efforts, while respecting their mandates established in their constituent instruments.</u>” SSN <u>notes</u> that there is no directive for FAO and CITES to have common positions and that the fundamental mandates of the two bodies are different. FAO’s mandate is “to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy”. ■ ITEM IV (e). “Cooperation, where appropriate and possible, between the Participants in activities undertaken within their separate programmes of work, with a view to seeking harmony, synergy and coherence, and to <u>reducing the reporting burden duplicative reporting obligations</u> on the member States of FAO and CITES.” ■ ITEM IV (i). “Cooperation between the Participants in addressing scientific, technical, socio-economic <u>administrative</u> and legal issues relating to the listing of species in the CITES Appendices and the implementation of such listings, <u>as appropriate, to the extent that these issues are relevant to the mandates of either organization.</u>” CITES is not authorized to addressing socio-economic issues relating to the listing of species in the Appendices; RC 8.3 (Rev.

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			<p>CoP13) on <i>Recognition of the benefits of trade in wildlife</i> states only that <i>implementation</i> of CITES-listing decisions should take into account potential impacts on the livelihoods of the poor, but does not address the listing decisions themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ITEM IV (b). Language should be added to ensure that any new memoranda are approved by the Parties and Members of FAO: “The establishment of specific Memoranda, <u>which have been negotiated only after approval of the Parties to the Convention and the FAO members</u>, covering specific areas of work or joint work programmes ...”
14.5	<p>Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 14.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision 15.12 directs the AC, PC, and Secretariat to, <i>inter alia</i>, participate in discussions concerning a possible IPBES, and report to the SC to seek additional guidance. ● Provides an update on actions taken under this issue, including that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The IPBES has been established with the Secretariat hosted by Bonn, Germany; and, ■ The second session of the plenary meeting was held in Panama, April 2012. ● Invites the SC to note this document and to consider providing guidance to the AC/PC Chairs and the Secretariat regarding future work related to IPBES. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN is <u>concerned</u> that time and money is being spent on IPBES when this is not a high priority for the implementation and enforcement of the Convention, particularly given that the Secretariat overspent its budget in 2011. Therefore, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to recommend to CoP16 that Decision 15.12 not be extended.
14.6	<p>International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 14.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides the Guidelines for Cooperation between the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and CITES adopted by the ICCAT Commission (Annex 1). ● The Guidelines encourage the Secretariats to share information on issues and species of common interest. ● Recommends that the SC endorse the proposed Guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC endorse the proposed Guidelines. ● SSN <u>believes</u> that agreement of these Guidelines is an endorsement of the cooperative and complementary roles that ICCAT and CITES play in the conservation and management of fishing and trade for species covered by ICCAT.
14.7	<p>International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 14.7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports on activities undertaken in association with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ First International Workshop on Establishing a Network of Controlled Delivery Units for Forest and Wildlife Law Enforcement, held in China, December 2011; ■ A seminar for Heads of Police and Customs on Tiger Crime, held in Thailand, February 2012; ■ Real-time response to incidents of significant elephant poaching in Cameroon, February 2012; and ■ Launch of the ICWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, at SC62. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>welcomes</u> the launch of the ICWC Toolkit and <u>recommends</u> that the SC endorse it, and urge Parties to use it as a means to assess enforcement needs and to develop strategies to deliver more effective enforcement operations, infrastructure and capacity to combat wildlife crime.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that the UK has funded a six-month position of a junior professional to support the work of ICCWC at the Secretariat. ● Invites the SC to note the report. 	
14.8	World Trade Organization (WTO) SC62 Doc. 14.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
15. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures SC62 Doc. 15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared the Chair of the Working Group on Multilateral Measures (South Africa). ● Decision 14.30 (Rev. CoP15) directs the Secretariat, if external funds are made available, to hire a consultant to (a) prepare a report on ways to assess whether: i) Resolutions are implemented by all Parties as consistently as possible and whether there is a need to clarify, revise or repeal them; and ii) the scope for multilateral CITES processes that reduce the need by Parties for recourse to stricter domestic measures and reservations should be further developed; and b) assist in organizing the meeting called for in Decision 14.29 (Rev. CoP15). ● Decision 14.29 (Rev. CoP15) directs the SC to continue the Working Group on Multilateral Measures to: a) review and, if necessary, revise any consultancy report produced under Decision 14.30 (Rev. CoP15); b) organize a meeting to discuss the above report; and c) consider the need to prepare drafts for any revised or new resolutions for CoP16. ● Proposes the following definition of “stricter domestic measure”: “domestic measures (legislation, policies, directives, notices) adopted by a Party regarding conditions or restrictions for international trade, taking, possession or transport of specimens of species included in the Appendices, or the complete prohibition thereof, with the aim of ensuring the conservation of the species through the mitigation of impacts, resulting from international trade in the species.” ● Identifies issues to be addressed by a consultant, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Identification of Resolutions, from a proposed list, that require clarification, revision or repeal; ■ Compilation of an inventory of current stricter domestic measures; ■ A case study approach to determine stricter domestic measures currently in place in selected countries, and the scope and rationale for these measures; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to reject the Working Group proposals for these reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Undertaking studies of an “analysis of current multilateral measures and their appropriateness” and, “scope and rationale” of stricter domestic measures is beyond the scope of Decision 14.30 (Rev. CoP15); and ■ The Working Group seeks to <i>question</i> the rationale of stricter domestic measures while seeking to only <i>review</i> information on reservations; the implication being that stricter domestic measures should be removed, but not reservations. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to reject the proposed definition of “stricter domestic measure” because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It is a sovereign right of Parties, recognized in Article XIV of the Convention, to adopt stricter domestic measures as they see fit. Defining “stricter domestic measure” in a way that restricts the application or purpose of such measures is beyond the scope of the Convention, because it would restrict Parties’ sovereign rights to a greater extent than the Convention itself; and ■ The proposed definition fails to recognize that stricter measures are often not for the “aim of conservation of species” or for anything related to CITES (e.g., they may be designed to control disease or restrict the import of agricultural pests). ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Make a list of the Group’s members public and permit observers to participate in the Group; and, ■ Establish criteria for selection of a consultant and terms of reference for any study undertaken. ● Although Decision 14.30 (Rev. CoP15) states that a study related to this issue must be financed by external funds, the Costed Programme of Work for the CITES Secretariat (for the biennium 2012-2013) indicates that US\$52,277 is to be allocated from the CITES Trust Fund for this work. SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC reject this budget allocation.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Analysis of current multilateral measures and their appropriateness; and ■ Review of current information on reservations entered by Parties. ● Recommends that the SC consider the proposals made by the Working Group. 	
<p>16. CITES and livelihoods</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on CITES and Livelihoods (Peru) in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat. ● Decision 15.5 directs the Working Group to, <i>inter alia</i>, revise the draft resolution contained in CoP15 Doc. 14 Annex 1 for consideration at CoP16; and finalize toolkits for Parties to use in assessing livelihood impacts of CITES listing decisions and guidelines for addressing negative impacts for review and endorsement by SC62. ● Decision 15.6 directs the SC to report on the progress of the work at CoP16. ● Provides an update of the work of the Working Group. ● Announces the availability of the Proceedings of a 2011 symposium on community-based natural resource management. ● States that the Working Group will reconvene in the margins of SC62. ● Recommends that the SC instruct the Working Group to submit a revised draft resolution and the final versions of the toolkit and guidelines to CoP16. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>notes</u> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ the Working Group did not complete its tasks according to the revised timetable adopted at SC61. ■ a revised version of the tools and guidelines is not available. ■ a revision of the draft resolution has not been made available to the members of the Working Group or the SC. ■ a regional meeting on <i>CITES and livelihoods</i> will be held in Peru, 11 - 13 July 2012 but the results will not be available sufficiently in advance of SC62 for them to be adequately considered by SC62 in the preparation of a final version of the toolkit and guidelines. ● SSN therefore <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to reject the Chair's proposal that tools and guidelines and/or revisions to the draft Resolution be submitted directly to CoP16 without having been reviewed and endorsed by the SC in accordance with Decision 15.5. ● With regard to the Proceedings of a 2011 symposium on community-based natural resource management, as a participant in the symposium, SSN urges the SC to not use information contained therein to form the basis of policy decisions for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Participants agreed that no conclusions or recommendations were to emerge from the symposium and that no report to SC was to be prepared. Concerns about the bias and lack of transparency involved in this symposium were raised at SC61. ■ The symposium represented neither the breadth of scientific information available on this topic, nor the full range of informed views that have addressed this issue.
<p>17. National wildlife trade policy reviews</p> <p>No document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>notes</u> that Decision 15.8 directs the Secretariat to report at SC62 and CoP16 on progress made with regard to the implementation of RC 15.2 on <i>Wildlife trade policy reviews</i>. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to require the Secretariat to report on its work under RC 15.2 at SC63.
<p>18. Climate change</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chairs of AC/PC with the support of the Climate Change Working Group Co-Chairs (the AC representative of North America and the USA). ● Decision 15.15 directs the AC and PC to identify the scientific 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>believes</u> that although SC62 Doc. 18 provides numerous findings, it does not fulfill the requirements of Decision 15.15. The AC/PC accepted this work product, but did not make concrete recommendations to the SC for further actions that will ensure that

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	<p>aspects of the provisions of the Convention and of Resolutions that are actually or likely to be affected by climate change, report their findings, and make recommendations for CoP16, at SC62.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides for consideration by the SC in fulfillment of Decision 15.15 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Suggests actions that could be taken to improve the access of Parties to available information on climate change, and to improve understanding of impacts of climate change on species within the CITES context; and ■ Reports that AC and PC agreed that the current provisions and Resolutions of the Convention were sufficiently comprehensive and flexible to take into account the implications of climate change for science-based decision-making, noting that some observers expressed the view that there was need for further work to develop guidance on incorporating climate change science into CITES decision-making processes. 	<p>climate-change impacts are consistently considered in CITES science-based decision-making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN therefore <u>urges</u> the SC to oppose adopting the report of the AC/PC as it pertains to Decision 15.15, and to recommend that the CoP extend the Decision beyond CoP16.
<p>19. Capacity building</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides information on several recent capacity-building activities, including the European Commission-funded (US\$3,512,500) project on <i>Strengthening the CITES implementation capacity of developing countries to ensure sustainable wildlife management and non-detrimental trade</i>, the CITES Virtual College and science-related and enforcement-related capacity-building efforts. ● Encourages Parties to make use of the CITES capacity-building courses, tools and materials, and the CITES Virtual College. ● Invites the SC to take note of the report and invites Parties to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide support for translation of the courses and training materials available through the CITES Virtual College; and ■ Provide funding for the further enhancement of the Virtual College. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN is <u>concerned</u> that one of the objectives of the EC-funded project—“to improve the livelihoods of rural poor”—is not an objective of CITES, nor is the project subject to review or oversight by the Parties or the Committees. Also, under this project, it is reported that activities are being implemented to assist Parties in achieving the lifting of EU and CITES trade suspensions. SSN believes that this is wholly inappropriate, and that while Parties should be assisted in meeting the recommendations resulting from the Review of Significant Trade, this is not equivalent to seeking the lifting of suspensions, particularly when the Secretariat is also charged with evaluating whether suspensions should be enacted or removed. ● SSN <u>notes with concern</u> that several of the activities led by the CITES Secretariat, with EU funding for capacity-building in developing countries, aim to promote the development of e-permitting when this was not defined as a priority need by these countries in their responses to the capacity-building survey (Doc. SC61 Inf. 10). SSN <u>believes</u> that CITES capacity-building initiatives should focus as a priority on core enforcement needs such as training of customs and enforcement officers, and that the use of capacity-building funds for activities linked to the development of e-permitting is inappropriate because this technology might not be accessible by countries with poor access to the internet and computers. ● SSN <u>notes further</u> that the Secretariat used part of the EU funds to

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		<p>commission UNEP-WCMC “to draft an analysis of recent trends in international trade in animal species included in Appendix II to better understand global trends in international wildlife trade and to support improved reporting to the Convention”, an activity which does not respond to priority needs for enforcement identified by developing countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>notes</u> that Decision 15.22 directs the Secretariat to seek funding to convene a capacity-building workshop and regional meeting for the Africa region before SC62, but that no information on the implementation of this is provided in the report. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Note the report; ■ Direct the Secretariat to provide information on the implementation of Decision 15.22 during the meeting; ■ Direct the Secretariat to make details of its capacity-building program activities available to the SC before these are implemented; and ■ Direct the Secretariat to make CITES-funded activities and proposal requests available for Party and observer review and comment.
<p>20. CITES logo</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminds Parties that SC61 requested the Secretariat to submit at the present meeting a document proposing a less restrictive policy on the use of the CITES logo, based on the need to open up the possibility of using the logo to operations or institutions known to and registered by the Management Authority of the State in which they are located. ● Recommends expanding the possibility of using the logo to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Licensed exporters and processing and repackaging plants for specimens of sturgeon and paddlefish species ■ Scientific institutions entitled to the exemption provided by Article VII, paragraph 6, of the Convention ■ Operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes. ■ Operations that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I species for commercial purposes. ● Notes that the list provided “is also not exhaustive and could in the future be completed by the addition of other operations registered through different systems” such as using the CITES logo in association with the logotype adopted by the range States of the vicuña on labels affixed to products made from wool of this animal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to oppose changes to the current policy regarding use of the CITES logo; the logo is currently being used appropriately, and there is no “need” to open its use further. CITES is an international convention and its logo should not be available for use by commercial ventures. ● SSN <u>notes</u> that the SC mandated the CITES Secretariat to propose a “<i>slightly</i> less restrictive policy on the use of the CITES logo” (emphasis added) but that the change proposed by the Secretariat is the equivalent of a blanket authorization to use the CITES logo for all types of registered operations or institutions, even though no safeguards have been proposed by the Secretariat to ensure that these facilities are not involved in illegal and/or detrimental activities. ● SSN <u>notes</u> that CITES’ mission is not to promote trade in wildlife, including plants, or their parts and products, and it has neither the means nor ability to verify that each CITES permit issued satisfies the requirements of the Convention, including those relevant to non-detriment findings. ● SSN <u>notes</u> the Parties at CoP15 rejected a proposed Decision from the Secretariat to establish CITES as a regulatory certification scheme including, <i>inter alia</i>, limited use of the CITES logo by

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invites the SC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ endorse the new policy governing the use of the CITES logo; and ■ express its views on expanding the possibility of using the logo beyond the proposal made, such as the example of labels for vicuña wool. 	<p>registered companies.</p>
<p>21. Substantive review of Resolutions</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides a list of Resolutions for which the Secretariat is likely to prepare amendment proposals. ● Invites the SC to take note and to comment on any further consolidations or corrections that are needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC reject a proposed amendment to RC 9.6 (Rev.) on <i>Trade in readily recognizable parts and derivatives</i>, to “provide the possibility for reconsideration of a <i>de minimis</i> exemption, so that specimens below a certain size or quantity are considered as ‘not readily recognizable’”. ● Regarding any review of additional Resolutions or proposed changes from the Secretariat, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to ensure that such reviews are transparent and are approved by the SC before being undertaken.
<p>22. Review of Resolutions following Decision 14.19</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision 14.19, directs the SC to review any proposals from the Secretariat to correct non-substantive errors or minor editorial faults in current Resolutions and decide whether they should be referred to the CoP. ● Provides an update on the work of a working group to bring the revision of Resolutions in French and Spanish to the same level of review as the English. ● Invites the SC to note this document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC note this document.
<p>23. National laws for implementation of the Convention</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RC 8.4 (Rev CoP15) on <i>National laws for implementation of the Convention</i>, INSTRUCTS the SC “to determine which Parties have not adopted appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and to consider appropriate compliance measures, which may include recommendations to suspend trade”, in accordance with RC 14.3. ● Decision 15.40 directs SC61 and SC62 to review the progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention. ● Provides an updated legislative status chart (Annex). ● Provides an update on legislative actions taken by Parties and related activities undertaken by the Secretariat. ● Invites the SC to consider appropriate compliance measures, including a recommendation to suspend trade in accordance with RC 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) and RC 14.3, for priority Parties (Belize, Botswana, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Paraguay and Rwanda). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to adopt the recommendations of the Secretariat.

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24. National reports			
24.1	Late submission or non-submission of national reports SC62 Doc. 24.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that all Parties identified at SC61 as having not that had not submitted national reports for three consecutive years without adequate justification have now submitted these reports. ● Indicates that the Secretariat is in contact with the Somali Republic regarding the submission of their missing annual reports. ● Reports that records show that thirteen Parties have failed to provide annual reports for 2008, 2009 and 2010. ● Recommends that the SC determine which Parties have failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years without having provided adequate justification. If so determined, the Secretariat will issue a Notification recommending that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with these Parties until they have provided the requisite reports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC adopt the recommendation of the Secretariat.
24.2	Special reporting requirements SC62 Doc. 24.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements. ● Provides the following (Annex 1-6): a spreadsheet of reporting requirements; Strategic Vision Indicators with links to relevant Biennial Report reporting requirements; an annotated Biennial Report format with links to the relevant Strategic Vision Indicators; proposed amendments to the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of annual reports; and a revision of the sample biennial report format.; a copy of Decisions 14.37 (Rev CoP15) and 14.38 (Rev CoP15). ● Recommends, <i>inter alia</i>, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Biennial Report: AC, PC and enforcement authorities provide advice on deleting reporting requirements; the SC, at each meeting, consider deleting reporting requirements; the Working Group rewrite the format of the biennial report; and special reporting requirements should be retired automatically after six years unless re-established by the CoP. ■ Strategic Vision Indicators: the SC recommend how Strategic Vision indicators can be implemented; and the Working Group to consider what indicators to use to measure progress at national, regional or global levels against the revised CITES Strategic Vision, aligned with indicators to measure progress on the Aichi Targets within the Convention on Biological Diversity's Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. ■ Reporting Illegal Trade: the SC require reporting on illegal trade; include a new status code field in the Annual Report in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC: <p>Biennial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Agree</u> that AC, PC and enforcement authorities provide advice to the SC on deleting reporting requirements in the next intersessional period; however, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to agree that these entities should provide advice on adding reporting requirements as well, believing that additional information would aid in implementation of CITES. ■ <u>Reject</u> SC consideration of deleting special reporting requirements as these are appropriately considered, if necessary, by the CoP under their appropriate agenda items. ■ <u>Agree</u> that the Working Group rewrite the format of the biennial report for approval by the SC; ■ <u>Reject</u> that special reporting requirements should be retired automatically after a period of six years. SSN <u>opposes</u> the application of "sunset clauses" to CITES Resolutions (as opposed to Decisions, which are intended to expire), believing that some Parties might not report knowing that reporting requirements may expire. <p>Strategic Vision Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Reject</u> alignment of biennial reports with indicators to measure progress on the Aichi Targets as this is premature. The Targets are not referenced in the Strategic Vision, but are only being considered for inclusion by the SC Strategic Vision Working Group. <p>Reporting Illegal Trade:</p>

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		<p>order to report illegal trade; and include fields in the Annual Report that correspond to information fields from Ecomessage .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Annual Report Guidelines: the SC approve the revised guidelines and revised sample report; SC respond to concerns that many Parties report permit information and not trade information; the SC respond to concerns regarding reporting of manufactured products and trophies; ● Reports that UNEP-WCMC will revise the guidelines to take account of comments made at SC62 and the Secretariat will then issue the revised guidelines as a formal notification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Agree</u> to increased and required reporting on illegal trade. ■ <u>Agree</u> to, additionally, consult with enforcement authorities and experts during the intersessional period to improve illegal trade reporting. <p>Annual Report Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Require</u> that that the revised guidelines and sample report be approved by the CoP before distribution to the Parties and that the SC work with related SC Working Groups or AC/PC regarding reporting on trade in manufactured products and trophies.
24.3	<p>Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 24.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision 14.39 (Rev. CoP15) directs the Secretariat to, <i>inter alia</i>, conduct a survey of reporting practices of Parties relating to trade in artificially propagated plants of Appendix II taxa and list options for streamlining such reporting. ● Decisions 14.40 (Rev. CoP15) and 14.41 (Rev. CoP15) direct the PC to report to the SC whether there are any taxa of Appendix-II plants that are being artificially propagated for which detailed reporting is less valuable; and, the SC to make its own determination and report to CoP16. ● Requests that the SC note this document, the issue be included in the agenda for SC63, and the SC Chair report on progress at CoP16. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC adopt the recommendation of the Secretariat.
	<p>25. Ranching operations</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC60 agreed to suspend trade with Madagascar in <i>Crocodylus niloticus</i> (Nile crocodile) specimens until the Secretariat determined that Madagascar had implemented actions agreed at SC58. SC61 then agreed to maintain the suspension until SC62. ● This document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reports that since SC61, the Secretariat has undertaken two missions to Madagascar and, is currently working with Madagascar to develop several funding agreements to improve its management of the Nile crocodile. ■ States that the Secretariat will assist Madagascar in reporting to SC62. ■ Recommends that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the SC determine whether Madagascar has fulfilled the SC60 recommendations on ranching operations for the Nile crocodile and whether the recommendation to suspend trade can be withdrawn. ○ the Working Group on ranching operations for <i>Crocodylus niloticus</i> in Madagascar meet during SC62 in order to facilitate the SC's consideration of this matter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC reject removal of the trade suspension until information on implementation of the agreed actions is presented sufficiently in advance of a SC meeting to be fully considered. ● SSN <u>is concerned</u> that the Secretariat has not provided the list of 15 priority actions agreed to at SC58 for consideration at this meeting which include, <i>inter alia</i>: adopt the Strategy and Management Plan for Crocodiles in Madagascar that was prepared in 2004; require each ranching operation to keep up-to-date two registers for inputs and outputs; improve and implement a scheme aimed at guaranteeing that wild-taken specimens cannot be mixed with ranched or captive-bred skins; seize skins that are determined to have been illegally acquired; and, submit reports on its actions SC59 and SC61. ● SSN <u>notes</u> that Madagascar did not report on this issue at SC59 or SC61.

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<p>26. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by USA as Chair of the intersessional Working Group. ● Provides a summary of responses received to CITES Notification 2011/037 on challenges of and potential solutions to implementation and enforcement of the CITES provisions on captive breeding and ranching. ● Provides a list of examples of specimens in trade that were identified as cause for concern. ● Recommends that the SC consider the following draft Decisions for CoP16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Directing the Secretariat to contract an expert to evaluate concerns identified with specimens traded as ranched/captive-bred and prepare a report with recommendations to address these. ■ Directing AC and SC to review the report and develop recommendations. ■ Directing the SC65 to consider the need for amendments to existing resolutions or development of a new resolution to address these concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to adopt recommendations contained in this document. ● SSN <u>believes</u> that Parties need to address the problem of trade in specimens under the F, C, and R codes when such specimens that do not appear to meet the requirements for the use of these codes. ● SSN <u>believes</u> that this is a matter of high priority, affecting trade in thousands of specimens annually, and that greater attention to this will assist exporting Parties to meet CITES requirements. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC consider methods for taking immediate interim action on known problem species for which doubts about the source exist. These could include directing the Secretariat to liaise directly with the Parties involved and report the results to SC63.
<p>27. Review of Significant Trade</p>		
<p>27.1</p> <p>Implementation of recommendation s of the Animals and Plants Committees</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 27.1 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides a history of cases under RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i>, a review of recent developments, and recommendations to the SC for further action. ● <u><i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i></u> (hippopotamus), Cameroon, Mozambique; <u><i>Chamaeleo africanus</i></u> (African chameleon), Niger; <u><i>Chamaeleo feae</i></u> (Fea's chameleon), Equatorial Guinea; and <u><i>Cordylus mossambicus</i></u> (girdled lizard), Mozambique: No response received from these Parties for these species. ● <u><i>Uroplatus ebenau</i></u>, <u><i>U. fimbriatus</i></u>, <u><i>U. quentheri</i></u>, <u><i>U. henkeli</i></u>, <u><i>U. lineatus</i></u>, <u><i>U. malama</i></u>, <u><i>U. phantasticus</i></u>, <u><i>U. pietschmanni</i></u>, and <u><i>U. sikorae</i></u> (flat-tailed geckos), Madagascar: SC is requested to note that the recommendations have been complied with. ● <u><i>Heosemys annandalii</i></u> (yellow-headed temple turtle) and <u><i>Heosemys grandis</i></u> (orange-headed temple turtle), Lao PDR: No response has been received. ● <u><i>Testudo horsfieldii</i></u> (Horsfield's tortoise): Tajikistan, No response has been received; Secretariat recommends that the SC instruct it to liaise with Tajikistan to determine whether it is still exporting specimens of <i>T. horsfieldii</i>, and to report to SC63; Uzbekistan: SC has been requested to note that the recommendations have been 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u><i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i></u>, <u><i>Chamaeleo africanus</i></u>, <u><i>Chamaeleo feae</i></u>, <u><i>Cordylus mossambicus</i></u>: SSN <u>agrees</u> that trade suspensions should be established for these species/Parties. ● <u><i>Uroplatus ebenau</i></u>, <u><i>U. fimbriatus</i></u>, <u><i>U. quentheri</i></u>, <u><i>U. henkeli</i></u>, <u><i>U. lineatus</i></u>, <u><i>U. malama</i></u>, <u><i>U. phantasticus</i></u>, <u><i>U. pietschmanni</i></u>, and <u><i>U. sikorae</i></u>: SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC agree to the recommendation but also require that if quotas are increased at any time, these species be reinserted in the Review. ● <u><i>Heosemys annandalii</i></u> and <u><i>Heosemys grandis</i></u>: SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to agree that a trade suspension should be established. ● <u><i>Testudo horsfieldii</i></u>: Tajikistan: SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC establish a trade suspension as Tajikistan has not responded to the recommendations and Tajikistan's exports increased from 7,000 in 2006 and 14,050 in 2008. Uzbekistan: No comment. ● <u><i>Amyda cartilaginea</i></u>: SSN <u>is concerned</u> that the information provided by Indonesia may be not be sufficient to base an export quota or may not support the level of take established; therefore, SSN <u>recommends</u> that the studies and any additional information received be provided to AC27 for review, as it appears from the original deadline (AC26 document deadline) that this information was to be provided to the AC.

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	<p>complied with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Amyda cartilaginea</i> (Asiatic softshell turtle): Indonesia, States that Indonesia has complied with the short term recommendations and recommends that the SC encourage Indonesia to follow up on the long-term recommendations. ● <i>Mantella crocea</i> (eastern golden frog), <i>M. expectata</i> (blue-legged mantella) and <i>M. viridis</i> (green golden frog): Madagascar, Invites the SC to note that a full justification has been provided for establishing an export quota of 250 live specimens in 2012 and 2013 for <i>M. expectata</i>; recommends that the SC recommend that the required information on <i>M. crocea</i> or <i>M. viridis</i> be provided before exports take place. ● <i>Scaphiophryne gottlebei</i> (red rain frog): Madagascar: requests the SC to note that the recommendations have been complied with. ● <i>Euphorbia alfredii</i>, <i>E. aureoviridiflora</i>, <i>E. berorohae</i>, <i>E. bulbispina</i>, <i>E. capmanambatoensis</i>, <i>E. hofstaetteri</i>, <i>E. horombensis</i>, <i>E. iharanae</i>, <i>E. leuconeura</i>, <i>E. mahabobokensis</i>, <i>E. mangokyensis</i>, <i>E. pachypodioides</i>, <i>E. paulianii</i>, <i>E. primulifolia</i>, <i>E. robivelonae</i>, <i>E. rossii</i>, <i>Marojejya darianii</i> (darian palm), <i>Voanioala gerardii</i> (forest coconut): Madagascar: Recommends that the deadline for full implementation of recommendations be extended; and, if these are not implemented, the SC should recommend that all Parties suspend trade in these species. ● <i>Euphorbia banae</i>, <i>E. biaculeata</i>, <i>E. capuronii</i>, <i>E. denisiana</i>, <i>E. didiereoides</i>, <i>E. elliotii</i>, <i>E. herman-schwartzii</i>, <i>E. neobosseri</i>, <i>Aloe capitata</i>, <i>A. conifer</i>, <i>A. deltoideodonta</i>, <i>A. erythrophylla</i>, <i>A. guillaumetii</i>, <i>A. imalotensis</i>, <i>Beccariophoenix madagascariensis</i>, <i>Lemurophoenix halleuxii</i> (red-lemur palm), <i>Ravenea rivularis</i>, and <i>Satranala decussilvae</i>: Madagascar: Recommends that the deadline for full implementation of recommendations be extended; and, if these are not implemented, that SC recommend that all Parties suspend trade in these species. ● <i>Aloe humbertii</i>: Madagascar: Reports that Madagascar proposes a zero export quota and recommends that the SC direct Madagascar to communicate this quota to the Secretariat for publication. ● <i>Pericopsis elata</i> (African teak) Congo: SC requested to note that the recommendations have been complied with. Democratic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Mantella crocea</i>, <i>M. expectata</i> and <i>M. viridis</i>: SSN notes that it appears that Madagascar established a 2012 export quota for <i>M. expectata</i> prior to establishing a monitoring program; quotas were to be based on the results of such a program. SSN urges the SC to direct the Secretariat to provide the basis of the non-detriment finding for this species to AC27. ● <i>Scaphiophryne gottlebei</i>: Given the status of this species (Endangered, IUCN 2012) and the lack of published information on distribution and density estimates, SSN urges the SC to request that the studies and other information provided by Madagascar be provided to AC27 for review. ● <i>Euphorbia alfredii</i>, <i>E. aureoviridiflora</i>, <i>E. berorohae</i>, <i>E. bulbispina</i>, <i>E. capmanambatoensis</i>, <i>E. hofstaetteri</i>, <i>E. horombensis</i>, <i>E. iharanae</i>, <i>E. leuconeura</i>, <i>E. mahabobokensis</i>, <i>E. mangokyensis</i>, <i>E. pachypodioides</i>, <i>E. paulianii</i>, <i>E. primulifolia</i>, <i>E. robivelonae</i>, <i>E. rossii</i>, <i>Marojejya darian</i>, <i>Voanioala gerardii</i>: SSN urges the SC to agree with the recommendations and, direct the Secretariat to publish zero quotas for trade in wild specimens of these species immediately as the recommendation to establish such zero quotas has not been undertaken. ● <i>Euphorbia banae</i>, <i>E. biaculeata</i>, <i>E. capuronii</i>, <i>E. denisiana</i>, <i>E. didiereoides</i>, <i>E. elliotii</i>, <i>E. herman-schwartzii</i>, <i>E. neobosseri</i>, <i>Aloe capitata</i>, <i>A. conifer</i>, <i>A. deltoideodonta</i>, <i>A. erythrophylla</i>, <i>A. guillaumetii</i>, <i>A. imalotensis</i>, <i>Beccariophoenix madagascariensis</i>, <i>Lemurophoenix halleuxii</i> (red-lemur palm), <i>Ravenea rivularis</i>, <i>Satranala decussilvae</i>: SSN urges the SC to accept the recommendations. ● <i>Aloe humbertii</i>: SSN recommends that the SC direct the Secretariat to publish a zero quota. ● <i>Pericopsis elata</i>: Congo: SSN recommends that the SC note that the recommendations have been complied with. Democratic Republic of Congo and Cote d'Ivoire: SSN agrees that trade suspensions should be implemented. ● <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> (bigleaf mahogany): Belize, Ecuador, Honduras; Nicaragua: SSN urges the SC to agree to the recommendations made; Bolivia: SSN urges the SC to agree that if Bolivia seeks to recommence exports of specimens of this species it should first provide information on how PC recommendations have been implemented.

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	<p>Republic of Congo: States that the recommendations have not been complied with and that a trade suspension should be enacted. Cote d'Ivoire: No response has been received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> (bigleaf mahogany) Belize, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua: Recommends that the deadline for implementation of recommendations should be extended; and, if these are not implemented, the SC should recommend that all Parties suspend trade in these species. Bolivia: Reports that a zero export quota has been established. 	
<p>27.2</p> <p>Review of recommendations to suspend trade made more than two years ago</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i>, paragraph v) states that the SC, in consultation with the Secretariat and Chair of the AC or PC, "shall review recommendations to suspend trade that have been in place for longer than two years and, if appropriate, take measures to address the situation." ● Invites the SC to note that at SC57, SC58 and via postal procedure, the SC conditionally withdrew a number of its recommendations to suspend trade, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): <i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i> (leopard tortoise): SC57 agreed to withdraw the suspension if DRC confirmed to the Secretariat that it would not issue export permits until it had established a process for making non-detriment findings. <i>Poicephalus robustus</i> (brown-necked parrot): SC57 agreed to withdraw the suspension if DRC established a cautious export quota. ■ India: <i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i> (red sanders or red sandalwood): SC61 agreed to withdraw the suspension once the Secretariat had received the completed study in compliance with PC17 recommendations. ■ Madagascar: <i>Calumma spp.</i> and <i>Furcifer spp.</i> (except <i>F. lateralis</i>, <i>F. oustaletii</i>, <i>F. pardalis</i> and <i>F. verrucosus</i>) (chameleons): AC26 endorsed export quotas: 250 live specimens of <i>Furcifer campani</i> for 2012 and 2013, and zero export quotas for <i>Calumma brevicorne</i>, <i>C. gastrotaenia</i>, <i>C. nasutum</i>, <i>C. parsonii</i>, <i>Furcifer antimena</i> and <i>F. minor</i>. <i>Coracopsis vasa</i> (greater vasa parrot): SC57 agreed to withdraw the suspension if Madagascar establishes a cautious export quota. <i>Phelsuma spp.</i> (except <i>P. laticauda</i>, <i>P. lineata</i>, <i>P. madagascariensis</i> and <i>P. quadriocellata</i>) (day geckos): SC58 agreed to withdraw trade suspensions if various conditions were met, including establishment of conservative quotas and explanation of the basis for these 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>reminds</u> the SC that paragraph (u) of RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) states, "a recommendation to suspend trade in the affected species with the State concerned should be withdrawn only (emphasis added) when that State demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Standing Committee, through the Secretariat, compliance with Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a)." SSN <u>is concerned</u> that, for several species, the Secretariat has recommended, and the SC has approved, removal of trade suspensions although Article IV has not been complied with. SSN strongly objects to the Secretariat 'reworking' the original recommendations of the scientific committees and, in the process, side-stepping the requirement for the Party involved to demonstrate implementation of Article IV (paragraph (u) of RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)) before a trade suspension is lifted. We are concerned that Parties stand to gain by not implementing the initial recommendations of the Review, that if they fail to respond ((<i>Poicephalus robustus</i> (DRC)), <i>Coracopsis vasa</i> (Madagascar), <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> (Tanzania)) the Secretariat will seek to negotiate substantially weaker recommendations at the SC than those initially made by the scientific committees. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to direct the Secretariat to provide Madagascar's submission regarding quotas for <i>Phelsuma spp.</i> to AC27 for consideration, noting that the Secretariat was supposed to have presented this information to AC26.

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	<p>quotas. Reports that the Secretariat received a submission from Madagascar proposing annual export quotas for a number of <i>Phelsuma</i> species and that these will be presented to SC63.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tanzania: <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> (Fischer's lovebird): SC agreed by postal procedure to withdraw the suspension if Tanzania provided results of a survey, explained how these were used as a basis for non-detriment findings, and established a cautious export quota. ● Provides a list of the remaining recommendations to suspend trade that have been in place for more than two years, noting that there are no funds to commission an overview of these cases. ● Requests the SC to adopt the recommendation to withdraw the suspension with Madagascar for <i>Calumma crypticum</i>, as AC26 agreed to a zero quota for the species. 		
27.3	<p>Population status and management plan of the African grey parrot in Cameroon (Cameroon)</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 27.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by Cameroon. ● Cameroon has been subject to a zero quota on exports of <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (African grey parrot) since 2007 in response to inclusion in RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i>. ● Under the Review, Cameroon is directed to, <i>inter alia</i>, undertake a scientifically-based field survey to establish the status of the species in the country and, develop a National Management Plan for the species. The Plan is required to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Standardized and verifiable population monitoring techniques; ■ A mechanism to establish biologically sustainable capture and/or export quotas for the species, that consider the status and demography of the species, levels of illegal trade, trade-related mortality, and national use; ■ Effective mechanisms to prevent illegal capture and trade in the species; ■ A detailed description of the methodology used to determine that levels of exports are non-detrimental; and ■ Once developed and regionally agreed upon, incorporation of the Regional Management Plan for conservation of and trade in this species. ● Provides a document titled, "Population status and management plan of the African grey parrot <i>Psittacus erithacus erithacus</i> in Cameroon." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN strongly urges the SC to reject this document as it does not meet the minimum requirements established by the Review for a management plan for this species. ● The document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provides no results obtained from recent surveys or details on the methodology used. ■ Calculates capture and export quotas using an outdated and inaccurate population size estimate from a study conducted more than 14 years ago. This 1998 study based population estimates on counts at roosts, a methodology criticized by parrot experts because the proportion of the local population that uses the roost being counted is not known; ■ Inappropriately calculates rates of wild population growth based on that experienced in captivity. ■ Provides no information on: levels of illegal trade, trade regulations, enforcement efforts, capture methods, capture seasons, or holding and transport conditions. ● Despite a zero export quota for all specimens of this species from Cameroon, both wild-caught and captive-bred, in place since 2007 in response to the Review of Significant Trade, Cameroon exported 4,715 grey parrots in 2007, 708 in 2008 and 10 in 2009, and one shipment of 300 wild-caught specimens in 2010. ● Clearly, Cameroon has not fulfilled the criteria for resumption of trade established under the Significant Trade. ● SSN urges the SC to establish a trade suspension regarding this species from Cameroon in response to Cameroon's failure to implement the zero quota established via the Review. A trade

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		<p>suspension, unlike a zero quota, recommends that importing countries not allow imports of these specimens, rather than merely addressing exports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>notes</u> that the status of <i>P. erithacus</i> was recently changed from Near Threatened to Vulnerable by IUCN because “the extent of the annual harvest for international trade, in combination with the rate of ongoing habitat loss, means it is now suspected to be undergoing rapid declines over three generations” (IUCN 2012).
<p>28. E-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on E-commerce of Specimens of CITES-listed Species (U.K.). ● Decision 15.57 urges Parties to submit information regarding Internet trade of CITES specimens to the Secretariat; to date, no Parties have provided information. ● Reports that the Secretariat has developed a section on the CITES website on <i>E-commerce of CITES-listed species</i>. ● Recommends that the SC consider extending the mandate of the Working Group and remind Parties and stakeholders to submit information on e-commerce of CITES-listed species for inclusion in the e-commerce web portal and for consideration by the Working Group; and, to direct the Working Group to consider whether the scope and focus of RC 11.3 (Rev. CoP15) on Compliance and enforcement adequately addresses e-Commerce. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC adopt the recommendations of the Working Group.
<p>29. Enforcement matters</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports on the new CITES Secretariat Enforcement staff, Alerts issued, enforcement-related meetings held, and the Secretary-General’s certificates of commendation. ● Reports on illegal trade concerns regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Guinea</u>: Illegal trade from Guinea, involving chimpanzees, parrots and other species, was reported at SC61; a CITES Mission was conducted in November 2011; Secretariat reports that it is evident that significant measures still need to be implemented by Guinea to comply with the recommendations of the Secretariat. ■ <u>Cameroon</u>: Alert No. 42 and Notification to the Parties No. 2012/021 recommended that Parties not accept any export permit allegedly issued by Cameroon unless its authenticity and validity were confirmed by the Secretariat, because of fraudulent permits being issued. ● Requests the SC to: note this report; encourage enforcement authorities in their regions to join the CITES Enforcement Authorities Forum; and consider appropriate compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC note this report. ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to establish a trade suspension for Guinea until it has adequately addressed all enforcement and compliance issues (adoption of adequate legislation, issuance of permits, the monitoring of significant levels of trade and the making of non-detriment findings). ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to direct the Secretariat to conduct a mission to Cameroon to examine the fraudulent permits issuing problem there and consider appropriate follow-up actions, including a possible trade suspension for affected species.

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<p>30. Central African wildlife trade law enforcement initiative</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 30</p>	<p>measures for Guinea, which may include a recommendation to suspend trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo on behalf of the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) member countries. ● Reports that a draft action plan to strengthen law enforcement against illegal wildlife trade in Central Africa was elaborated by COMIFAC countries and will be tabled by COMIFAC for adoption at a Ministerial level in the coming months. ● Provides the draft action plan (Annex) which includes a list of activities to meet the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To strengthen cooperation and collaboration among relevant wildlife law enforcement and prosecution authorities at the national level and between member countries to curb illegal trade in wild fauna ■ To intensify investigations, in particular at key border and transit points, domestic market places and transboundary areas. ■ To put in place effective deterrents to wildlife poaching and illegal trade, and to monitor enforcement and prosecution results. ■ To raise awareness on illegal wildlife trade issues and to widely communicate the results of enforcement. ● Invites the SC to take note of the plan and invites Parties, IGOs and NGOs to partner with COMIFAC in ensuring its speedy implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC note the document. ● SSN <u>congratulates</u> member countries of COMIFAC for this initiative, and <u>encourages</u> CITES Parties and stakeholders to provide support to these countries for the implementation of the Action Plan.
<p>31. Introduction from the sea</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Working Group on Introduction from the Sea. ● Recommends that the SC forward the following to CoP16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ text on chartering (Annex 1) that is proposed to be included as paragraph c) under "FURTHER AGREES that" in the draft revision of RC 14.6 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Introduction from the sea</i>; ■ a proposed annex (Annex 2) to the draft revision of RC 14.6 (Rev. CoP15) which provides Explanatory Notes for its implementation; ■ draft revision (Annex 3) of RC12.3 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Permits and certificates</i>, which includes a new source code for specimens originating in the marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any State; and ■ draft Decisions (Annex 4) on chartering and capacity building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to accept the language concerning introduction from the sea (IFS) as drafted by the IFS Working Group at its meeting in Shepherdstown, West Virginia in April 2012. ● SSN <u>is aware</u> that there are discussions concerning the outcome of the chartering provisions proposed by the Working Group and that there is a wariness of deviating from the principle of flag State responsibility. However, SSN <u>believes</u> that the chartering exception to flag State responsibility for issuance of IFS certificates proposed by the Working Group is extraordinarily narrow. Most importantly, for the exception to apply, it requires the written consent of the flag State. As such, the exception does not deviate from the principle of flag State responsibility, because it is the flag State that determines whether the exception will apply. ● In addition, SSN <u>believes</u> that the exception is very narrow because, as currently drafted, it requires that the chartering arrangement be consistent with the chartering operations of a relevant regional fisheries management organization or agreement

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		<p>(RFMO/A). Where there is no RFMO/A, the exception is unavailable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding Argentina's proposal to add the phrase "if applicable" to the references to such an RFMO/A, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC not to accept this proposal because it would broaden the exception to areas of the ocean unregulated by an RFMO/A.
<p>32. Electronic permitting</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 32</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems (Switzerland). ● Provides an update on activities including: joint pilot projects between some members of the Working Group to implement e-permitting; collaboration between the Working Group and the Secretariat to update the CITES e-permitting toolkit; presentation of a Data Maintenance Request (DMR) by the Secretariat to the Data Model Project Team (DMPT) of the WCO; assistance provided to the Secretariat in preparations for a meeting on CITES e-permitting systems organized in cooperation with the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO); and activities resulting from this meeting; and collaboration with UNEP-WCMC on enhancement of the Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX). ● Requests the SC to recommend to CoP16 that it extend the mandate of the Group to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Work with the Secretariat to draft funding proposals regarding CITES e-permitting systems; ■ Work to ensure that CITES e-permits are aligned with international trade standards and norms; ■ Collaborate with UNEP-WCMC to further develop Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) to act as a clearing-house of CITES e-permits and certificates and to offer Parties in developing regions a ready-to-use virtual CITES permitting system; ■ Work with the CITES Secretariat to ensure that the CITES toolkit is updated as necessary; and ■ Support the participation of Parties in developing regions in the Working Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>is concerned</u> that work on this issue continues to progress without addressing the needs of Parties lacking access to such technology. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC direct the Secretariat to prepare a document for CoP16 proposing the adoption of a CITES decision initiating a needs assessment process to define the resources and the capacity needs of Parties to implement this technology, and to assess whether it is realistic to pursue further work on this issue if not all CITES Parties are likely to be able to implement this technology in the near future. ● SSN <u>considers</u> that the adoption of a decision to extend the Working Group and/or to make changes to its mandate would be premature without the initiation of a process meant to ensure that all CITES Parties can be provided with the necessary capacity, resources and assistance to use the technology the Group aims to develop.
<p>33. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 33</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the SC Purpose-of-Transaction Codes Working Group. ● Decision 14.54 requires that any recommendation for amendments to RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) at CoP16 first be considered at SC62. ● Decision 14.54 directs the SC Working Group to: clearly define these codes to encourage their consistent use; consider possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN strongly <u>urges</u> the SC to recommend to CoP16 that Decision 14.54 be extended so that the Working Group can continue its work during the next intersessional period; final recommendations of the Working Group are not available and significant additional work is needed. ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to direct the Working Group to reconsider the proposed guiding principles and codes and their

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	<p>elimination of current codes or the inclusion of new ones; take into account any difficulties of implementation by Parties; and submit to SC62 a report and recommendations for amendments to RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Permits and Certificates</i>, that the SC might submit to CoP16.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports on the discussions of the Working Group and provides the Chair's guiding principles for the use of the codes. ● Proposes a new suite of codes (Annex), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ deletion of codes G (botanical garden), M (medical, including biomedical research), E (educational), and Z (zoo). ■ expansion of code N to include the deleted codes (G, M, E, Z) for non-commercial purposes, and expansion of code T to include the deleted codes (G, M, E, Z) for commercial purposes. ● Invites the SC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ review progress made and offer suggestions, in particular with respect to the proposed suite of purpose codes and definitions as well as the suggested guiding principles. ■ permit the Working Group to continue discussions and finalize a document for CoP16, including a suite of purpose codes and guiding principles, as a draft resolution or revisions to RC 12.3. 	<p>definitions because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The proposed new codes would eliminate important details regarding the nature of transactions. . For example, under the new codes, trade for zoos would be under codes T or N but neither code would distinguish trade for zoos from a number of other types of transactions (e.g. educational, re-introduction). ■ RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) states that the codes are to be used to state "the purpose of the transaction" (emphasis added) [thus, the purpose code on import and export should be the same for a single transaction] while the Chair's guiding principles state that the codes are to be used to indicate the purpose of export, import or introduction from the sea. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to direct the Working Group to provide supporting arguments or reasons for any proposed changes to the purpose code definitions; currently, no supporting arguments or reasons for the proposed changes are provided; nor are problems associated with the use of the current codes identified.
<p>34. Streamlined process for cross-border movement of musical instruments containing specimens of species included in the Appendices to CITES</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by USA. ● States that the USA is considering submitting a document to CoP16 that would propose either a revision to RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Permits and certificates</i>, or an expansion of RC. 10.20 on <i>Frequent cross-border movements of personally owned live animals</i>, to include a passport system for personally-owned musical instruments. ● Invites feedback from the SC on the proposal and cooperation of Parties in the submission of such a document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to consider whether a passport system for frequent cross-border movement of such instruments would be able to be implemented and enforced by all relevant Parties. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that, before the USA proceeds with such a recommendation, it evaluate the actual and potential global trade in such instruments, including the importing and exporting Parties involved, and their capacity to implement and enforce such a passport system.
<p>35. Leopard export quotas</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by USA. ● States that Parties have different interpretations of the recommendations in RC 10.14 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use</i>, and provides examples of the problems and possible solutions to address these. ● Requests the SC to consider the information presented in this document and determine whether changes are needed to clarify recommendations for reporting tag and quota information on export documents for leopard skins and whether CITES should develop a process for replacing lost or damaged leopard tags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC consider submitting a draft Decision to CoP16 establishing a SC Working Group to consider the matters addressed in this document.

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<p>36. Physical inspection of timber shipments</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the USA. ● Decision 14.61 (Rev. CoP15) directs the SC to identify best practices and capacity-building measures for physical inspection of timber shipments. ● Reports that, since no Chair has been available since SC61, no additional work has been done by the Working Group on Physical Inspection of Timber Shipments. ● Provides the Working Group report from SC61 (Annex) and invites the SC to consider whether the work on Decision 14.61 (Rev. CoP15) has been completed or if additional work needs to be done. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ seek a new Chair of the Working Group at SC62; and ■ propose to CoP16 that Decision 14.61 (Rev. CoP15) be extended and amended to request the Working Group to consider , in addition, the need to prepare a toolkit comprising relevant identification materials, databases, atlases and guidelines for the measurement of timber specimens, as recommended in the SC61 report.
<p>37. Use of taxonomic serial numbers</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 37</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the Use of Taxonomic Serial Numbers (TSN) Working Group (Canada). ● TSN are a unique numeric identifier assigned to the scientific name of a species and are the subject of Decisions 15.67 through 15.69. ● Decision 15.67 encourages Parties to consider the usefulness of incorporating taxonomic serial numbers in their domestic data systems and provide comments to the Secretariat. ● Decision 15.69 directs the SC to establish a Working Group to: investigate the usefulness of incorporating TSN in CITES databases; report to SC62; and, if necessary, prepare a draft resolution for CoP16. ● Decision 15.68 directs the Secretariat, subject to external funding, to compile information voluntarily provided by the Parties regarding the usefulness of incorporating taxonomic serial numbers in their domestic data and make this information available to other Parties. ● Reports the conclusion of the Working Group that incorporation of TSN in CITES databases is not currently useful or feasible and that Decision 15.68 has been complied with. ● Suggests the SC allow the Working Group to continue to consider the matter via e-mail until CoP16, directing any recommendations to the Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems. Requests the SC to recommend to CoP16 that Decisions 15.67 and 15.69, directed to the Parties and the Secretariat, respectively, be slightly revised and extended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that, given the findings of the Working Group, the SC should report to CoP16 that Decision 15.68 has been complied with and that Decisions 15.67 and 15.69 should be terminated.
<p>38. Identification manual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presents suggestions from Parties on how to improve the CITES Wiki Identification Manual. ● States that “improvements to the CITES Wiki Manual are subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC note this report. ● SSN <u>is concerned</u> that the Manual remains very difficult for non-experts to use: a better search engine is required, allowing

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<p>SC62 Doc. 38</p>	<p>to the availability of external financial resources.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invites Parties, organizations and experts to contribute content to the CITES Wiki Identification Manual. ● Invites the SC to note this report. 	<p>searches by range State and higher taxon; an option to print pages or save them as documents or PDF files should be provided as well as better illustrations and between-species comparisons to facilitate identification, particularly when the specimen to be identified is a part or derivative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC direct the Secretariat to explore ways to improve the manual, and report to CoP16. ● SSN <u>considers</u> that the CITES Identification Manual is a key enforcement tool for Parties, and that Parties should direct the Secretariat to prioritize funding its improvement over funding activities that are less of a priority for CITES enforcement. ● SSN <u>remains concerned</u> that many Parties may not have regular, reliable access to the Internet and <u>urges</u> the SC to recommend that the Secretariat ensure that paper copies of the identification manual are available and distributed in sufficient number to such Parties.
<p>39. Criteria for the inclusion of species in Appendices I and II</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 39</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the AC. ● Decision 15.29 directs the AC to, inter alia, develop guidance on the application of criterion B and the introductory text of Annex 2 a of RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i> to commercially exploited aquatic species proposed for inclusion on Appendix II. ● Reports that the AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Finds that there are diverse approaches to the application of criterion B and that it is not possible to provide guidance preferring or favoring one approach over another. ■ Recommends that Parties, when applying Annex 2a criterion B, explain their approach to that criterion, and how the taxon qualifies for the proposed amendment. ■ Invites the SC to consider the merit of continuing a discussion on this matter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to agree that no further work is needed on this issue, and to consider discussion of this matter complete. ●
<p>40. Personal and household effects</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the SC Working Group on Personal and Household Effects (PHE), in consultation with the Secretariat. ● Decision 14.64 directs the SC to extend the Working Group until CoP16 and directs the Group to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ clarify the relationship between 'tourist souvenirs', 'hunting trophies' and 'personal and household effects'; ■ clarify the interpretation of Article VII, paragraph 3 (b), of the Convention; ■ assess whether specific species or types of PHE, in view of conservation concerns, would require different treatment under RC 13.7 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Control of trade in personal and</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Noting the need for the Working Group to continue their deliberations and the short time available to do so, SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC agree that the Working Group report to CoP16 and recommend that CoP16 extend Decision 14.64 until CoP17.

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	<p><i>household effects</i>;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ collate information about how Parties implement RC on 13.7 (Rev. CoP14); and ■ report to the SC and CoP16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides details on discussions within the Working Group and, the following documents provided by Parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “Guidance for Interpretation of Personal and Household Effects” (Annex 1); ■ Flowchart for border agents dealing with PHE (Annex 2); and ■ Information from Parties about their implementation of the PHE exemption (Annexes 3 and 4). ● Recommends that the Working Group meet at SC62 and develop recommendations to submit to SC62. 	
<p>41. Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notification to the Parties No. 2011/045 of 11 October 2011 published four applications (Annexes 1-4) from Philippines to register Birds International, Inc. as a breeder of <i>Cacatua moluccensis</i> (Moluccan cockatoo, and subspecies (<i>C. sulphurea abbotti</i>, <i>C. s. citrinocristata</i> and <i>C. s. sulphurea</i>) of <i>Cacatua sulphurea</i> (lesser sulphur-crested cockatoo) in the <i>CITES Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</i>. ● Indonesia (range State) objects to the registration (Annex 5), questioning the legality of the founder stock, referring to the lack of records of legal exports, citing continuing illegal trade, and noting that the Philippines still has not responded to a draft action plan for the species prepared by Indonesia as part of a memorandum of understanding on Indonesian <i>Cacatua</i> species signed by the two countries. ● RC12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</i> requires that the applications be submitted to the SC; Annex 2 par. 4 states: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ a) if the SC considers the objection trivial or ill-founded, it shall reject it and the application shall be accepted. ■ b) If the Committee considers the objection justified, it shall review the response of the applying Party and decide whether or not to accept the application. ● Provides comments of AC26 on the objection (Annex 6); response of Indonesia (Annex 7) and the response of the Philippines (Annex 8). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN strongly urges SC reject these applications, noting that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Cacatua sulphurea</i> is classified as Critically Endangered (IUCN 2011) primarily as a result of unsustainable trapping for the cage bird trade; <i>Cacatua moluccensis</i> is classified as Vulnerable (IUCN 2011) and is threatened by trapping. ■ Parties have repeatedly raised objections to registration of this facility and applications were rejected at CoP14 and CoP15. ■ As at CoP14 and CoP15, no documentation is provided that proves legality of founder stock. For <i>C. moluccensis</i>, existing documentation is limited to one import permit for the general term “parrots” and another permit for 20 peacocks. For <i>C. sulphurea</i> the pre-convention certificates demonstrate imports for the years 1978-1980. However, in its objection Indonesia stresses that there were no records of legal exports from Indonesia for <i>C. sulphurea</i> and for <i>C. moluccensis</i> during this time period. ■ Parrots continue to be smuggled from Indonesia to the Philippines for the pet trade. ■ Philippines exports these species for commercial purposes despite not being included in the register. Exports from 2005 to 2009 include 10 <i>C. moluccensis</i> and 62 <i>C. sulphurea</i>. ■ In the early 1990s the owner of Birds International imported parrots from a New Zealand trader who later was sentenced to prison for parrot smuggling. This, in combination with the poor documentation of the legal origin of its founder stocks, is reason for further concern.

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<p>42. Great apes</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that the Secretariat will organize technical missions to gorilla range States in 2012 and will report to CoP16. ● Reports that the Secretariat will work with the World Customs Organization on GAPIN II (Great Apes and Integrity) which will target the illegal trade in great apes, elephants, rhinos and pangolins. ● Asks the SC to note this report and agree that the Secretariat report on the technical missions at CoP16. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to support the recommendations. ● SSN <u>is pleased</u> to note, given the increasing reports of illegal pangolin trade in Africa, the inclusion of pangolins in the species addressed in the work of GAPIN II.
<p>43. Asian big cats</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 43</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides the results (Annex) of a seminar, involving senior-level Customs and police officers from tiger range States, that was held November 2011 in Thailand in response to Decision 15.48; states that discussions concluded that the most urgent needs are to increase awareness of wildlife crime amongst enforcement and judicial authorities, to promote effective and coordinated national and international communication, as well as increased cooperation and exchange of criminal intelligence. ● Reports on work under the Global Tiger Initiative and Interpol's Project Predator; states that the Secretariat will report on progress on the ICCWC Senior Experts Group's review of the form and guidance contained in Annexes 1 to 3 to RC 12.5 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species</i>. ● Invites the SC to note this report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC note this report. ● In addition to the issues raised by the Secretariat, SSN recommends that the SC address the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regarding RC 12.5 (Rev. CoP15), SSN <u>encourages</u> the SC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Call upon Parties with stockpiles of captive-bred or confiscated tiger parts and derivatives to declare the volume of all parts and derivatives; report actions to consolidate and destroy them; or declare the purpose of retaining the stocks. ○ Remind Parties of the relevance of RC 12.5 (Rev. CoP15) to all Asian big cat species on Appendix I and encourage all Range states to report to COP16 on all Asian big cats as specified in the Resolution. ■ Regarding Decision 14.69, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to call upon Parties with operations breeding tigers that are not restricted to the purposes of conservation to report in full by 4th October 2012 on actions taken to phase out such operations. This will allow the issue to be reviewed and discussed in time for CoP16. ■ Regarding Decision 15.46, SSN <u>encourages</u> the SC to set a new deadline by which all source and consumer Parties of Asian big cats are to provide the details required in order for INTERPOL to conduct a full analysis of trade in not only tigers, but in all Asian big cats.
<p>44. Bushmeat</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 44</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
<p>45. Tibetan antelope</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 45</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RC 11.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope</i> requires the Secretariat to report to each CoP on enforcement measures for the species. ● States that the Secretariat does not have any urgent issue to report for the present meeting. ● Requests the SC to note this report and consider deleting reporting requirements from RC 11.8 (Rev. CoP13). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Considering that reporting issues may arise, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to propose the following changes to the reporting text of RC 11.8 (Rev. CoP13) under DIRECTS, paragraph b): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) the <u>Secretariat may submit a written report to the Standing Committee to undertake a regular review of the enforcement measures taken by the Parties in eliminating on the poaching of Tibetan antelope or illicit trade in Tibetan antelope its products on</u>

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		<p>the basis of the Secretariat's report, and to report the results at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and, <i>if there is a need to bring an issue(s) to the attention of the Committee.</i></p>
46. Elephants		
46.1	<p>Elephant conservation, illegal killing and ivory trade</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 46.1 (Rev. 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision 14.78 (Rev. CoP15) directs the Secretariat to: produce a MIKE report; invite TRAFFIC to produce an ETIS report; invite range States to provide an update on implementation of the African Elephant Action Plan (attached as Annex 2 to Decision 13.26); and provide recommended actions for the SC. ● RC10.10 (Rev. CoP15) directs the Secretariat to identify Parties with inadequate internal trade controls, and report on implementation of the Action Plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory ● Document provides a report (Annex), that states, <i>inter alia</i>, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Levels of illegal killing across the entire African elephant range are of serious and increasing concern; the rise in levels of illegal killing is worrying, “not only for small and fragmented elephant populations..., but also for previously secure large populations”. ■ The Proportion of Illegally Killed Elephants (PIKE) is a measurement of relative poaching levels based on the number of illegally killed elephants found divided by the total number of elephant carcasses encountered, aggregated by year for each MIKE site. PIKE levels are now above 0.5, the threshold above which elephant populations are very likely to be in net decline, in all four African subregions. PIKE values demonstrate “an ongoing increase in levels of illegal killing of elephants since 2006, with 2011 displaying the highest levels of poaching since MIKE records began. This increase is statistically significant with respect to 2010, which had the second-highest levels on record.” ■ Record levels of ivory were seized from 2009 to 2011. ■ China’s domestic ivory trade control system has deteriorated significantly; China remains the paramount destination for an escalating number of large consignments of illegal ivory. ■ The MIKE analysis found no evidence to suggest that the 2008 legal sales of ivory had any discernible impact on the increasing trend in levels of illegal killing of elephants. ■ There is an apparent increase in illegal international trade in live wild-caught Asian elephants for the circus trade in China and from Myanmar for the tourist trade in Thailand. ■ An Asian Elephant Conservation Strategy is being developed. ● The Secretariat recommends that the SC adopt a number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to take whatever actions are possible and appropriate to respond to the alarming PIKE levels, the ongoing increase in levels of illegal killing of elephants since 2008, and the ‘<i>record levels of ivory ...seized’ for 2009 – 2011</i>’. Poaching and illegal trade are very serious and escalating threats to elephants in Africa. SSN <u>notes, with concern</u>, the finding reported in the document that previously secure large populations are now under threat. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to call for an independent review of the MIKE Asia programme to ascertain whether it is fit for purpose and to confirm that funds are being spent in the most appropriate way for the region. SSN is concerned that reporting rates from MIKE Asia sites continues to be ‘wholly inadequate’. SSN <u>notes</u> that in 2011 alone, US\$344,933 was spent on MIKE Asia (SC62 Doc 9.1 Annex 1). ● SSN <u>encourages</u> donors to make further contributions to the African Elephant Fund as a matter of urgency. ● SSN <u>further encourages</u> UNEP to provide secretarial and translation services, as requested by the AEFSC Chair. ● SSN <u>believes</u> that the Secretariat’s recommendation that China provide a report for SC63 is inadequate to address the current elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade crisis. SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to revoke the status of all existing ivory trading partners as a precautionary measure until such time as levels of poaching and illegal ivory trade have been significantly reduced. ● SSN <u>agrees</u> that there should be a robust monitoring system for ivory stockpiles, and <u>recommends</u> that the status of these stockpiles must be regularly reported in a standardized form at meetings of the SC and CoP. ● SSN <u>agrees</u> that transit countries should enhance their collaboration with origin and destination countries, particularly in relation to the timely exchange of information and development of the use of controlled deliveries as an enforcement tool. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC endorse DRC’s suggestion of a Central African range States Ministerial meeting, and <u>urges</u> the organizers to use the African Elephant Action Plan as a basis for these discussions.

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	<p>recommendations, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Parties ensure they have sufficient measures to secure ivory stockpiles, and that thefts are properly reported; ■ Parties collaborate with various stakeholders to ensure awareness is raised about the 'gravity of the escalating elephant poaching crisis'; ■ China submit a report by 15 November on implementation of internal ivory control systems, including implementation of RC10.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Decision 13.26; the Secretariat will submit the findings to SC63; ■ Parties and the donor community provide funding to the African Elephant Action Plan, the forthcoming Asian Elephant Conservation Strategy, MIKE, ETIS and the African and Asian Elephant Database; ■ East African Parties increase enforcement efforts against illegal ivory trade; ■ Illegal ivory transit countries (particularly Malaysia, Hong Kong SAR, Philippines and Viet Nam) enhance collaboration with origin and destination countries; ■ MIKE elephant range States report outstanding mortality data to MIKE by 1 September 2012; ■ Central African range States hold a regional conference on elephants, as suggested by the Democratic Republic of Congo; ■ The SC consider including in RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15), a system for regular reporting and monitoring of ivory stockpiles; and ■ The Secretariat contact each country identified by ETIS as a significant source, transit or destination country for illicit ivory but which reports few or no seizures to ETIS, to seek clarification on implementation of RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Decision 13.26. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN is <u>concerned</u> about illegal trade in live wild-caught Asian elephants into China and from Myanmar to Thailand. SSN <u>further believes</u> that current legislation in Myanmar and Thailand is insufficient to protect remaining wild elephant populations. SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to request China, Thailand and Myanmar to submit comprehensive written reports to CoP16 on measures taken to end this trade. ● SSN <u>welcomes</u> development of an Asian Elephant Conservation Strategy, and encourages donors to contribute to this process. ● SSN <u>also urges</u> the SC, as recommended in the report, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Work with ICCWC to develop a formal procedure for follow-up investigation and collaboration between source, transit and consumer countries along the ivory trade chain; ■ Recommend an SC oversight process for countries in which domestic trade in ivory is impeding the conservation objectives of CITES for elephants; and ■ Seek to create an international registration system for live Asian elephants in order to address illegal international trade. ● Regarding the report's statement that legal ivory sales had no impact on levels of illegal killing of elephants, SSN <u>notes</u> that: MIKE baseline data on illegal killing of elephants prior to the downlisting of elephant populations (1997) and the first ivory sale (1999) are not available making a quantitative assessment of changes resulting from downlisting/sales impossible; and ● ■ The Secretariat's implication that, in order for there to be a relationship between downlisting/sales and poaching/illegal trade, the events must be simultaneous, ignores probable time lags between changes in demand and supply in markets.
46.2	<p>Ivory trade control in Thailand</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 46.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by Thailand. ● SC61 Doc 44.1 noted that Thailand's ivory trade controls '<i>...fall short of what is required in RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15)</i>' and that '<i>...unscrupulous traders are exploiting the current domestic trade situation</i>'. The document recommended that '<i>...Thailand must introduce comprehensive trade controls and legislation as a matter of urgency</i>'. ● SC61 asked Thailand to submit a written report '<i>describing its progress in regulating internal trade in ivory and combatting illegal ivory trade</i>' (SC61 Summary Record). ● In this report, Thailand indicates that it is working towards compliance with RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) by: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN is <u>concerned</u> that Thailand has not adequately demonstrated its ability to combat the illegal ivory trade and improve compliance with RC10.10 (Rev. CoP15): The document fails to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Any indication of how Thailand intends to enforce the 'protected species' listing of African elephants; simply informing ivory dealers of the need to confine their operations to the domestic market is an inadequate response to concerns raised in SC61 Doc 44.1; ■ Any detail about the procedure for inspections, how such inspections would address illegal trade, and what penalties would be imposed on dealers found to be acting illegally; ■ Any details concerning specific requirements for registration of dealers;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Registering ivory traders and dealers; ■ Raising public awareness about laws concerning ivory trade, at airports, wildlife markets, and communicating the same to embassies worldwide; ■ Amending the Wildlife Conservation Act and Elephant Act (SSN notes, with concern, that amendment these Acts will take at least a year); and ■ Approving the listing of African elephants as a 'protected species', which under Thai law would prohibit international and domestic commercial trade, and possession of specimens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Any mention of how Thailand's newly-acquired capacity to identify ivory from different elephant species will contribute to improved enforcement of the ban on commercial trade and possession of African elephant ivory; ■ Any report on follow-ups to the seizures that have taken place between 2009 and 2011 (i.e. prosecutions and sentencing); or ■ Any reference to liaison with authorities in other countries in order to ensure criminal syndicates are tracked down and prosecuted. ● SSN <u>believes</u> this document is insufficient for SC to adequately assess Thailand's progress in regulating internal trade and combatting illegal trade in ivory. SSN therefore <u>urges</u> the SC to reject this document, and to ask Thailand to submit a more comprehensive written report to CoP16 (alternative: SC63). SSN <u>believes</u> that failure to do so should result in a suspension of trade. ● SSN recommends that the SC also consider whether Thailand's laws allow for adequate prosecutions and penalties for illegal wildlife trade, and recommend that Thailand include all species listed in Appendix I in its national legislation.
46.3	MIKE - ETIS Subgroup SC62 Doc. 46.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
46.4	Decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade SC62 Doc. 46.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision 14.77 directs the SC, assisted by the Secretariat, to propose for approval by CoP16 <i>"a decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory under the auspices of the Conference of the Parties."</i> ● This document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provides the Terms of Reference for a consultant to prepare a study on possible mechanisms for consideration by the SC. ■ Reminds the SC that <i>"...the purpose of the consultancy was not to determine whether there should or should not be international trade in ivory. The purpose was to provide a technically-focused study on a "decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory under the auspices of the Conference of the Parties" that could be used by the Parties, should they decide in the future to authorize commercial international trade in ivory under the Convention."</i> ■ Informs the SC that, following an open tender process in accordance with UN rules, the selection of the consultant (a consortium of Africa-based experts led by Mr. R. Martin) was approved by a unanimous decision of a panel consisting of 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>believes</u> this report is fundamentally flawed because it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Does not meet the Terms of Reference agreed by SC57; ■ Proposes a mechanism that excludes non-trading range States and provides no oversight role for the SC or CoP after initial approval; ■ Fails to provide adequate evidence for its numerous assumptions; ■ Contains many inaccuracies; and ■ Is not fit for purpose as it fails to provide the Parties with adequate information upon which to base their discussions. ● SSN therefore <u>urges</u> the SC not to consider this document as they progress with implementation of Decision 14.77. ● In particular, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to oppose the proposed 'devolved decision-making process' (see explanation in column to the left) because it is in direct contravention to Decision 14.77, which calls for the establishment of a decision-making mechanism conducted 'under the auspices of the Conference of the Parties.' ● SSN also <u>urges</u> the SC to consider SSN's separate, detailed analysis of the consultants' report.

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	<p>Secretariat staff, including the Secretary General. The draft report was submitted by the consultants in English and distributed to identified stakeholders. The Secretariat translated the Executive Summary into French but funds were not available for translation of the entire document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provides a study (Annex), <i>Decision-making mechanisms and necessary conditions for a future trade in African elephant ivory</i>, prepared by R.B. Martin, D.H.M. Cumming, G.C. Craig, D. St.C. Gibson, D.A. Peake. That: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ States that ‘...the failure of CITES regulations to control the illegal trade in ivory is largely because many range States have not implemented strong domestic legislation and law enforcement to control illegal hunting and their unregulated domestic markets. Most countries in Africa appear to be unable (or unwilling) to meet the high costs required to fully protect their elephants.’ ■ Compares ivory trade with trade in parts and products of other species in trade, including African rhinos, vicunas, narwhals, tigers, trees and also the diamond trade. ■ States that the main assumptions and principles applied in the development of the mechanism include, <i>inter alia</i>, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “It is possible to establish a trade in ivory that minimizes corrupt practices and the laundering of illegal ivory. By creating conditions that are advantageous for a legal trade, ultimately the illegal killing of elephants will be reduced.” ○ “Best business practices, transparency and accountability will be adhered to in trading ivory.” ○ “The failure to protect and conserve elephants in many countries in Africa is not primarily because other countries have traded in ivory but because they have not invested sufficiently in protecting their elephants and have not provided incentives for their conservation.” ■ States that the results of a population simulation model indicate ‘...a sustainable production of 300 tonnes of ivory from a population of 350,000 elephants’. ■ Proposes the establishment of a Central Ivory Selling Organisation (CISO) to link producers and consumers of ivory and shorten the market chain. ■ Proposes a ‘devolved decision-making process’ which means that once the CoP approves ‘a trade’ for App II elephant populations, all other decisions are to be devolved to the proposed CISO, ‘processing’ and trading States, and the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to seek clarification from the Secretariat regarding its justification of the appointment of consultants who are not bilingual and whose publications strongly support legalized ivory trade, and of the lack of French translation of the entire draft report despite a significant budget of US\$ 50,000. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC ensure that francophone Parties are given a full opportunity to examine the entire draft report in French and to express their views on it before the SC continues its discussions on this matter. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to recommend that CoP16 adopt a Resolution directing the Secretariat to ensure that all consultancies include a provision for translation. .

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	<p>Secretariat, without the direct supervision or involvement of the CoP, the SC, or other range States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ States that the authors "...observe that the present Appendix II countries have more than 50% of the [sic] Africa's elephants so that, if the legal trade achieves its objectives, at a minimum it will benefit half of the elephants in Africa". ■ Invites the SC to review and consider the study when preparing its proposal for CoP16 regarding implementation of Decision 14.77. 	
46.5	Review of Resolution Conf.10.10 (Rev. CoP15)	
<p>46.5.1 Report of the working group</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 46.5.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on Revision of Parts of RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) (India). ● Reports that the Working Group has not yet completed its discussions, although it may be in a position to present a document at SC62. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to ensure that revision of RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) and adoption of a Decision-Making Mechanism are compatible. SSN believes that it would be difficult to finalize revision of RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) until the Decision-Making Mechanism has been approved by the CoP because the section of the Resolution entitled '<i>regarding quotas for and trade in raw ivory</i>' needs to be compatible with the Decision-Making Mechanism.
<p>46.5.2 Revision of the MIKE and ETIS sections of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15)</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 46.5.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by Chair of the MIKE-ETIS Sub-group (Uganda). ● Recalls that SC62 instructed the MIKE-ETIS Sub-group to review the MIKE and ETIS sections of RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15). ● Reports that the USA has led the review and incorporated most of the comments received into Doc 46.5.2. Bracketed text has yet to be finalized. However, Uganda is hopeful that the text will be finalized by the Sub-Group prior to SC62. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>notes</u> that, despite the investment of at least €15 million, no comprehensive financial reports on MIKE have been made available to Parties. This has rendered it impossible to assess MIKE's long-term financial viability or the need for possible improvements to RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15). ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to direct the Secretariat to commission a comprehensive, independent analysis of MIKE, including financial reports, to establish whether it is fit for purpose, cost-effective, provides adequate data, and meets the requirements of the CITES Parties to assist their decision-making. This analysis should be undertaken before CoP16 and submitted for discussion along with the amendments proposed for RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15). ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Propose the adoption of additional amendments to RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) to increase the accountability of the MIKE and ETIS programs, including provisions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow validation by range States of the data/reports produced by MIKE and ETIS before they are made available to the public or submitted to the SC or to the CoP. ○ Ensure that MIKE reports are peer-reviewed; ○ Clarify what funding mechanism will be adopted for the MIKE and ETIS programs; and ○ Guarantee financial auditing and regular review of the financial

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			<p>viability and cost-effectiveness of these programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Support the adoption of amendments while: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensuring that the SC plays an active role in the establishment of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) ; and ○ Giving a role to the MIKE-ETIS subgroup in the management of ETIS and in the analysis and interpretation of data. ■ Oppose amendments to RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) that propose to increase the roles and responsibilities of range States (while decreasing these for the Secretariat) for MIKE data collection, compilation and reporting (Annex 2, Section 3) unless range States are provided sufficient capacity-building and resources. SSN <u>notes</u> that CoP15 Doc 44.2 raised concerns about implementation in the field, including the need for “substantial additional funds” for “more than half of all MIKE sites”, “patchy” patrol coverage in both Africa and Asia, and lack of training in data collection methods. The SC should seek assurance that proper capacity-building and other resources have been made available to range States before increasing range States’ responsibilities.
47. Rhinoceroses			
47.1	<p>Report of the working group</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 47</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on Rhinoceroses (UK). ● Reports that in response to Notification No. 2012/014 eight Parties, the European Union, and IUCN African Rhino Specialist Group provided significant information on rhino horn trade by the deadline, but that the responses of 35 Parties were received too late for any conclusions to be included within this report. ● Proposes that the SC agree to, <i>inter alia</i>.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Request that investigations be continued, and that available information be further augmented by the Secretariat, with a view to conducting an assessment of the development of illegal trade patterns since CoP15; ■ Extend the mandate of the Working Group to analyze reports of Parties, NGOs and others; ■ Review the recommendations of the Working Group, when they are available, and provide comments by electronic or other means; and ■ Permit the Secretariat to make necessary revisions and submit the recommendations to CoP16 on behalf of the SC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC urge Parties to submit their reports on time, so that future reports of the Working Group may include these reports; ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to support the Working Group’s proposals. While significant information has been gathered, it is clear that the trade in rhino horn in the 21st century is markedly different from what it was in the 1980s and 1990s: new markets have developed, new sources of horn are being exploited and rhino horn is being used for new purposes. Updated information on trade routes and markets will help CITES and others to combat the illegal trade. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC support the Working Group’s suggestion to continue their work. Range and consumer States, as well as NGO experts, are represented on the Working Group and, provided that Parties submit reports in a timely manner, the group will be able to make well-informed recommendations to CoP16.
47.2	Report of the Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports on the implementation of RC 9.14 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to support the recommendation that Vietnam be requested to report on its progress to CoP16, including information

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<p>SC62 Doc. 47</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Large numbers of rhino horns are destined for illegal markets in Vietnam yet there have been no related arrests or prosecutions in Vietnam in recent years; ■ The November 2011 seizure of 33 rhino horns in Hong Kong could indicate that a significant amount of rhino horn is destined for China; and ■ An increasing number of professional hunters are becoming involved in illegal rhinoceros horn trade. ● Provides a study (Annex) to identify cultural practices and beliefs related to the medicinal properties of rhino horn. ● States that illegal trade in rhino horn is “one of the most structured criminal activities currently faced by CITES.” ● Recommends that a Ministerial level meeting be arranged between China, South Africa, Thailand and Viet Nam on the illegal trade in rhinoceros horn. ● Recommends that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Request Vietnam to: submit a report describing its progress in implementing RC 9.14 (Rev. CoP15); check, at the national level, use of rhino hunting trophies in the country; and, investigate incidents where individuals are no longer in possession of horns they imported as trophies; ■ Encourage all Parties to, <i>inter alia</i>, ensure that they have adequate legislation and enforcement controls in place to prevent horns from entering the illegal market; and use specialized investigation techniques, such as controlled deliveries and forensic technology, in wildlife crime investigations; and ■ Encourage consumer Parties to carry out public awareness campaigns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● on its implementation of RC 9.14 (Rev. CoP15) and on the tracking of rhino horn "trophies" that have entered the country. Vietnam has emerged as a major destination for rhino horn in recent years and, therefore, strong enforcement by the Vietnamese Government could lead to a significant reduction in poaching in the range States. ● While much recent focus has been on Vietnam, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC not to discount China as a current - and potential - major market for rhino horn. ● South Africa has taken a number of measures to stem the abuse of hunting permits, but while there is still no centralized, computerized permitting system, and while the Provinces continue to act unilaterally, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to recommend that a moratorium on rhino hunting be implemented in South Africa. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC welcome the very comprehensive report on the medicinal properties of rhino horn and the beliefs that surround them, and reiterate its support for consumer awareness programs. ● SSN <u>strongly urges</u> the SC to support the suggestion of a Ministerial meeting. ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to support the use of specialized enforcement techniques such as controlled deliveries, and <u>urges</u> the SC to encourage Parties not to issue press releases on seizures of rhino horn until all possible leads have been followed up. ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC fully support the suggestion that public awareness campaigns should be carried out in all the main consumer States.
<p>48. Snake trade and conservation management</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 48</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by Chair the SC Working Group on Snake Trade and Conservation (Switzerland). ● Provides two sets of draft Decisions (Annexes 1 and 2) that could be put forward to CoP16 and states there needs to be further discussion in the Working Group at SC62. ● The draft Decisions, <i>inter alia</i>, require a study on production systems for Asian snakes listed in CITES Appendix II; a study of the high-value snake species in the pet trade; identification of information for making non-detriment findings and establishing export quotas of Appendix-II snakes in trade; and an investigation of methodologies to differentiate between wild and captive-bred CITES-listed snakes, including parts and derivatives, in trade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to support the draft Decisions developed by the Working Group. ● Regarding Draft decision a) directed to the AC (under recommendation 4 from the AC25 recommendations), SSN <u>notes</u> that there was no agreement within the Working Group as to whether the AC would be directed to make recommendations to the Parties regarding the making of non-detriment findings and setting quotas of Appendix-II snakes in trade, or merely to provide guidance. SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to agree that the AC be directed to make recommendations to the Parties so that instances of detrimental trade can be appropriately addressed by the AC.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Decisions, <i>inter alia</i>, direct the SC and/or AC to: develop recommendations in response to the studies described above; encourage ICCWC and ASEAN-WEN to note illegal snake trade; and, issue an Alert Notification on “Illegal trade in snakes in Asia”. 	
49. Tortoises and freshwater turtles SC62 Doc. 49		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by the USA as Chair of the SC Working Group on Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles. Recommends that the SC forward a series of draft Decisions to CoP16, which, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> direct Parties of the Asian region to report progress in addressing large-scale undocumented trade in parts, products, and derivatives from CITES-listed tortoise and freshwater turtle species, and to report data on seizures of CITES-listed live tortoises and freshwater turtles; encourage Parties to report on domestic trade confiscations of CITES and non-CITES species of tortoises and freshwater turtles and, on confiscations of international shipments of non-CITES freshwater turtle species; direct the Secretariat to prepare identification materials focused on shells and shell pieces; make recommendations to strengthen enforcement for these species; and, report to the SC on trade in parts, products, and derivatives and, seizure of live specimens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to support the draft Decisions developed by the Working Group. SSN <u>agrees</u> that the draft Decisions directed to Parties in the Asian region should be addressed to all Parties. We note that RC 11.9 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Conservation of and trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles</i> applies to all Parties. SSN also <u>agrees</u> that the draft Decision regarding reporting on domestic trade and confiscations of non-CITES specimens is appropriate, as it does not require reporting but merely <i>encourages</i> Parties to report.
50. Sturgeons			
50.1	Caviar trade database SC62 Doc. 50.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that SC61 agreed that regular reporting on this item was no longer necessary, that the Secretariat should propose to CoP16 to remove this recommendation from RC 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish</i> but there was also general agreement that input to, and use of, the database remained important. Notes that, even with limited trade taking place, several of the major sturgeon range States are still failing to submit copies of permits soon after they are issued, as required by RC12.7 (Rev. CoP14), and are failing to submit information on occasional discrepancies between the quantity of caviar authorized for trade on a permit or certificate and the actual quantity traded Invites the SC to note this report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considering that reporting issues may continue to arise, SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to propose the following changes to the text of RC 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) under the first RECOMMENDS, paragraph k): “<i>the Secretariat shall <u>may</u> submit a written progress report at each a meeting of the Standing Committee on the operation of the UNEP-WCMC caviar trade database, if there is a need to bring an issue(s) to the attention of the Committee.</i>”
50.2	Monitoring of progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
51. Humphead wrasse		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by Chair of the SC Working Group on Humphead Wrasse, in consultation with the Secretariat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that the SC agree to the Working Group’s recommendation to continue their work.

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SC62 Doc. 51		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that China and USA provided information in response to CITES Notification No. 2011/015. Due to the Working Group starting late, recommends that the SC permit the Group to continue with its activities after SC62 and report its findings directly to CoP16. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that the SC to urge major trading countries that have not reported to report at SC63, including (trade for 2007-2009): Indonesia (14,263 live); Malaysia (177,099 live, 26,290 meat (no units given)); Papua New Guinea (994 live); and Singapore (620 live, 220 meat).
52. Bigleaf mahogany and other neotropical timber species			
52.1	Progress in Peru SC62 Doc. 52.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by Peru. SC61 agreed that Peru had fulfilled the three compliance indicators adopted at SC59 and that Peru would provide an update to SC62 on its installation of a modern, effective information system. Provides a report, <i>Strengthening of National Forest and Wildlife Information System: Advances in information management to facilitate control of mahogany and other species in Peru.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to consider the new findings, contained in a 2012 report from SSN member the Environmental Investigation Agency on Peru's mahogany trade, that suggest that authorities are not adequately monitoring concessions and lack the capacity to impede illegal activities in the field or to follow up on the legal cases that do arise.
52.2	Recommendations arising from the report of the Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species SC62 Doc. 52.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by the PC Chair on behalf of the PC. Requests the SC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> submit to CoP16 a draft decision directing the CITES Secretariat to continue liaising with the WCO on the harmonized system tariff codes for specimens of CITES-listed species, with a special focus on tree species. Request the Chair of PC to report at SC62 on the high volume of <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> (bigleaf mahogany) imports from Fiji reported by the Dominican Republic. Submit to CoP16, a draft decision directing the Secretariat to, <i>inter alia</i>, undertake a mission to the Dominican Republic in order to verify the volumes of <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> imported from Fiji, as well as range States of the species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to adopt these recommendations. SSN <u>also urges</u> the SC to submit to CoP16 a draft decision directing the Secretariat, subject to available outside funding, to contract an independent expert to undertake an assessment of the production capacity of mahogany plantations in Fiji and report to PC21. SSN <u>notes</u> that the PC Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species, at their November 2011 meeting, recommended, <i>inter alia</i>, that the PC should draft a Decision calling for an assessment of the production capacity of mahogany plantations in Fiji (PC20 Doc. 19.1).
53. Periodic Review of the Appendices			
53.1	Species selected for review between CoP15 and CoP17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
53.2	Revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 SC62 Doc. 53.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by the Chairs of the AC and PC on behalf of those Committees. Invites the SC to consider submitting to CoP16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A revision (Annex) of RC 14.8 on <i>Periodic Review of the Appendices</i> which, <i>inter alia</i>, clarifies that SC approval is not required to initiate the process; directs the Secretariat to maintain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to approve the amendments developed by the AC and PC and, with this, consider work on RC 14.8 complete. SSN <u>believes</u> that many of the revisions assist in clarifying the procedure to be used in the reviews. SSN <u>urges</u> the SC to reject the proposed decision to continue further study of the Resolution in the next intersessional period as

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		<p>a record of species reviewed; and, states that if no volunteer offers to undertake a review within two inter-sessional periods between CoPs, those taxa shall be deleted from the list of species to be reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A draft decision to review RC 14.8 in collaboration with the Secretariat, and make recommendations, which may include revisions of RC 14.8. ● Invites the SC to consider recommending to CoP16 that funds are allocated for the periodic review in the budget. 	<p>current proposed revisions are sufficient.</p>
54. Development and application of annotations			
54.1	<p>Report of the working group</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 54.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Regional Representative of North America as Chair of the SC Working Group on Annotations. ● Notes that the Working Group is tasked with exploring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The meaning and function of annotations; and ■ The adoption of appropriate and reasonable procedures for crafting plant annotations, ● Reports that the Group was unable to fulfill its mandate between SC61 and SC62 because of time constraints. ● Recommends that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Extend the mandate of the Working Group to allow it to prepare a document for CoP16 on behalf of the SC; and, ■ Extend the Working Group for the CoP16 to CoP17 intersessional period and expand its mandate to identify, with the PC, additional work required regarding annotations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC adopt the recommendations of the Working Group Chair.
54.2	<p>Report of the Plants Committee</p> <p>SC62 Doc. 54.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the PC Chair with the support of the Co-Chair of the PC Working Group on Annotations (Canada). ● Decision 16.31 directs the PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, provide guidance on the meaning of “packaged and ready for retail trade” and other terms used in annotations. ● Decision 15.148 (Rev. CoP15) directs the PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, review the annotations for tree species listed in Appendices II and III and, if appropriate, draft amendments to the annotations. ● Invites the SC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Note the progress made by the PC in the tasks entrusted to it at CoP15; and, ■ Establish a Working Group at SC62 to provide guidance to the PC on how to proceed with the definitions of the terms ‘extract’ and ‘root’ (Annex 1), and any other matters considered relevant that are included this document and Annex 2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN <u>recommends</u> that the SC adopt the recommendations regarding the Working Group.

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55. Reports of regional representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only the regional reports for Asia and North America were available at the time this document was prepared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
56. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
57. Determination of the time and venue of the 63rd and 64th meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
58. Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.

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