



**RESULTS OF  
THE FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF  
THE CITES STANDING COMMITTEE**  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND • 14-18 JULY 2008

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 Chairman  No Document		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Cristian Maquieira (representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean) thanked the SC for re-electing him as Chair after CITES CoP14.</li> </ul>
2. Agenda  SC57 Doc. 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provisional agenda for the meeting is presented for consideration and adoption.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC adopted the document with minor amendments.</li> </ul>
3. Working programme  SC57 Doc. 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working program for the meeting is presented for consideration and adoption.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC adopted the document with minor amendments.</li> </ul>
4. Rules of Procedure			
4.1	<b>Recommendations of the Secretariat</b>  SC57 Doc. 4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides the SC Rules of Procedure (ROP) that were last amended at SC53.</li> <li>The Secretariat makes the following recommendations:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Credentials:</b> the RoP are unclear on the consequences when a participant does not submit credentials; the SC may want to: take no action, indicate to whom credentials apply, indicate actions taken in response to a lack of credentials, and/or establish a Working Group.</li> <li>■ <b>Observers from international organizations:</b> the RoP be amended to indicate that approval from the country in which the organization is located is only needed for national organizations.</li> <li>■ <b>Documents:</b> Rule 20 of the RoP be amended as follows: <i><u>"The documents shall also be provided to all Parties that When the Secretariat believes that a Party may be directly affected by any discussion of the documents and to all Parties that request them a document to be considered by the Committee, it shall alert the Party concerned and inform it where the document may be viewed on the CITES website."</u></i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC agreed that further discussion of this issue should be conducted through the postal procedure with a view to the Secretariat preparing a document for SC58.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>4.2</b></p> <p><b>Submission of documents</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 4.2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared by Israel.</li> <li>• Rule 19 of the SC RoP states that “documents to be considered at a meeting shall normally be provided to the Secretariat at least 60 days before the meeting where they are to be discussed...”</li> <li>• Rule 20 of the SC RoP states in part, “All documents submitted to the Secretariat by a Party, or submitted by an observer at the request of the Chairman, shall be placed on the Secretariat’s website as soon as possible after they are received, in the original language in which they have been submitted.”</li> <li>• Notes that at SC54, 18 of 73 documents were submitted late and at SC55, 11 of 13 documents were submitted late.</li> <li>• Encourages the SC to address this problem of late submission of documents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the concerns that had been raised and the commitment of the Secretariat to ensure that the deadline for publishing documents was met as far as possible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Credentials</b></p> <p><b>No document</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat reported on the number of Parties and observers from which credentials were not received.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Election of Vice-Chairman and Alternate Vice-Chairman</b></p> <p><b>No document</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC appointed Ghana as the Vice-Chair and China as the Alternate Vice-Chair.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Admission of observers</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 6</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A list of observers was provided at the meeting.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC agreed to the admission of the list of organizations provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Clearing House</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 8</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invites the SC to appoint a new Member of the CITES Clearing House as Mr Colman O’Criodain is no longer an official of the Government of Ireland.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC appointed Ms. Mercedes Lasso, from Spain, as a Member of the Clearing House.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Strategic Vision 2008-2013: Development of indicators</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 9</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision 14.1 directs the SC to develop indicators for the objectives in RC 14.2 on <i>the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013</i>.</li> <li>• Decision 14.2 directs the Secretariat to request Party input on the indicators developed by the Strategic Vision Working Group and to submit responses to SC57.</li> <li>• Contains the responses of the Parties to the Secretariat’s Notification 2008/009 of 5 February 2008.</li> <li>• The Secretariat recommends that the SC establish a Working Group consisting of the Parties having made written contributions, assisted by the Secretariat, to consolidate their</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC adopted the indicators developed by an in-session Working Group, with minor amendments, and also mandated the Secretariat to replace Indicator 3.4.1 with appropriate text in consultation with IUCN.</li> </ul>

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		submissions for adoption by the SC.	
<b>10. Relationship with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 10</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A representative of UNEP presented a statement on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC requested that the representative of UNEP transmit the SC's concerns to the Executive Director of UNEP, in particular regarding the lack of progress with the Memorandum of Agreement between himself and the SC.</li> </ul>
<b>11. Cooperation with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 11</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RC 13.3 on <i>Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</i> (CMS) directs the SC to keep the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CMS.</li> <li>Invites the SC to endorse the draft list of CITES-CMS joint activities for 2008-2010 presented in Annex 2. Once a final list is agreed by both Conventions, both Secretariats will sign the new Annex to the MoU and proceed with its implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC endorsed the list of joint activities for 2008-2010.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Cooperation with the World Trade Organization (WTO)</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 12</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat recommends that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have the Chair request, again, observer status for CITES in the General Council and any other WTO bodies deemed relevant for CITES;</li> <li>identify the WTO bodies, other than the General Council and the Committee on Trade and Environment (including its Special Sessions), that it deems relevant to CITES; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Secretariat also discusses the option of establishing an MOU with WTO, noting that doing so might not solve the observership issue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC agreed that there was no reason for its Chair to send another letter to the WTO requesting permanent observer status in WTO bodies.</li> <li>The SC agreed that its Chair should send a letter to WTO to indicate the interest of CITES in participating on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis in meetings of WTO bodies whose work had relevance to CITES.</li> <li>The SC endorsed a proposal by the Chair that further, informal discussions between CITES and WTO should take place.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Financial matters</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC established the Finance and Budget Subcommittee and agreed to the terms of reference for its operation.</li> </ul>
<b>13.1</b>	<b>Report for 2007</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 13.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides information on the expenditures of the Secretariat in 2007 (Annex 1), which totaled US\$5.08 million, along with the status of contributions from the Parties (Annexes 2, 3 and 4).</li> <li>Provides an overview of the availability of the CITES Trust Fund resources and their use in the biennium 2006-2007 (Annex 5).</li> <li>States that the balance of the CITES Trust Fund as of 31 December 2007 stood at US\$2,144,523 of which US\$700,000 represents the operating cash reserve to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See comments under agenda item 13 above.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>13.2</b></p> <p><b>Estimated expenditures for 2008</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 13.2</b></p>	<p>guarantee the liquidity of the Trust Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that the total program resources for 2008 amount to US\$4,744,714 as approved by the CoP13 but that an additional amount of US\$314,717 is needed to cover the projected expenditure, which is proposed to be drawn down from the accumulated Trust Fund balance.</li> <li>• Reports that the Secretariat continues to reduce its costs by promoting the use of the CITES website, among other efforts; documents previously sent by mail or faxed to the Parties are now made available through the website.</li> <li>• Notes that the projected flow and use of resources of the CITES Trust Fund for 2008 leads to an estimated balance of US\$1.87 million at the end of the year, of which US\$ 0.7 million represents the operating cash reserve.</li> <li>• Provides the estimated expenditures for 2008 (Annex 1) and a projection of flow and use of resources for 2008 (Annex 2).</li> </ul>	<p>See comments under agenda item 13 above.</p>
<p><b>13.3</b></p> <p><b>Costed programme of work (CPW) for 2009-2011</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 13.3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RC 14.1 on <i>Financing and the Costed Programme of Work (CPW) for the Secretariat for the triennium 2009-2011</i> states that the CPW should be covered by contributions from the Parties for the amounts of US\$4,904,991 for 2009, US\$ 5,426,937 for 2010 and US\$5,150,247 for 2011. These amounts represent a 6% increase over the budget for the triennium 2006-2008.</li> <li>• Reports that a Finance and Budget Subcommittee for the consideration of all financial and budgetary matters has been established but that neither Africa nor South and Central America and the Caribbean have responded to requests to select one country from the region as member of the group.</li> <li>• Requests SC57 to agree to the CPW for the CITES Secretariat for 2009-2011 (Annex I) which is organized by goals and objectives of the CITES Strategic Vision.</li> <li>• Also provides the Comparative budget between the triennium 2006-2008 and the triennium 2009-2011 (Annex 2) and an Organigramme of the CITES Secretariat 2009-2011 (Annex 3).</li> </ul>	<p>See comments under agenda item 13 above.</p>
<p><b>14. CITES and livelihoods</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 14</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with Argentina, China, Nicaragua, and the UK.</li> <li>• Decision 14.3 directs the SC to initiate and supervise a process to develop, by CoP15: a) tools for voluntary use by the Parties for the rapid assessment at the national level of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC established an intersessional Working Group on CITES and Livelihoods.</li> </ul>

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	<p>the positive and negative impacts of implementing CITES listing decisions on the livelihoods of the poor, in conformity with RC 8.3 (Rev. CoP13); and b) draft voluntary guidelines for Parties to address these impacts, particularly in developing countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends that the SC create an intersessional Working Group on livelihoods and that the group prepare two papers: one to address possible tools for rapid assessment and a second to provide guidance on how to address the impacts, and to propose draft voluntary guidelines for the Parties.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15. Review of the scientific committees</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 15</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision 14.6 directs the SC, in cooperation with the AC, PC, and the Secretariat, to “<i>develop a costed proposal to assess the costs, advantages and disadvantages of the provision of a chairman [of the scientific committees] independent of regional duties and responsibilities, selected by the Conference of the Parties on a regional rotational basis</i>”.</li> <li>• Provides the observations of the Secretariat on the advantages and disadvantages and invites the SC to assess these, in order for the Secretariat to present cost estimates for any new arrangements at SC58.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC requested the Secretariat to prepare, for SC58, estimated costs for the following possible arrangements for the Chairs of the AC and PC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a Chair elected from amongst the members to be permanently replaced by his/her alternate, who would then represent the region;</li> <li>■ a Chair elected by the CoP; and</li> <li>■ financial support to the Chair to cover time/costs related to the committee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>16. Review of Resolutions</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 16</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision 14.19 directs the SC to “<i>review any proposals from the Secretariat to correct nonsubstantive errors or minor editorial faults in current Resolutions and decide whether they should be referred to the Conference of the Parties. In cases where the Committee agrees with the proposals and considers that they need not be referred to the Conference, it may instruct the Secretariat to republish the Resolutions with the necessary corrections.</i>”</li> <li>• The Secretariat recommends that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ the SC establish an intersessional Working Group to which the Secretariat should send its proposals; and</li> <li>■ the Working Group review the proposals and present its recommendations to SC58.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC established a Working Group on Review of Resolutions in order to review documents to be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration at SC58.</li> </ul>
<p><b>17. National wildlife trade policy reviews</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 17</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides information on progress made in reviewing national wildlife trade policies, including implementation of Decisions 14.21 to 14.24 and invites the SC to note the report.</li> <li>• States that reports from the countries (Madagascar, Nicaragua, Uganda and Vietnam) participating in the review are expected to be available by the end of May 2008.</li> <li>• Requests regional representatives to the SC to advise the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the report and commended the four Parties involved in the pilot project for their efforts.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Secretariat of any Party in their region that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ may have undertaken a national wildlife trade policy review and might share the lessons learned;</li> <li>■ may be interested in carrying out such a review; or</li> <li>■ may be interested in providing financial or technical support for these reviews.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>18. National laws for implementation of the Convention</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 18</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Decision 14.25 directs Parties and dependent territories with CITES legislation in Category 2 or 3 for five or more years to enact CITES legislation or provide an adequate justification for not doing so before SC58.</li> <li>● Decision 14.26 directs the SC to consider appropriate compliance measures with respect to Parties that do not comply with Decision 14.25, including recommendations to suspend trade in specimens of CITES-listed species to and from such Parties.</li> <li>● The Secretariat recommends that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ identify Bolivia, El Salvador and Tanzania as countries requiring attention as a priority under the National Legislation Project;</li> <li>■ issue a written caution to Mozambique, South Africa and Venezuela advising them of the need to accelerate their efforts to enact adequate legislation by SC58; and</li> <li>■ remind Parties and dependent territories affected by Decision 14.25 that SC58 will determine whether they have submitted to the Secretariat newly enacted legislation by that time or have provided adequate justification for their failure to do so.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Notes that the addition of the above countries would result in a total list of 22 priority countries under the National Legislation Project (Algeria, Bolivia, the Comoros, Djibouti*, El Salvador, Tanzania, Belize, Guinea Bissau*, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liberia*, Malaysia, Mauritania*, Mozambique, Nigeria*, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda*, Somalia*, South Africa, Venezuela).</li> </ul> <p><i>*currently subject to a CITES trade suspension</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC identified Bolivia, El Salvador and Tanzania as countries requiring attention as a priority under the National Legislation Project.</li> <li>● The SC agreed to issue a written caution to Venezuela, Mozambique, and South Africa advising them of the need to enact adequate legislation by SC58.</li> <li>● The SC also agreed to remind Parties and dependent territories affected by Decision 14.25 that it would be determining at SC58 whether they had submitted to the Secretariat newly enacted legislation by that time or provided adequate justification for their failure to do so.</li> </ul>
<p><b>19. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 19</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Decision 14.30 states that the Secretariat shall, if funds are available, hire a consultant to prepare a report on ways to assess whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ the CITES Resolutions are implemented by all Parties as consistently as possible and whether there is a need to clarify, revise or repeal them; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC established a Working Group on Multilateral Measures and agreed to determine the composition of the working group and its chair through a postal procedure.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ the scope for multilateral CITES processes that reduce the need by Parties for recourse to stricter domestic measures and reservations should be further developed.</li> <li>● Decision 14.29 directs SC57 to establish an intersessional Working Group to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ review the report;</li> <li>■ organize a meeting to discuss the report; and</li> <li>■ consider the need to draft any revised or new resolutions for CoP15.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Secretariat invites the SC to establish an intersessional Working Group on multilateral measures.</li> <li>● The Secretariat suggests that the Working Group may wish to seek from Parties information on the experience they gained by reviewing their stricter domestic measures and reservations as described in Decision 14.28.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>20. Enforcement matters</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 20</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requests the SC to endorse the recommendations in the report (contained in the Annex) of a November 2007 mission to Egypt to examine implementation of CITES, noting the concerns expressed about illegal trade involving great apes and ivory.</li> <li>● Reminds Parties that Alerts are no longer distributed by mail but are posted on the Enforcement Authorities Forum on the CITES website.</li> <li>● Suggests that the SC should request regional representatives to report on designation of enforcement authorities by Parties in their region at SC58.</li> <li>● Describes concerns when one country does not act on intelligence regarding illegal trade received from a second country.</li> <li>● Describes enforcement-related activities led by the Secretariat who attended meetings of the World Customs Organizations, the South Asia Wildlife Trade Initiative and a U.S.A. congressional hearing.</li> <li>● Mentions that a report from Nigeria on their progress with the enforcement of the Convention is expected at this meeting (Nigeria is currently the only CITES Party subject to a trade suspension because of enforcement issues).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC noted the Secretariat's report and endorsed its recommendations in relation to the Secretariat's mission to Egypt.</li> </ul>
<p><b>21. National reports</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 21</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reports that Djibouti, Dominica and Rwanda have failed to provide annual reports for four consecutive years.</li> <li>● Reports that Belize, the Central African Republic, Guinea,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC determined that Djibouti, Dominica, Lesotho and Nepal had failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years and instructed the Secretariat to issue a Notification</li> </ul>

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	<p>Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic and Vanuatu have failed to provide annual reports for three consecutive years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that CITES Parties should soon be able to test the English version of the online biennial report format.</li> <li>• Decision 14.37 directs the SC to undertake a review of the recommendations to Parties to provide special reports under the Convention, assess whether they have been or might be effectively incorporated into the annual and biennial reports, and report to CoP15 on this issue. In response, the Secretariat recommends that the SC establish an intersessional Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>recommending that Parties not authorize trade in CITES-listed species with these Parties until they had provided the required reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC established a Working Group on Special Reporting requirements and agreed to determine the composition of the working group and its chair through a postal procedure.</li> </ul>
<p><b>22. Ranching operations</b> <b>SC57 Doc. 22</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The population of the Nile crocodile (<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>) from Madagascar is included in Appendix II under RC 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II</i>.</li> <li>• In response to concerns about possibly laundering of wild specimens, the Secretariat undertook a mission to Madagascar in 2006.</li> <li>• In January 2008, Madagascar was advised by the SC to, <i>inter alia</i>, implement the Strategy and Management Plan for Crocodiles in Madagascar, comply with RC 11.16 (Rev. CoP14), and report to SC57.</li> <li>• Madagascar's work plan is provided in the Annex but no report was received for SC57.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the progress made by Madagascar in implementing the recommendations contained in SC57 Doc. 22.</li> </ul>
<p><b>23. Introduction from the sea</b> <b>SC57 Doc. 23</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision 14.48 directs SC57 to establish an intersessional Working Group on Introduction from the Sea in order to consider a definition for 'transportation into a State', clarification of 'State of introduction' as well as other issues.</li> <li>• Invites the SC to establish the group and suggests that available members of the group may wish to convene on the margins of SC57 to begin work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC agreed to establish a Working Group on Introduction from the Sea, chaired by the SC Chair.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>24. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates</b></p> <p>SC57 Doc. 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 14.54 directs the SC to establish an intersessional Working Group to review the use of purpose-of-transaction codes by Parties, provides Terms of Reference for the group, and directs the group to submit any recommendations for amendments to RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> to SC58.</li> <li>Invites the SC to establish the Working Group at the present meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC established an intersessional Working Group on Purpose Codes and agreed that the United States would serve as Chair.</li> </ul>
<p><b>25. Electronic permitting</b></p> <p>SC57 Doc. 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 14.55 directs the SC to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems in order to develop the use of electronic permitting systems among Parties.</li> <li>An oral report will be provided to SC57.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC noted the document and thanked the Working Group on E-permits for its work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>26. Trade in crocodylian specimens</b></p> <p>SC57 Doc. 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 14.62 directs the SC to establish a Working Group on Trade in Crocodylian Specimens to review the implementation and effectiveness of the universal tagging system and the trade in small crocodylian leather goods.</li> <li>Invites the SC to establish the group that includes, <i>inter alia</i>, the representative selected by AC23 (Dietrich Jelden of Germany) and to designate a chair.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC established a Working Group on Trade in Crocodylian Specimens and agreed that the United States would serve as Chair.</li> </ul>
<p><b>27. Identification manual</b></p> <p>SC57 Doc. 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports that the database of published sheets of the Identification Manual is now on-line.</li> <li>Proposes to transfer the Identification Manual to a 'Wiki' format that on-line allows users to create, edit and link Web pages; a demonstration will be provided at SC57.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC noted the document.</li> </ul>
<p><b>28. Personal and household effects</b></p> <p>SC57 Doc. 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Working Group on Personal and Household Effects.</li> <li>Decision 14.64 directs the SC to extend the operation of its Working Group on Personal and Household Effects and provides Terms of Reference for the group, including, <i>inter alia</i>, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>clarify the relationship between 'tourist souvenirs' and 'personal and household effects';</li> <li>assess whether there are specific species or types of personal or household effects which would require different treatment under RC 13.7 (Rev. CoP14);</li> <li>assess whether there is a need to amend the Resolution; and</li> <li>report at each regular meeting of the SC until CoP15 and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC noted the progress of the Working Group on Personal and Household Effects.</li> </ul>

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		<p>at CoP15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports that the Working Group has begun discussing how to fulfill its terms of reference via e-mail and will report to SC58.</li> </ul>	
<b>29. Review of Significant Trade</b>			
<b>29.1</b>	<p><b>Implementation of recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides background information on plant and animals species subject to the Review of Significant Trade since CoP11, recommendations made by the scientific committees for these species, and recommendations for further action by the SC.</li> <li>• The Secretariat recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ that the following species (range States) be removed from the Review: <i>Aloe</i> spp. (Kenya) and <i>Tridacnidae</i> spp. (Fiji, France, Mozambique);</li> <li>■ that the compliance deadline be extended for the following species: <i>Prunus africana</i> (Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Tanzania); <i>Cibotium barometz</i> (Vietnam); <i>Cyathea contaminans</i> (Indonesia), <i>Dendrobium nobile</i> (Vietnam); <i>Galanthus woronowii</i> (Georgia); and <i>Falco cherrug</i> (Mongolia);</li> <li>■ to suspend trade in/maintain suspensions for the following species: <i>Dendrobium nobile</i> (Lao PDR); <i>Phelsuma v-nigra</i> (Comoros); <i>Phelsuma comorensis</i> (Comoros); <i>Uromastyx dispar</i> ((Mali); and <i>Tridacnidae</i> spp. (Madagascar, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam);</li> <li>■ that the export suspension or established zero quota for the following species be maintained by the range State(s) until the recommendations are complied with: <i>Gracula religiosa</i> (Malaysia); <i>Uromastyx geyri</i> (Nigeria); and <i>Prunus africana</i> (Burundi, Kenya, Madagascar);</li> <li>■ that the Secretariat should maintain a zero export quota for wild live specimens of the following species until the recommendations are complied with: <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone); and <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i> (Guinea, Liberia);</li> <li>■ regarding Mali, that the Secretariat should engage further regarding <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i> to determine the basis for the proposed export quota, obtain a copy of the related</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC agreed with the recommendations of the Secretariat regarding these species, with the following exceptions: Regarding <i>Dendrobium nobile</i> from Lao PDR and <i>Tridacnidae</i> species from the Federated States of Micronesia, Madagascar, the Marshall Islands, Tonga and Viet Nam, the SC agreed that the deadline for the implementation of the recommendations be extended until 31 December 2008. If, by that date, the recommendations have not been implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chairs of the AC and PC, then the SC recommends that all Parties suspend imports of specimens of these species from the States concerned.</li> </ul>

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	<p>study, and report to SC58; and.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ regarding <i>Uromastix geyri</i>, the Secretariat should not accept any increase in the annual export quota from Mali until the recommendations of the AC have been complied with.</li> <li>● The Secretariat reports that the AC and PC have agreed that the country-based Review of Significant Trade in Madagascar has been completed.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>29.2</b></p>	<p><b>Review of recommendations to suspend trade made more than two years ago</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 29.2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species states that the SC, in consultation with the Secretariat and the 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.</li> <li>● Provides a list of suspensions established prior to September 2003, the recommendations of the Secretariat (Annex 1), and an analysis by TRAFFIC (Annex 2).</li> <li>● Requests the SC to note changes in nomenclature for some of these species adopted at CITES CoP14.</li> <li>● Provides a letter and report from Tanzania requesting the withdrawal of the recommendation to suspend trade in <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> (Fischer's lovebird) (Annex 3).</li> <li>● The Secretariat recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ to remove suspensions for the following species: <i>Lama glama guanicoe</i> (Argentina); <i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i> (DRC); <i>Aratinga erythrogastris</i> (Peru); <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i> (DRC, Rwanda); <i>Lynx lynx</i> (Lithuania, Moldova, Ukraine); <i>Dendrobates auratus</i> (Nicaragua); <i>Dendrobates pumilio</i> (Nicaragua); <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> (Tanzania); <i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i> (Tanzania); <i>Gongylophis colubrinus</i> (Tanzania); <i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> (Tanzania); <i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i> (Tanzania); <i>Poicephalus meyeri</i> (Tanzania); <i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i> (Tanzania); and <i>Tauraco fischeri</i> (Tanzania);</li> <li>■ to remove the suspensions for the following species if a cautious export quota is established: <i>Poicephalus robustus</i> (DRC); <i>Coracopsis vasa</i> (Madagascar); and <i>Dendrobates tinctorius</i> (Suriname);</li> <li>■ to maintain suspensions for the following species: <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i> (Malawi); <i>Poicephalus robustus</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC adopted the recommendations of the Secretariat regarding these species, with the exception of <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> and <i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> from Tanzania. With regard to the latter, the SC agreed to address by postal procedure the question of what measures Tanzania needed to take in order for the Committee to withdraw its recommendation of a trade suspension.</li> </ul>

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		<p>(Mali); <i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i> (Mozambique); <i>Corucia zebrata</i> (Solomon Islands); <i>Ornithoptera urvillianus</i> (Solomon Islands); <i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i> (Solomon Islands); and <i>Poicephalus robustus</i> (Togo); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ that the SC request the AC to re-evaluate its recommendations concerning the export of <i>Chamaeleo</i> spp. (except <i>C. lateralis</i>, <i>C. oustaleti</i>, <i>C. pardalis</i> and <i>C. verrucosus</i>) and <i>Phelsuma</i> spp. (except <i>P. laticauda</i>, <i>P. lineata</i>, <i>P. madagascariensis</i> and <i>P. quadriocellata</i>) from Madagascar on a species by species basis.</li> </ul>	
<b>30. Great apes</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 30</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RC 13.4 on <i>Conservation of and trade in great apes</i> directs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ the Secretariat, the SC, and AC to work with GRASP to contribute to the conservation of great apes and to the promotion of public awareness of the threat posed by illegal trade in these species, and</li> <li>■ the SC to “review the implementation of this Resolution at each of its regular meetings on the basis of the Secretariat’s reports.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reports on work of the CITES Great Ape Enforcement Task Force, and on a regional Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and Their Habitats, negotiated under the CMS.</li> <li>• The annexes contain a report from Indonesia describing its enforcement work in relation to orangutans and a report from a technical mission to Malaysia to examine the illicit trade in orangutans.</li> <li>• The Secretariat suggests that the SC consider whether RC 13.4 should be amended at CoP15 to delete the requirement for a regular review by the SC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the report of the Secretariat.</li> <li>• The SC did not adopt the Secretariat’s suggestion to delete the requirement in RC 13.4 for a regular review of the implementation of this Resolution at each SC meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>31. Asian big cats</b>			
<b>31.1</b>	<b>Report of the Secretariat / Reports of various countries</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 31.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recalls the Decisions on Asian big cats adopted at CoP14 and reports on the Secretariat’s activities or recommendations regarding each Decision.</li> <li>• Directed to Parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>14.65:</b> <i>Asian big cat range States shall strengthen their efforts to implement Resolution Conf. 12.5 and, for tiger range States, report on progress at the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee, and subsequent meetings of the Standing Committee, and at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15), with a review for CoP15</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the report of the Secretariat, particularly its intention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ organize law-enforcement training for tiger range States;</li> <li>■ convene a meeting of high-level police and Customs officials from tiger range States; and</li> <li>■ seek, with the Global Tiger Forum and IUCN, a meeting with the World Bank about its tiger initiative.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p><i>identifying gaps and additional measures needed.</i> The Secretariat reports that five tiger range States responded to CITES Notification to the Parties No. 2008/003 by submitting reports for SC57 (reports included in the Annexes to this document).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>14.66:</b> <i>All Parties, especially those evaluating their domestic tiger trade control policies, shall take into consideration the view of the Parties as expressed in Resolution Conf. 12.5.</i> The Secretariat suggests that the SC consider how it wishes to monitor implementation of this Decision.</li> <li>■ <b>14.67:</b> <i>Asian big cat range States shall improve international cooperation in conservation and trade control through continual dialogue, and when convened, tiger range States are invited to participate in the tiger trade enforcement workshop and the conservation strategy workshop.</i> The Secretariat had no comment on the implementation of this Decision.</li> <li>■ <b>14.68:</b> <i>Parties are strongly encouraged to develop or improve implementation of regional enforcement networks.</i> The Secretariat notes that most range states, with the exception of the Russian Federation, are members of Asian regional enforcement networks (such as ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network).</li> <li>■ <b>14.69:</b> <i>Parties with intensive operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale shall implement measures to restrict the captive population to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers; tigers should not be bred for trade in their parts and derivatives.</i> The Secretariat suggests that the SC consider how it wishes to monitor implementation of this Decision.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directed to the Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>14.70:</b> <i>Contingent upon availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall: convene a tiger trade enforcement meeting within 12 months of the end of CoP14; and cooperate in the development of a conservation strategy workshop, to be facilitated by IUCN – The World Conservation Union and the Global Tiger Forum (building on recent scientific work, including the 2006 Tiger Conservation Landscape Assessment) and other relevant organizations.</i> Regarding the enforcement meeting, the Secretariat reports that it has received the necessary pledges, hopes to hold the meeting in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>late 2008 or early 2009, believes it should focus on intelligence issues, and has sought Interpol's assistance. Regarding the conservation strategy workshop, the Secretariat will meet at SC57 with IUCN and the Global Tiger Forum to determine a way forward.</p> <p>■ <b>14.71:</b> <i>The CITES Secretariat, in consultation with Parties that have or seek to have specialized wildlife crime units, shall provide technical assistance and assist with the identification of additional opportunities for technical and financial support.</i> The Secretariat notes that it will respond to requests for assistance and recalls that Annex 3 of Notification to the Parties 2001/047 contains guidance for specialized wildlife enforcement units prepared by the CITES Tiger Enforcement Task Force.</p> <p>■ <b>14.72:</b> <i>The CITES Tiger Enforcement Task Force shall, in conjunction with the CITES Enforcement Expert Group and in consultation with tiger range States, establish a mechanism to regularly monitor and evaluate the scale and nature of illegal trade in Asian big cats.</i> The Secretariat reports that a meeting of the Expert Group will occur in the first half of 2009 and recommends that Task Force members attend this meeting where this matter should be discussed.</p>		
<p><b>31.2</b></p>	<p><b>Intensive operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 31.2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared by India and Nepal.</li> <li>• Decision 14.69 states that “<i>Parties with intensive operations breeding tigers on a commercial scale shall implement measures to restrict the captive population to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers; tigers should not be bred for trade in their parts and derivatives.</i>”</li> <li>• Requests the SC to ask all States breeding tigers on a commercial scale, to report on implementation of Decision 14.69, discuss the issue at SC58, and to make relevant recommendations to Parties and the CoP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC established an intersessional Working Group to identify wording relevant for inclusion in a Notification to the Parties that would seek information regarding the implementation of Decision 14.69.</li> </ul>
<p><b>32. Tibetan antelope</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 32</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RC 11.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope</i> directs the Standing Committee to: “<i>undertake a regular review of the enforcement measures taken by the Parties in eliminating the illicit trade in Tibetan antelope products...</i>”</li> <li>• The Secretariat states that it has received little information from the Parties on this issue.</li> <li>• Reports that the Interpol Wildlife Crime Working Group intends to convene a workshop on illegal trade in Tibetan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the report of the Secretariat.</li> <li>• The SC did not adopt the suggestion to delete the requirement in RC 11.8 (Rev. CoP13) for regular SC review of the implementation of the Resolution.</li> </ul>

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		<p>antelope wool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat suggests that the SC consider whether the RC 11.8 (Rev. CoP13) should be amended at CoP15 to delete the requirement for a regular review by the SC.</li> </ul>	
<b>33. Elephants</b>			
<b>33.1</b>	<p><b>Reviews of the status of the elephant, trade in its specimens and the impact of the legal trade</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 33.1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recalls Decision 14.78 which states that the SC “<i>shall conduct ongoing comprehensive reviews of the status of the elephant, trade in its specimens and the impact of the legal trade, based on data from MIKE, the Elephant Trade Information System [ETIS] and the implementation of the Action plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory and the African elephant action Plan...</i>”</li> <li>Provides an overview of current activities of the SC regarding the review of elephant status and trade, and the impact of illegal trade, under other Decisions and Resolutions (such as RC 10.10 on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>, ETIS, and MIKE).</li> <li>The Secretariat recommends that the SC: a) agree that the implementation of Decision 14.78 should not lead to duplicative reporting and reviews; and b) request the Secretariat, in consultation with IUCN, TRAFFIC and UNEP-WCMC, to research and compile relevant information on the conservation status of and trade in both species of elephants, and provide an overview at SC58.</li> <li>Also recalls Decision 14.75 which states that “<i>... The African elephant range States through the African elephant dialogue process shall develop an overall African elephant action plan for improved elephant management aiming at: a) accessing and directing resources, towards strengthening enforcement capacity in African elephant range States to combat poaching and illegal trade in ivory; b) the implementation of the Action plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory; and c) enhancing capacity building, managing translocations, reducing human-elephant conflicts and enhancing community-conservation programmes and development programmes within or adjacent to the elephant range. The elephant range States will report to the Standing Committee on progress made under this decision with a view to providing the information necessary for the reviews referred to in Decision 14.78.</i>”</li> <li>The Secretariat also recommends that the SC should:</li> </ul>	<p>The SC adopted the recommendations of the Secretariat that the SC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>agree that the implementation of Decision 14.78 should not lead to duplicative reporting and reviews; and</li> <li>request the Secretariat, in consultation with IUCN, TRAFFIC and UNEP-WCMC, to research and compile relevant information on the conservation status of and trade in both species of elephants, and provide an overview at SC58.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Invite range States to report on progress under Decision 14.75 with a view to providing information for the reviews referred to in Decision 14.78;</li> <li>■ Invite range States and the IUCN/SSC to comment on current knowledge on populations, population status and conservation trends;</li> <li>■ Request the Secretariat to report orally on the result of an analysis of all available MIKE data, which was presented to the June 2008 meeting of the African elephant range States; and</li> <li>■ Request TRAFFIC to report orally on any updated ETIS data and analysis thereof that are available.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Annex to SC57 Doc. 33.1 contains recorded gross international trade in elephant products from 2002-2006, amounting to 37,000 trade records.</li> </ul>	
33.2	<p><b>Control of trade in elephant ivory</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 33.2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recalls that Annotation 5 g) ii), to the Appendices, requires that ivory trade take place only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the SC, <i>“to have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls to ensure that the imported ivory will not be re-exported and will be managed in accordance with all requirements of Resolution Conf. 10. 10 (Rev. CoP14) concerning domestic manufacturing and trade”</i>.</li> <li>● Provides an update of activities associated with the Action plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory.</li> <li>● Notes that SC54 agreed that Japan be designated an ivory trading partner; SC55 rejected by vote, a proposal to designate China an ivory trading partner.</li> <li>● States that the Secretariat is of the opinion that <i>“linking legal supplies of raw ivory from southern African countries with the legal demand in countries in Asia should help reduce the motivation for the poaching of elephants and illegal trade in ivory.”</i></li> <li>● Reports on a Secretariat mission to China in March 2008 and on auditing missions to Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe in March/April 2008, stating that no irregularities were found during the conduct of these missions.</li> <li>● Recommends that the SC agree that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ as audits of their ivory stocks (total almost 108 tons) were satisfactory, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe have met the conditions in Annotation 5. g), to allow trade in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC approved by vote, the Secretariat’s recommendation that China be designated an ivory trading partner (9 in favor, 3 against and 2 abstentions).</li> <li>● The SC noted the report by the Secretariat of its verification of the ivory stocks and also noted that the ivory exports to China and Japan may now proceed.</li> </ul>

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	<p>registered raw ivory from these countries; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ China should be designated an ivory trading partner. The Secretariat states that though China certainly remains a destination for illegal ivory, its trade controls are designed to prevent illicit ivory from being laundered through licensed premises.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>33.3</b></p> <p><b>African elephant action plan and African Elephant Fund</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 33.3</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Decision 14.75 directs the African elephant range States to develop an African elephant Action Plan for improved elephant management. The Secretariat requested the IUCN/SSC African Elephant Specialist Group to compile a draft Action Plan in a transparent manner, in close consultation with the African elephant range States, and provide opportunities for comment and input at all stages.</li> <li>● Decision 14.79 directs the Secretariat to establish an African Elephant Fund that will be applied to the implementation of the African elephant Action Plan. The Secretariat is undertaking a study to explore possible sources of funding for the creation of the Fund.</li> <li>● Both the Action Plan and Fund are to be discussed at the African elephant meeting, 23-25 June 2008 in Mombasa, Kenya.</li> <li>● The Secretariat recommends that the SC take note of this document and invite African elephant range States to report on progress made under Decision 14.75.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC noted the progress reports provided by the Secretariat on the implementation of Decisions 14.75 and 14.78.</li> </ul>
<p><b>33.4</b></p> <p><b>Decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 33.4</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Decision 14.77 directs the SC, assisted by the Secretariat, to propose for approval at the latest at CoP16, a decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory under the auspices of the CoP.</li> <li>● The Secretariat proposes that the SC agree that a study be undertaken on the development of this decision-making mechanism for review at SC58, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ examination of the various processes and decision-making mechanisms related to ivory trade that are or have been operating under the provisions of the Convention;</li> <li>■ evaluation of multilateral trade regimes and associated controls, safeguards and monitoring methods for other high-value commodities, with the aim of identifying a mechanism that might apply to future trade in ivory;</li> <li>■ basic principles that should govern future trade in ivory, and proposals on how an effective, objective and independent decision-making mechanism could operate; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC agreed to the scope of the proposed study, with amendments provided by an in-session Working Group.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ exploration of the conditions under which international trade in elephant ivory could take place.</li> <li>● In undertaking this study, the Secretariat states that it would consult “<i>organizations with specific expertise in the area of the establishment of multilateral trade regimes and the implementation of related trade controls.</i>”</li> </ul>	
<b>33.5</b>	<b>Constitution of a MIKE-ETIS subgroup</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 33.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RC 10.10 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i> agrees that the Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) and the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS), established under the supervision of the Standing Committee, shall continue and be expanded</li> <li>● Recommends that the SC re-constitute the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup of six SC Members, consider the development and implementation of MIKE and ETIS, and report back at the present meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC agreed to re-establish the MIKE-ETIS subgroup with the following membership: China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan, Kenya, United Kingdom, United States, and Zambia.</li> </ul>
<b>34. Rhinoceroses</b>	<b>SC57 Doc. 34</b>	<p>The Secretariat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● States that it is convinced that there is a highly-organized nature to much of the poaching and illicit trade in rhinoceros currently taking place.</li> <li>● Recommends, if poaching and illegal trade continue, convening an enforcement seminar or workshop for range and consumer States or, alternatively, convening a CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force.</li> <li>● Seeks to contact Yemen for an invitation to conduct a mission there to discuss illicit trade in rhinoceros.</li> <li>● States that the U.S.A. has produced a report on ballistic examinations and evidence, to assist in obtaining evidence for convictions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC agreed that the Secretariat should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ establish and convene a meeting of a CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force; and</li> <li>■ seek an invitation from Yemen to visit that country to discuss illicit trade in rhinoceros.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>35. Sturgeons</b>			
<b>35.1</b>	<b>Caviar trade database</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 35.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RC 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish</i> recommends that the Secretariat report at each SC meeting on the operation of the caviar trade database.</li> <li>● The database was launched on 30 November 2007.</li> <li>● The Secretariat requests SC regional representatives to encourage caviar-trading States in their regions increase the regularity of their submissions to the database; of particular concern are Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation. The Islamic Republic of Iran, the U.S.A., and Turkey do not submit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The SC noted the document.</li> </ul>

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<p>35.2</p> <p><b>Recommendations of the Animals Committee</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 35.2</b></p>	<p>data regularly or have not submitted any data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared by the Chairman of the AC.</li> <li>• RC 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish</i>, directs the AC to carry out an evaluation of the assessment and the monitoring methodologies used for stocks of Acipenseriformes species.</li> <li>• The AC urges the CITES Secretariat to promote the holding of a workshop to review existing sturgeon stock assessment / Total Allowable Catch determination methodology and elaborate a scientific methodology that is internationally acceptable.</li> <li>• Invites the SC to note the report.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the document.</li> </ul>
<p><b>36. Bigleaf mahogany</b></p> <p><b>SC57 Doc. 36</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC55 adopted recommendations regarding the implementation of CITES for bigleaf mahogany (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>) in Peru, including, <i>inter alia</i>, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ starting in 2008, Peru should not establish export quotas based on leftovers from harvesting and exports of previous years; and</li> <li>■ Peru should ratify at the highest political level the Strategic Action Plan for Mahogany (PAEC).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Notes that PC17 included bigleaf mahogany in the Review of Significant Trade.</li> <li>• The Secretariat suggests that the SC maintain the existing recommendations until all of them are completed and, in addition, recommend that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Peru should freeze further exports under the 2008 quota for bigleaf mahogany until the PAEC has been adopted at the highest political level;</li> <li>■ Peru should follow the recommendations of the commission (an established multi-sectoral commission against illegal logging) on timber yield coefficients in establishing the 2009 export quota; and</li> <li>■ Peru should clarify whether it has any leftovers from years prior to 2007 and explain how it differentiates them (as well as the 2007 leftovers) from timber harvested in 2008. Peru should consider exhausting all of these leftovers by 31 December 2008.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Secretariat requests the endorsement of the SC to continue supervising the progress made by Peru in implementing the SC recommendations regarding mahogany and to report to SC58.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC commended Peru's efforts in implementing the recommendations adopted at SC55 and adopted additional recommendations developed by an in-session Working Group, that include, <i>inter alia</i>, recommendations that the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ welcome Peru's report that the PAEC had been adopted at the highest political level;</li> <li>■ suggest that all Parties exporting mahogany consider including information on the concessions or other management areas where the timber was harvested on their CITES permits;</li> <li>■ recommend that importers of mahogany from Peru should report regularly, to Peru and to the Secretariat, on their imports of mahogany; and</li> <li>■ recommend that the Secretariat continue to monitor Peru's progress in implementing CITES for mahogany and report to SC58.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>37. Ramin</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 37 (Rev. 1)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to concerns regarding illegal trade in ramin (<i>Gonystylus</i> spp.), the issue was included on the agendas of SC50-SC54.</li> <li>• SC54 requested that China, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and the United States provide written reports on ramin for SC57. Reports were received from China, Italy, Japan, Malaysia and the United States (Annexes 1 to 5); Malaysia also submitted a more comprehensive report (SC57 Inf. 4).</li> <li>• Recommends that, on the basis of these written reports, the SC decide whether any further action is necessary and whether this item still needs to be included in the agenda at future SC meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ agreed that this issue would remain on the agenda for future meetings;</li> <li>■ requested that exporting range States, including those that had not reported at SC57, submit written reports on trade in ramin to SC58;</li> <li>■ invited importing Parties to report on trade in ramin; and</li> <li>■ requested that the Secretariat consult with Parties regarding any information on illegal trade in ramin and report at SC58.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>38. Periodic Review of the Appendices</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 38</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared by the Chairs of the AC and PC.</li> <li>• RC 14.8, on <i>Periodic Review of the Appendices</i>, states that the AC and PC shall establish a schedule for the Periodic Review of the Appendices and identify a list of taxa they propose to review during the next two intersessional periods between the CoPs.</li> <li>• Provides the recommendations adopted by AC23 and PC17 regarding the Periodic Review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted the document.</li> </ul>
<b>39. Revision and publication of the CITES Appendices</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 39</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared by Japan.</li> <li>• Japan recommends that the SC explore a way to smooth and accelerate the revision of the Appendices after meetings of the CoP, especially when new standard nomenclature references are adopted.</li> <li>• Recommends that the SC request the Secretariat to report to SC58, after consultation with the AC and PC, on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ information which should be included in proposals to amend the standard nomenclature for species included in the Appendices; and</li> <li>■ obstacles to accelerate the publication of revised Appendices and options for the future.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC adopted the recommendations proposed by Japan.</li> </ul>
<b>40. Reports of regional representatives</b>  <b>SC57 Doc. 40.1 – 40.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports were submitted by each region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted both the written and oral reports.</li> </ul>
<b>41. Any other business</b>  <b>No document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SC noted a progress report from Mexico on the International Expert Workshop on CITES Non-Detriment Findings to be held in November 2008.</li> </ul>

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<b>42. Determination of the time and venue of the 58th meeting</b>  <b>No document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC reported that SC58 will take place in Geneva, Switzerland in the first week of July 2009.</li> </ul>
<b>43. Closing remarks</b>  <b>No document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair thanked the SC, observers, Secretariat, and staff for a successful meeting.</li> </ul>



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