

Decisions of the Conference of the Parties to CITES in effect after its 17th meeting

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The Decisions in this section are grouped by subject, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP17).

Every Decision that was adopted at CoP17 has a number starting with '17', e.g. Decision 17.1. Every Decision that was adopted at a previous meeting and remains valid is included here with its original number, e.g. Decision 14.69. If the Conference of the Parties amended a Decision at a meeting after the one at which it was adopted, the original number of that Decision is followed by the indication '(Rev. CoPXX)', where 'XX' represents the number of the meeting at which the amendment was adopted. For example, Decision 16.9 (Rev. CoP17) was adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 16th meeting and amended at its 17th meeting.

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Administrative and financial matters			
17.1	Rules of Procedure	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	With the support of the Secretariat, the Standing Committee shall review the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of the Parties, including, but not limited to, rules 4, 5, 9, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 32*; and propose amendments, as appropriate, at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with a view to ensuring the effective conduct of meetings. * <i>This refers to the rule numbers in Annex 2 of document CoP17 Doc. 4.1 (Rev. 1).</i>
17.2		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review its Rules of Procedure and align them as closely as possible with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties <i>mutatis mutandis</i> .
17.3		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Establishment of committees</i> contains provisions that are relevant for the Rules of Procedure of the Committees. In reviewing the Rules of Procedure, the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting, with input from the Animals and Plants Committees, shall identify possible inconsistencies and overlap and make such suggestions as appropriate to revise Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17), for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.4		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	Based on a proposal prepared by the Secretariat, the Animals and Plants Committees shall review their respective rules of procedure and align them as closely as possible with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties and the Standing Committee, taking into account the unique composition and role of the Scientific Committees.
17.5		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	The Animals and Plants Committees shall also identify possible inconsistencies and overlap between Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Establishment of committees</i> and their own Rules of Procedure and submit to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee any required revisions to the Resolution for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.6		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	In order to assist the review of the Standing Committee referred to in Decisions 17.2 and 17.3, the Secretariat shall prepare draft amendments for aligning the existing Rules of Procedure with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties in effect after its 17th meeting and recommend revisions, as appropriate, to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) to address possible inconsistencies and overlap between the Resolution and the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee, for consideration at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.7		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	In order to assist the review of the Animals and Plants Committees referred to in Decision 17.4 and 17.5, the Secretariat shall prepare draft amendments to the Rules of

			Procedure of the Animals and Plants Committees and recommend revisions, as appropriate, to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) to address possible inconsistencies and overlap between the Resolution and the Rules of Procedure of the Animals and Plants Committees for consideration at the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee and 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee respectively.
17.8		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall maintain and publish on the CITES website a list of active intersessional working groups, established by the Standing Committee, and the Animals and the Plants Committees, including Chairs and members of such groups.
17.9		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	The Animals and Plants Committee shall review their terms of reference as contained in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Establishment of Committees</i> in order to, as necessary: remove redundancies with other activities directed to the Committees by Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties; reflect current practice including provision of scientific advice upon request of Parties; and otherwise clarify the functions of the Committees in their role as science advisory bodies to the Conference of the Parties. The Animals and Plants Committees shall present any proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) arising from their review to the Standing Committee for inclusion into their proposed amendments, as appropriate, pursuant to Decision 17.3, and for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.
17.10	Access to funding	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are encouraged to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) continue their efforts to include their CITES priorities in their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) to enhance access to Global Environment Facility (GEF) funding; b) contribute to the development and implementation of GEF projects that may have components related to the implementation of CITES, by communicating with their national GEF counterparts and informing them of relevant CITES requirements and processes; and c) closely monitor the progress of the GEF Global Wildlife Program and its projects to enhance Parties ability to meet their obligations under CITES.
17.11		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) convey CITES priorities to the GEF for it to take them into account when developing the biodiversity strategy in GEF-7, consistent with the mandate of the GEF; b) provide inputs to the GEF Global Wildlife Program to ensure that GEF projects under the programme are, as far as possible, consistent with CITES Decisions and Resolutions and contribute to the enhanced implementation of the Convention; c) continue, in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat as well as with the GEF Secretariat, to enhance the biodiversity strategy in GEF-7 by strengthening the species-based component; and

			d) report on progress to the Standing Committee and Conference of the Parties as appropriate.
17.12		<i>Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities</i>	All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
17.13		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are invited to second staff to the CITES Secretariat and to note that the salary of seconded personnel shall be covered by the Party. Seconded personnel shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the CITES Secretariat.
17.14		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the World Bank and other relevant financial institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, shall organize a Wildlife Donor Roundtable with particular focus on the sustainable use of wild fauna and flora, to: a) share information on their existing funding programmes for the conservation of wildlife; b) understand the long-term financial needs of developing countries to implement the Convention; and c) explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife.
17.15		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report the progress made with regard to the implementation of Decision 17.14, and its findings and recommendations, to the Standing Committee, as necessary, and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.16		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the progress of implementation of Decisions 17.12 through 17.15 and make recommendations as necessary at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.17	Sponsored Delegates Project	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	With respect to the sponsored delegates project established in Resolution Conf. 17.3, the Standing Committee shall consider: a) The criteria used to select Parties for sponsorship; and b) The practical arrangements for the provision of support. If possible, it should provide guidance to the Secretariat at its 70th meeting, and it shall report its conclusions and any recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Strategic matters			
17.18	CITES Strategic Vision	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) establish a Strategic Plan Working Group, with representation from all regions and from the Animals and Plants Committees, to develop, with the assistance and cooperation of the Secretariat, a proposal for a strategic vision for the period after 2020 and any associated action plan and indicators to measure progress; b) through the working group, review progress in implementing the <i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020</i> against the adopted indicators, taking account of the <i>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i>, its Sustainable Development Goals and Targets, and of any emerging replacement for the <i>Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets</i>; and c) submit a proposal for a CITES strategic vision for the period after 2020 and any associated action plan and indicators, in time for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.19		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are requested to evaluate their efforts in relation to the implementation of the <i>CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2020</i> and the associated Action Plan and to submit the outcome thereof to the Standing Committee's Strategic Plan Working Group through their regional representatives on that working group.
17.20		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, in advance of the 18th Conference of the Parties, and subject to the availability of external funds, prepare an analysis, including, if possible, a regional breakdown, of progress towards the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020 based upon the reports of Parties under Article VIII paragraph 7 (a) and (b), and other information as appropriate.
17.21		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall publish the outcomes resulting from implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision and its indicators including through a graphic presentation on the CITES website.
17.22	Appendix-I listed species	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to available resources, the Secretariat shall contract International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) or other consultants, as appropriate, to make a rapid assessment of the conservation status of, and legal and illegal in trade in species included in Appendix I, with an indication of conservation priorities based on levels of threats caused by trade and resource availability to address these threats, for consideration by the Animals and Plants Committees, following consultation with range States. The Secretariat shall make recommendations to the Animals and Plants Committees on how the findings can contribute to the implementation of Aichi Target 12.

17.23		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall assist Parties in leveraging funding for the recovery of those species included in Appendix I which have the highest risk of extinction and for which no funding of conservation projects is known to exist.
17.24		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	The Animals Committee and the Plants Committees shall review the report and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat pursuant to Decision 17.22, and formulate recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the Parties and consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.
17.25		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are encouraged to seek support from governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other bodies to provide financial assistance for the recovery of species included in Appendix I that are facing the highest extinction risk and for which no projects or funding are currently available.
16.9 (Rev. CoP17)	Potential conflict of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall, at its 69th and 70th meeting and on the basis of a review from the Secretariat, assess the functioning of the conflict of interest policy set out in paragraph c) under Regarding representation in the Animals and Plants Committees of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Establishment of committees</i> , and make recommendations for refining the definition of conflict of interest, if appropriate, and for a mechanism to deal with such conflicts, having reference to such mechanisms developed in other multilateral environmental agreements or relevant international organizations and bodies, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
16.10 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall continue to compile examples of conflicts of interest procedures under other relevant agreements and organizations, and shall prepare a report for consideration at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.26	Youth engagement	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: a) review the reports of the Youth Forum for People and Wildlife and South Africa's Youth Conservation Programme and evaluate the recommendations put forward; b) provide a report to the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting that addresses the feasibility of implementing these recommendations and provides recommendations on how CITES Parties can increase youth engagement.
17.27		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat and its recommendations, and make any recommendations it deems appropriate to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.28	Rural communities	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall establish an intersessional working group to consider how to effectively engage rural communities in the CITES processes and to present its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee, for consideration at its 70th meeting.

17.29		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	In establishing the intersessional working group, which shall be comprised of Parties and representatives of rural communities, the Chair of the Standing Committee shall strive to achieve regional balance of Parties, with the number of members of rural communities not exceeding the number of Party delegates.
17.30		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall make recommendations on the engagement of rural communities in CITES processes to the 18th Conference of the Parties.
17.31	Capacity building	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are encouraged to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide financial and in-kind resources for capacity-building activities, particularly activities to achieve Goal 1 (Ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention) and Goal 3 (Contribute to significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss and to achieving relevant globally-agreed goals and targets by ensuring that CITES and other multilateral instruments and processes are coherent and mutually supportive) of the CITES Strategic Vision, as well capacity building activities required in the implementation of Resolutions and Decisions; b) use the CITES implementation reports, recommended to be introduced in 2018, to inform the Secretariat regularly about their capacity and needs; c) utilize the CITES Virtual College to support capacity-building activities and provide the Secretariat with inputs and financial support to update and improve its services, including translation of the contents into national languages.
17.32		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees and the Secretariat</i>	The Animals and Plants Committees shall establish a joint working group on capacity-building and identification materials to undertake the following tasks, in consultation with the Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide assistance to Parties in identifying CITES-listed taxa and in undertaking capacity-building activities that contribute to the enhanced implementation of the Convention; b) determine the current availability of capacity building materials, including identification guides and other tools, and enhance their accessibility; c) review selected capacity building and identification materials, and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions; d) undertake, or provide scientific guidance to the Secretariat's undertaking of the revision and development of selected capacity building and identification materials, including materials on the development, establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas; e) review the project proposal on Improvements to the CITES identification materials: Options to promote accuracy and availability of identification material to the Parties to CITES, drafted by UNEP-WCMC, as well as any other projects or programmes

			<p>identified by the Secretariat, and consider whether funding should be actively sought to support the activities;</p> <p>f) review Resolution Conf. 3.4 on <i>Technical Cooperation</i> and Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Identification Manual</i>, and make recommendations, including possible amendments to these Resolutions if appropriate, to promote accuracy and availability of capacity building and identification materials; and</p> <p>g) report on progress with these activities at the next meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees as well as at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.33		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	The Animals and Plants Committees shall inform the Standing Committee, as necessary, on the progress made in implementing Decision 17.32.
17.34		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding where needed:</p> <p>a) continue to develop and enhance the CITES website as well as the CITES Virtual College as an electronic means of providing capacity-building support to Parties, including the incorporation of the following information:</p> <p>i) a list of references to capacity building found in the current Resolutions and Decisions, as well as the relevant sections of the CITES implementation reports, so as to enhance the continued monitoring of capacity-building activities; and</p> <p>ii) a list of possible financial resources and mechanisms to support the implementation of CITES (such as the Global Environment Facility and the African Elephant Fund);</p> <p>b) within the scope of Goals 1 and 3 of the CITES Strategic Vision, provide targeted technical capacity-building support and deliver general and specialized training, to: CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, Customs and law enforcement entities, the judiciary, legislators and other stakeholders, particularly in new Parties, developing country Parties, Parties identified through the compliance mechanism and Small Island Developing States.</p> <p>c) in consultation and cooperation with the Animals and Plants Committees, undertake the revision and development of selected capacity building and identification materials, including materials related to the development, establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas;</p> <p>d) issue a Notification to the Parties inviting developing countries and countries with economies in transition to provide to the Secretariat precise information on their capacity-building needs, and report to the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting on the answers received; and</p> <p>e) further cooperate with institutions and organizations to provide Parties with joint capacity-building assistance of relevance to CITES, for example through the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (including each of its partners), the International Trade</p>

			Centre, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the International University of Andalusia, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
17.35		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall: a) monitor the implementation of activities related to capacity building found in the current Resolutions and Decisions through information provided by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 17.34 a) i); b) review the results of the survey initiated through the Notification to the Parties referred to in Decision 17.34 d), as well as information submitted in the relevant sections of the CITES implementation reports; c) review the work of the Animals and Plants Committees in the implementation of Decision 17.32, and provide guidance, as necessary; and d) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, on how capacity-building activities specified in Resolutions and Decisions may be consolidated, rationalized and made more coherent.
17.36	Livelihoods	<i>Directed to Parties and others</i>	Parties are invited to: a) promote the use of the CITES and livelihoods toolkit, guidelines and handbook to carry out rapid assessments of the impact of the implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities, the implementation of activities which mitigate any negative impacts; b) encourage the conduct of new case studies on how legal and sustainable trade can generate economic incentives for the conservation of wildlife and improvement of livelihoods of indigenous and local communities; and c) incorporate issues related to CITES and livelihoods into their national socio-economic and development plans, as well as in relevant projects being developed for external funding, including funding by the Global Environment Facility.
17.37		<i>Directed to Parties and others</i>	Developing country Parties are encouraged to communicate with their national Ministries of finance, development, or other relevant Ministries, to seek the provision of financial support to the work in Decisions 17.36.
17.38		<i>Directed to Parties and others</i>	Developed country Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and public and private donors/investors are encouraged to provide financial and in-kind resources in support of the work in Decision 17.36.
17.39		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall seek external funding from interested Parties, and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to support the work described in Decision 17.36.
17.40		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the Secretariat shall:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) facilitate the organization of workshops and side-events to showcase successful livelihood experiences and exchange lessons learnt, in collaboration with interested Parties and relevant international and regional organizations; b) continue to update the relevant section on the CITES website to publish experiences and case studies related to CITES and livelihoods submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations; c) cooperate with relevant UN agencies and programmes, international and regional organizations to establish ad hoc livelihoods funding and promote capacity-building activities that support Parties to implement the Convention as an important part of enabling livelihoods; and d) report at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the work above and other progress made with regard to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.6 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>CITES and livelihoods</i>.
17.41	Food security and livelihoods	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the proposed resolution contained in document CoP17 Doc.17 on Food security and livelihoods.
17.42		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall invite the proponents of the resolution, in an effort to develop a revised version for consideration by the Standing Committee.
17.43		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the work undertaken in Decisions 17.41 and 17.42, and make recommendations, as necessary, to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.44	Demand reduction	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties and technical and financial partners are encouraged to provide the financial and technical support necessary to promote and facilitate the implementation of demand-reduction strategies.
17.45		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties that are destinations for illegal wildlife trade are encouraged to implement demand-reduction strategies and to report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of this decision.
17.46		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties and partners that have implemented demand-reduction strategies and campaigns are encouraged to provide the Secretariat with relevant details on the measures implemented and lessons learnt before the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, so that these may be shared with other Parties.
17.47		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall assess the need for the development of CITES guidance on demand-reduction strategies and make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.
17.48		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) contract a consultant to:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) engage with Parties that reported against Decision 16.85 paragraph c) and any other Parties as may be appropriate to identify best practices and challenges experienced by these Parties in their development and implementation of long-term demand reduction strategies or programmes to combat trafficking in wildlife; and ii) conduct a review of existing demand-reduction studies and material, and the outcomes of demand-reduction workshops and other initiatives that have taken place in recent years; b) convene an expert workshop for Parties to review the consultants' report and agree practical steps to be taken, including recommendations for the Standing Committee to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting; c) support interested Parties in implementing demand-reduction strategies and provide necessary technical cooperation to those Parties on an ongoing basis; d) prepare a report on the basis of the findings made through the activities outlined in paragraphs a) to c) in this decision, together with recommendations, on how to further enhance the effectiveness of such strategies or programmes to reduce demand for illegal wildlife specimens; and e) report on progress on the implementation of the present Decision at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee.
17.49	World Wildlife Day	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) liaise with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums and other relevant organizations and associations, to seek their support in making the observance of World Wildlife Day a regular event for kindergartens, educational institutions, zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums, nature reserves, national parks and all wildlife-related facilities around the world. b) report at each meeting of the Standing Committee on the celebrations of each World Wildlife Day. c) inform the United Nations General Assembly about the celebration of World Wildlife Day, inter alia, elaborating on the evaluation of the day, as requested.
Cooperation with organizations and Multilateral Environmental Agreements			
17.50	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting Parties that are involved in the harvest of or trade in toothfish, <i>Dissostichus</i> spp., and that are not cooperating with the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), to submit to the Secretariat a report on their implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.4 on <i>Cooperation between CITES and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources regarding trade in toothfish</i>. The Secretariat shall forward to the Secretariat of CCAMLR any information received in response to the Notification.</p>

17.51		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall consult with the Secretariat of CCAMLR and with relevant organizations regarding the provisions of Resolution Conf. 12.4, in particular those concerning the exchange of information between CITES and CCAMLR, and present its recommendations, including any proposals to amend the Resolution, to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.
16.13 (Rev. CoP17)	Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parties should consider promoting actions to reinforce linkages between IPBES and CITES and to strengthen the science-policy interface at the national and international levels, including through the governing body of IPBES, as appropriate; and b) Parties are invited to provide inputs to the Secretariat in order to provide timely responses to IPBES in regard to CITES participation.
16.14 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall establish a working group on IPBES, including the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees and the Secretariat, to assist its efforts to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) there is a two-way relationship between CITES and IPBES in which CITES is a user or beneficiary of IPBES as well as a contributor to IPBES; b) communication between CITES and IPBES is effective; c) the work of IPBES takes into account the needs of national scientific and management authorities to foster the use of applied science for the implementation of CITES, including the making of non-detriment and legal acquisition findings, and related trade decisions; and d) CITES requests and input to intersessional and regular work undertaken by IPBES are provided in accordance with relevant timelines. <p>Any inputs to IPBES developed by the intersessional working group shall, with the endorsement of the Chair of the Standing Committee after consultation with the Committee, be conveyed to IPBES by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>The Standing Committee shall consider the need for drafting a resolution which specifically recognizes the relationship between CITES and IPBES.</p> <p>The Standing Committee shall report at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the results of this work.</p>
16.15 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	<p>The Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) assist the Standing Committee with the implementation of Decision 16.14 (Rev. CoP17); b) subject to external funds, participate as observers in the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) and thereby reinforce linkages between the MEP and the CITES scientific committees; and c) report regularly to the Standing Committee on their activities under paragraph a) above.

16.16 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) under the policy guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, and in cooperation with the Standing Committee's intersessional Working Group on IPBES, established pursuant to Decision 16.14 (Rev. CoP17), continue to track and contribute to the intersessional and regular work of IPBES bodies; b) subject to external funds, participate as an observer in the governing body of IPBES and thereby reinforce linkages between that body and the governing bodies of CITES; c) seek external funding to support attendance at IPBES meetings by the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees and the Secretariat; and d) report regularly to the Standing Committee, as well as at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the results of this work.
17.52	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>Parties are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make full use of the 'ICWC indicator framework for wildlife and forest crime' to measure and monitor the effectiveness of their own law-enforcement responses to wildlife and forest crime; b) draw upon the World Wildlife Crime Report developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) under the auspices of ICWC, rooted in the best data and case studies available, and backed by in-depth analysis, to inform their decision making and in support of the development appropriate law enforcement responses to wildlife crime; c) provide funding support to ICWC for the implementation of its Strategic Programme 2016-2020, to ensure that it continues to take a leading role in providing coordinated global support to the law-enforcement community; and d) provide continued external financial support to the Secretariat, to maintain the position of the ICWC Support Officer.
17.53		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall send the updated version of the report on CITES contribution to the implementation of GSPC 2011-2020 to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in order for it to be considered at CBD's 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13-CBD, Cancun, México; December 2016) as CITES contribution to the implementation of GSPC 2011-2020.</p>
17.54	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) publish and maintain updated on its website the summary of the Periodic Review proposals submitted to Conference of the Parties for amendments to Appendices I and II, taxa selected for Periodic Review of species included in App. I and II, and Review of Significant Trade in specimens of App. II species, including relevant updates derived from PC22 and CoP17; b) request the UNEP-WCMC (United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre) to include in its website an interactive version of

			<p>the online flora, currently available at https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/pc/22/E-PC22-07-02-Annex5-Rev2.xlsx, in such a way that CITES Parties can maintain it up to date, and thus have a clear idea on CITES contribution to the implementation of Target 1 of the GSPC.</p>
17.55	Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>Parties are encouraged to strengthen synergies among biodiversity multilateral environmental agreements at the national level by, among others, improving coordination and cooperation between national focal points and strengthening capacity-building activities.</p>
17.56		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall, with support of the Secretariat, explore options consistent with the CITES Strategic Vision to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies at all relevant levels between CITES and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, its Aichi Targets and a possible follow-up framework, as appropriate, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. This should involve the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, and, as appropriate, engagement with other relevant organisations and processes, including processes under the Rio Conventions. The Standing Committee shall report on the implementation of this Decision at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>

Interpretation and implementation matters			
Review of Resolutions and Decisions			
14.19 (Rev. CoP17)	Resolutions and Decisions	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee should review any proposals from the Secretariat to correct non-substantive errors or minor editorial faults in current Resolutions and Decisions 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 and Decisions with the necessary corrections.
17.57		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall: a) examine the terminology used in different Resolutions and Decisions when referring to "rural", "indigenous" or "local" communities, and b) make recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the need for harmonizing them across them.
Compliance and enforcement			
17.58	National laws for implementation of the Convention	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties whose legislation is in Category 2 or 3 under the National Legislation Project (NLP) are urged to submit to the Secretariat as soon as possible, and no later than by the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee, in one of the three working languages of the Convention, details of appropriate measures that have been adopted for the effective implementation of the Convention. Such Parties are called on to provide an update of their legislative progress by the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.59		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Such Parties are urged to submit to the Secretariat by 3 January 2017 (i.e. 90 days after the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties) a legislative timetable, to be agreed with the Secretariat, if they have not already done so. Such timetables should clearly set out the steps that the Party commits to take in order to adopt appropriate measures to implement the Convention; relevant actors; deadlines and outputs, based on the format provided by the Secretariat.
17.60		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties whose legislation is in Category 1 under the National Legislation Project are encouraged to review their national CITES-implementing legislation for areas where it may not fully satisfy the requirements of the Convention, in particular with regard to the possession of illegally traded specimens of CITES-listed species, and to adopt any necessary amendments. Those Parties are also encouraged to provide technical or financial assistance to one or more Parties whose legislation is in Category 2 or 3 under the National Legislation Project, either directly or through the Secretariat.
17.61		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	At its 69th meeting, the Standing Committee shall review the progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and submission of agreed timetables and take appropriate compliance measures with

			regard to Parties affected by Decision 17.58 that have failed to submit an appropriate legislative timetable in accordance with Decision 17.59. The Standing Committee shall identify Parties requiring attention as a priority, with the assistance of the Secretariat.
17.62		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	At its 70th meeting, the Standing Committee shall review the progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and shall take appropriate compliance measures with regard to Parties affected by Decision 17.58 that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention or failed to take steps to effectively implement their legislative timetable. For Parties that have acceded to the Convention since March 2008, the Standing Committee may decide to allow more time to adopt appropriate measures.
17.63		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	Such compliance measures may include a recommendation to suspend trade with Parties affected by Decision 17.58 that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention or failed to submit an appropriate timetable, or failed to effectively implement their legislative timetable, in particular Parties requiring attention as a priority. Any recommendation to suspend trade with the Party concerned shall take effect 60 days after it is agreed, unless the Party adopts appropriate measures before the expiry of the 60 days or submits an appropriate legislative timetable, to be agreed with the Secretariat or takes steps to effectively implement their legislative timetable.
17.64		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) compile and analyse the information submitted by Parties on measures adopted before the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18) to fulfil the requirements laid down in the text of the Convention and Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>National laws for implementation of the Convention</i>; b) review and agree to appropriate timetables, submitted by Parties, to the Secretariat and make such agreed timetables available for information to the Standing Committee; c) assist the Standing Committee in identifying countries with legislation in Category 2 or 3 requiring attention as a priority; d) subject to external funding, provide legal advice and assistance to Parties on the development of appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention, including legislative guidance for and training of CITES authorities, legislative drafters, policymakers, the judiciary, parliamentarians and other relevant government officials responsible for the formulation and adoption of CITES-related legislation; e) subject to external funding, cooperate, in the provision of legislative assistance, with the legal programmes of United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office

			<p>on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank and regional development banks, as well as regional organizations, such as the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, the Association of South East Asian Nations, the League of Arab States, the Organization of American States and the Pacific Regional Environment Programme;</p> <p>f) report at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee on Parties' progress in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and, if necessary, recommend the adoption of appropriate compliance measures, including as a last resort, recommendations to suspend trade in specimens of CITES-listed species; and</p> <p>g) report at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made with regard to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) and Decisions 17.58 through 17.64.</p>
17.65	Compliance matters	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are encouraged to provide to the Secretariat with: any examples and relevant information regarding methodologies, practical tools, legislative information, forensic expertise and other resources used to monitor compliance with the Convention and to verify the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported in accordance with Article III, paragraph 2(b), Article IV, paragraph 2(b), and Article V, paragraph 2(a) of the Convention (referred to as a 'legal acquisition finding').
17.66		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat:</p> <p>a) consider whether a Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) should be established to assist countries with difficulties in achieving compliance, including how such a CAP would be funded;</p> <p>b) consider further guidance for verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported;</p> <p>c) provide guidance on verifying the legal acquisition of founder stock of captive-bred CITES listed species to be exported; and</p> <p>d) make appropriate recommendations for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.67		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat, in collaboration with other relevant institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, shall:</p> <p>a) organize an international workshop on guiding principles, methodologies, practical tools, information, forensic expertise, compliance risk assessments and other legal resources needed by Management Authorities to verify the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported; and</p> <p>b) prepare and submit for consideration by the Standing Committee, a proposal for further guidance for verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species to be exported.</p>

17.68		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall assist the Standing Committee in the preparation of its findings and recommendations with regard to the implementation of Decision 17.66.
17.69		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report on the implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 on <i>CITES compliance procedures</i> to the Standing Committee and at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.70	National ivory action plans process	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties that have been implementing NIAPs at the request of the Standing Committee, should complete the implementation of any NIAP actions in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process.
17.71		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	New Parties identified in document CoP17 Doc. 57.6 (Rev. 1) (ETIS Report of TRAFFIC), shall, upon the conclusion of the Conference of Parties at its 17th meeting, collaborate with the Secretariat in regards of Step I of the NIAP process as defined in the Guidelines to the NIAP Process.
17.72		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	All Parties are invited to provide financial and/or technical assistance for the development and effective implementation of the NIAPs process.
17.73		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee is directed to: a) review the reports presented by Parties already in the NIAP process in accordance with the Guidelines and determine, on the basis of these reports, whether assistance is required by these countries or if any other measures are required to ensure timely and effective completion of the NIAPs; b) on the basis of recommendations by the Secretariat, determine in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process whether any Party should continue to participate in the NIAP process; c) report to the Conference of Parties at its 18th meeting on the implementation of these decisions as part of its report on the general implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i> .
17.74		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall upon the conclusion of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties consult with TRAFFIC in order to review current names of the categories used to group Parties identified in the ETIS Report of TRAFFIC and present its conclusions to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.75		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, upon the conclusion of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, commence the process of identifying new Parties to participate in the NIAP process in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process contained in Annex 3 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17).
17.76		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, upon the conclusion of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, commence the application of the Guidelines to the NIAP Process to Parties already participating in the NIAP process.

17.77		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall develop a template for NIAPs and progress reports in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process.
17.78		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall submit progress reports of Parties to the Standing Committee at each of its meetings.
17.79		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall make all NIAPs and progress reports publicly available on the CITES NIAP webpage.
17.80		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding: a) convene a meeting from representatives of Parties concerned with the development and implementation of National Ivory Action Plans, in cooperation with partner organizations in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and, as appropriate, other Parties, experts and donors, to: i) review the development and implementation of National Ivory Action Plans and, <i>inter alia</i> , exchange experiences and best practices; ii) identify opportunities including opportunities that promote long-term collaboration among enforcement authorities, for cross-border collaboration and regional cooperation, joint actions, and resource mobilisation; and iii) discuss shared challenges and technical assistance needs; b) report on the implementation of the present decision to the Standing Committee at its 69th or 70th meeting with recommendations, as appropriate.
17.81		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall liaise with ICCWC and its members to seek their cooperation for the development of the NIAPs and the monitoring of their implementation.
17.82		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall approach Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources to provide financial and/or technical assistance for the development and effective implementation of the NIAPs process.
17.83	Enforcement matters	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding: a) request ICCWC to develop guidelines that could be used to promote adequate integrity policies, and assist Parties to mitigate the risks of corruption in the trade chain as it relates to CITES-listed specimens; b) work with the World Bank and other ICCWC partner organizations to mobilize the “Wildlife crime and anti-money laundering” training programme developed under the auspices of ICCWC, to enhance capacity amongst law-enforcement agencies, prosecutors and judges, to detect and investigate illegal transactions and suspicious activities associated with wildlife crime, and to effectively prosecute and adjudicate money-laundering cases associated with wildlife crime; c) in consultation with identified laboratories, and in collaboration with ICCWC partner organizations and the ICCWC Wildlife Forensics Advisory Group, compile an electronic directory of laboratories that conduct wildlife forensic testing, that meet the minimum quality assurance standards and that, subject to available

			<p>resources, are able and willing to carry out wildlife forensic analyses upon request from other countries; and</p> <p>d) convene a Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species, consisting of representatives of Parties affected by illicit trafficking in such specimens, ICCWC partner organizations, other intergovernmental organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional enforcement networks, other Parties and experts. The Task Force should develop strategies to combat illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species, including measures to promote and further strengthen international cooperation.</p>
17.84		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report on the implementation of Decision 17.83 at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee.
17.85		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall:</p> <p>a) examine mechanisms to facilitate the efficient international movement of samples for forensic or enforcement purposes, for consideration by the 18th Conference of the Parties; and</p> <p>b) with support of the Secretariat, explore options to strengthen cooperation and collaboration between CITES and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the United Nations Convention against Corruption, including through their respective programmes of work and Secretariats, and report at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.86	Community awareness on wildlife trafficking	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall subject to external funding:</p> <p>a) contract a consultant to:</p> <p>i) engage with Parties that reported against Decision 16.85 paragraph c)* and any other Parties as may be appropriate to identify best practices and challenges experienced by these Parties in their implementation of strategies or programmes to enhance community awareness about the economic, social and environmental impacts of trafficking in wildlife, and to encourage the general public to report wildlife trafficking to appropriate authorities for further investigation;</p> <p>ii) conduct a review of existing strategies or programmes to enhance community awareness; and</p> <p>iii) prepare a report on the basis of the findings made through the activities outlined in paragraphs i) and ii) in this decision, together with recommendations, on how to further enhance the effectiveness of such strategies or programmes to enhance community awareness.</p> <p>b) report progress on the implementation of the present Decision at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>* <i>China, Greece, South Africa and Zimbabwe – document CoP17 Doc. 68</i></p>

17.87	Domestic markets for frequently illegally traded specimens	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat, subject to external funding and in consultation with relevant Parties, is requested to: a) contract independent consultant(s) to undertake a study of the domestic controls in consumer markets for specimens of CITES-listed species for which international trade is predominantly illegal; b) report the findings and recommendations of this study to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.88		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	At its 70th meeting, the Standing Committee is requested to review the findings and recommendations of the Secretariat's report in Decision 17.87 and make recommendations for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including appropriate revisions to existing resolutions, to strengthen domestic controls addressing illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed species for which international trade is predominantly illegal.
17.89	Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat, subject to external funding, is requested to: a) undertake a review of relevant CITES provisions, resolutions and decisions, including Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in readily recognizable parts and derivatives</i> , to examine how Parties have applied the interpretation of Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev. CoP16) to wildlife products produced from synthetic or cultured DNA, under what circumstances wildlife products produced from synthetic or cultured DNA meet the current interpretation, and whether any revisions should be considered, with a view to ensuring that such trade does not pose a threat to the survival of CITES-listed species; and b) report the findings and recommendations of this study to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee, the 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee, and the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.90		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	At the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee, the Animals and Plants Committees are requested to review the findings and recommendations of the Secretariat's report in Decision 17.89 and make recommendations for consideration at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, including appropriate revisions to existing resolutions.
17.91		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	At its 69th meeting, the Standing Committee is requested to review the findings and recommendations of the Secretariat's report in Decision 17.89 and the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees, and make recommendations for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including appropriate revisions to existing resolutions.
17.92	Combating wildlife cybercrime	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	All Parties should: a) provide the Secretariat with any changes or updates to domestic legislation that pertain to wildlife cybercrime as well as any other relevant domestic measures;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) provide the Secretariat any best practice models that pertain to regulation of online marketplaces and social media platforms, including enforcement protocols; and c) seek input from purveyors and owners of online marketplaces and social media platforms for the purpose of sharing any relevant information with the Secretariat.
17.93		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) subject to available resources and where appropriate, engage with relevant social media platforms, search engines and e-commerce platforms to address illegal international trade in CITES-listed species through these platforms, and raise awareness of the conservation plight of CITES-listed species affected by illegal trade; b) in its enforcement-support role, provide assistance and expertise regarding wildlife cybercrime enforcement operations and investigations; c) share on its e-portal any information received from Parties, the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), and other experts regarding domestic measures to address wildlife cybercrime and any relevant best practices, manuals, or guidance, including any information provided by Parties pursuant to Decision 17.92; d) engage with INTERPOL on efforts to combat wildlife crime linked to the Internet, and invite INTERPOL to consider establishing capacity, at the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in Singapore, to support the efforts of Parties to combat such crimes, and to develop guidelines for Parties on how to combat wildlife crime linked to the Internet more effectively; e) liaise with ICWC regarding best practices and model domestic measures for addressing illegal e-commerce and wildlife cybercrime; and f) report on its discussion with INTERPOL and ICWC at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee, and subsequently at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.94		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee, at its 69th meeting, shall form a workshop* on wildlife cybercrime that includes both producer and consumer countries and those with large internet companies, non-governmental organizations with expertise, lawyers, and other relevant experts.</p> <p><i>* As agreed by CoP17. The Secretariat believes that this meant to refer to a working group, not a workshop.</i></p>
17.95		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The workshop* shall work intersessionally, reporting to each Standing Committee meeting prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and preparing, if appropriate, a draft resolution for presentation to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p><i>* As agreed by CoP17. The Secretariat believes that this meant to refer to a working group, not a workshop.</i></p>

17.96		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the reports of the Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of Decision 17.93, paragraph f), as well as any other information presented to the Standing Committee and, if necessary, make recommendations for consideration by the Parties at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
15.57		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are urged to: a) submit information to the CITES Secretariat on best practices and on websites adhering to codes of conduct for posting on the CITES website; b) publish results of scientific research on correlations between use of the Internet and the rate of wildlife crime, and share these results with the CITES Secretariat; c) assess the extent of and trends in commerce of CITES-listed species via the Internet, and submit such information to the Secretariat for analysis; and d) submit information to the CITES Secretariat for analysis on any changes in trade routes and methods of shipment that have been observed as a result of increased use of the Internet to promote trade in wildlife.
17.97	Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, a) in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and with the support of ICCWC and relevant stakeholders, commission a threat assessment report on illegal wildlife trade in West and Central Africa, to identify and collate information regarding trade routes, techniques and trends relating to wildlife trafficking in the two sub-regions, including recommendations on priority measures necessary to address and significantly reduce wildlife crime in the two sub-regions; b) produce the report in the working languages of CITES and make it available to Parties; and c) assist Parties, upon request, with the implementation of the recommendations and priority measures identified in the threat assessment report.
17.98		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review findings and recommendations emanating from the implementation of Decision 17.97 and make recommendations for further action to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.99		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are urged to support the activities to be conducted in compliance with Decision 17.97 through the provision of information on legal and illegal trade, as may be requested.
17.100		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the priority enforcement recommendations identified in the threat assessment report commissioned in accordance with the provisions of Decision 17.97.

14.69		<i>Directed to the Parties, especially Appendix-I Asian big cat range States</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.
17.101	Captive-bred and ranched specimens	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to available resources, the Secretariat shall review ambiguities and inconsistencies in the application of Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5, Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev.) on <i>Specimens of animal species bred in captivity</i> , Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</i> , Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Regulation of trade in plants</i> , Resolution Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Registration of nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I plant species for export purposes</i> , Resolution Conf. 5.10 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Definition of 'primarily commercial purposes'</i> and Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> as it relates to the use of source codes R, F, D, A and C, including the underlying CITES policy assumptions and differing national interpretations that may have contributed to uneven application of these provisions, as well as the captive breeding issues presented in document SC66 Doc. 17 and legal acquisition issues, including founder stock, as presented in document SC66 Doc. 32.4, submit the review to Parties and stakeholders for comments through a notification, and submit its conclusions and recommendations along with the comments of Parties and stakeholders to the Standing Committee.
17.102		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, engage in a capacity-building project using materials prepared under Decisions 16.63 a) vii) and 15.52 a). This project should involve all regions and a variety of taxa. The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on the work undertaken under the present Decision.
17.103		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall provide its preliminary observations and recommendations regarding the first iteration of the Resolution Conf. 17.7 on <i>Review of trade in animals specimens reported as produced in captivity</i> , including opportunities for harmonisation with the process in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i> , and other opportunities to achieve the aims of the Resolution most effectively and cost efficiently, to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.104		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	Subject to available resources, the Animals Committee shall review the differences in the nature of non-detriment findings made for specimens with source code W, R and F and provide guidance for Parties, to be sent to the Secretariat for inclusion in the section for non-detriment findings on the CITES website referred to in Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Non-detriment findings</i> .
17.105		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	At its 30th meeting, the Animals Committee shall prepare a report of its observations and recommendations regarding the first iteration of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on <i>Review</i>

			<i>of trade in animals specimens reported as produced in captivity</i> , including opportunities for harmonisation with the process in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i> and other opportunities to achieve the aims of the Resolution most effectively and cost efficiently, taking into account the recommendations of the Secretariat arising from Decision 17.103, and transmit the report to the Standing Committee.
17.106		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the conclusions and recommendations of the Secretariat under Decision 17.101 and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.
17.107		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	At its 70th meeting, the Standing Committee shall prepare a report of its preliminary observations and recommendations regarding the first iteration of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on <i>Review of trade in animals specimens reported as produced in captivity</i> , including opportunities for harmonisation with the process in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i> , and other opportunities to achieve the aims of the Resolution most effectively and cost efficiently, and taking into consideration the report of the Animals Committee and the observations of the Secretariat. The Standing Committee will transmit its recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.108	Review of Significant Trade	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat, within six months of the adoption of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i> and building on the work done to date, shall develop, test and establish a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database as an essential tool for the effective implementation and transparency of the process.
17.109		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within six months of the adoption of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States.
17.110		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within nine months of the adoption of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), shall develop a comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade (including case studies as appropriate).
17.111		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	The Animals and Plants Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall explore potential benefits and disadvantages of country-wide significant trade reviews, drawing upon the lessons learned, outcomes and impacts of the country-wide Review of Significant Trade of Madagascar as relevant.
14.73 (Rev. CoP17)	Bushmeat	<i>Directed to the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group</i>	The Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group is encouraged to collaborate with the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in its work, and is invited to draw to the attention of the Conference of

			the Parties any matters relating to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.11 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Bushmeat</i> .
14.74 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group</i>	The Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group is encouraged to continue its work and report on progress made in implementing national action plans relating to the trade in bushmeat and other initiatives it takes regarding this subject.
17.112		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall invite the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group to report on its work concerning bushmeat to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.
17.113		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat shall in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW), the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), and other organizations as appropriate, develop guidance materials, activities and tools aimed at enhancing Parties' capacity to regulate bushmeat trade, and shall report on these efforts at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.114	Quotas for leopard hunting trophies	<i>Directed to Parties with quotas established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16)</i>	Parties, which have quotas, established under Resolution Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Quotas for leopard hunting trophies and skins for personal use</i> are requested to review these quotas, and consider whether these quotas are still set at levels which are non-detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild, and to share the outcomes of the review and the basis for the determination that the quota is not detrimental, with the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting.
17.115		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall consider the information submitted by the relevant range States under Decision 17.114 and any other relevant information, and, if necessary, make any recommendations to the range States and to the Standing Committee relating to the review.
17.116		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, support the reviews to be undertaken by range States, referred to in Decision 17.114, upon request by a range State.
17.117		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee should consider any recommendations of the Animals Committee made in accordance with Decision 17.115, and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.118	Disposal of confiscated specimens	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat is requested to: a) subject to the availability of external funding, develop a questionnaire to be distributed to Parties or gather information by other means, such as a workshop or oral interviews, which would review the use and usefulness of the guidelines contained in three annexes to the Resolution Conf. 17.8 on <i>Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species</i> for Parties in disposal of confiscated live animals and plants as well as evaluate current practice;

			<p>b) subject to the availability of external funding, conduct an analysis of available data on the disposal of confiscated live animals and plants collected through inter alia the biennial reports or other special reports; and</p> <p>c) submit this information to the Standing Committee for its consideration.</p>
17.119		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee should consider how and to which extent the content of the new, merged Resolution Conf. 17.8 should be adapted at its 69th meeting. It should also evaluate the results of the activities conducted by the Secretariat under Decision 17.118 and consider how to incorporate these results into the guidelines (included in the Annexes of Resolution Conf. 17.8). The Standing Committee should propose amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.8, including the annexes, accordingly, and report on its work to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.120	Reporting requirements	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall maintain a list of reporting requirements and continue to make the information available on the CITES website in a timely and easily accessible manner.
17.121		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall engage with appropriate bodies, such as, but not limited to, the United Nations Environment Programme- World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and/or the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), regarding the establishment of a sustainable global framework to store and manage illegal trade data collected through the Parties' annual illegal trade reports, including identifying the associated cost implications and how such costs could be met, and report to the Standing Committee with its findings and recommendations.
17.122		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the findings and recommendations of the Secretariat reported under Decision 17.121 and prepare its own findings and recommendations for the consideration of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.123		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall continue to collaborate with the secretariats of other conventions, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNESCO and other bodies in order to facilitate the harmonization of knowledge management and streamlining of reporting, including ways to reduce the burden of reporting on Parties.
17.124	Illegal trade in cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, and in consultation with relevant experts, commission the development of a CITES cheetah trade resource kit that compiles relevant information and tools to assist in implementing the Convention with regard to trade in cheetahs, and addresses inter alia: identification of live cheetahs and parts and derivatives thereof; advice on procedures to be followed in case of seizures including handling, DNA sampling, guidance on the immediate and long-term disposal of live animals (e.g. decision trees based on relevant CITES Resolutions, veterinary care, contact details of experts or potential rescue centres, advice on procedures,

			reporting on disposal activities); and lists of suitable housing facilities for long-term placement of live cheetahs; and other relevant materials.
17.125		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall submit a draft CITES cheetah trade resource kit, together with recommendations on the languages in which it should be made available, and the formats in which it should be made available (e.g. hard copy, smart phone application, web-based), to the Standing Committee at its 69th or 70th meeting for its consideration. The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, make the final version of the kit available in the languages and formats agreed by the Standing Committee, and subject to available resources, revise it as may be necessary to ensure that it remains accurate, up to date and reflecting best practice.
17.126		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat, subject to available resources, is invited to assess the feasibility of creating a forum on the CITES website for Parties, experts, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to exchange and share information on cheetahs.
17.127		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on progress on all of the recommendations in Standing Committee document SC66 Doc. 32.5, paragraphs 17 and 18, and progress in halting illegal trade in cheetahs.
17.128		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall keep the Standing Committee informed about its actions to implement Decisions 17.124 - 127 and report on their implementation and its efforts to halt illegal trade in cheetahs at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.129		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the draft CITES cheetah trade resource kit produced in compliance with Decision 17.125 at its 69th or 70th meeting, and formulate comments and recommendations to the Secretariat for its finalization and dissemination.
17.130		<i>Directed to Parties and donors</i>	Parties and potential donors are encouraged to provide funding support to the Secretariat for the implementation of the Decisions regarding Illegal trade in cheetahs (Decisions 17.124 - 130), where needed.
17.131	Illegal trade in Tibetan antelope (<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>)	<i>Directed to Parties concerned by the illegal trade in specimens of Tibetan antelope</i>	All Parties concerned by the illegal trade in specimens of Tibetan antelope are encouraged to draw upon the offer of support from the CITES Management Authority of Switzerland, in particular with regard to identification methods and exchange of information and knowledge about this topic.
17.132		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the results and outcomes of the workshop conducted by INTERPOL and Switzerland in July 2016 and make recommendations to the countries concerned by this trade based on that information.
17.133	Rhinoceroses (<i>Rhinocerotidae</i> spp.)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	All Parties should review their implementation of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</i> , and the strategies and proposed actions developed by the CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force

			contained in the Annex to Notification to the Parties No. 2014/006 of 23 January 2014, to achieve good implementation of the Resolution and the strategies and proposed actions, and to increase the effectiveness of the law-enforcement response to rhinoceros poaching and rhinoceros horn trafficking.
17.134		<i>Directed to all range States for rhinoceroses</i>	All rhinoceros range States should continuously review poaching and trafficking trends, to ensure that the measures they implement to prevent and combat rhinoceros poaching and rhinoceros horn trafficking remain effective and are quickly adapted to respond to any newly identified trends.
17.135		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall conduct a mission to Viet Nam to meet with enforcement and justice sector agencies to review arrests, seizures, prosecutions, convictions, and penalties for illegal possession and trade of rhinoceros horn, including offences detected at border points and domestic markets in Viet Nam.
17.136		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee on its mission to Viet Nam, particularly regarding the rate of successful and unsuccessful prosecutions, convictions and penalties, the reasons for those successes and failures, and any priority actions needed.
17.137		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall conduct a mission to meet with the Mozambique Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development, including the CITES Management Authority, as well as law enforcement and justice sector agencies that are mandated to enforce illegal wildlife trade and the implementation of CITES and related national legislation. This mission shall focus on implementation of Mozambique's National Ivory and Rhino Action Plan, in particular to assist Mozambique with the priority actions identified in the recommendations agreed at the 67th meeting of Standing Committee.
17.138		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee on its mission to Mozambique, paying particular attention to both the rate of successful or unsuccessful prosecutions, convictions and penalties, the reasons for these successes and failures and priority actions needed to address these, and to the status and security of Mozambique's stockpiles and the strength of its stockpile management system; that report should include any recommendations for the consideration of the Standing Committee.
17.139		<i>Directed to Mozambique and Viet Nam</i>	Mozambique and Viet Nam should implement the recommendations agreed by the Standing Committee at its 67th meeting and welcome the Secretariat missions called for in Decision 17.135 and Decision 17.137.
17.140		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall evaluate, at its 69th and 70th meetings, Parties' implementation of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) and measures to prevent and combat rhinoceroses poaching and trafficking in rhinoceros horn, taking into consideration the recommendations in CoP17 Doc.68 Annex 5 and, focusing

			particularly on countries identified for priority attention as presented in that report, make any recommendations as appropriate.
17.141		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall evaluate the reports submitted by Mozambique and Viet Nam, as called for in the recommendations agreed at its 67th meeting, and shall make additional recommendations as appropriate.
17.142		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall evaluate the report of the Secretariat on its missions to Mozambique and Viet Nam, and shall make any additional recommendations for further action and request additional reporting to its 70th meeting, as necessary.
17.143		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	Based on its assessment of progress by Mozambique and Viet Nam, both at its 69th and 70th meetings, the Standing Committee shall determine if Mozambique and Viet Nam have satisfactorily addressed all recommendations, or if further actions, up to and including compliance measures, are warranted.
17.144		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 18th Conference of Parties.
17.145	Totoaba (<i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i>)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties acknowledge that Mexico, the United States of America and China are committed to collaborating and contributing towards the conservation of totoaba, and urge other parties to join them in this effort.
17.146		<i>Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba</i>	Parties should intercept illegal shipments, and, as appropriate and to the extent possible, share information on such illegal catch and illegal trade, with the Secretariat, as well as CITES authorities of relevant Parties.
17.147		<i>Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba</i>	Parties should engage in awareness raising activities about the endangerment of totoaba and its grave implications for vaquita (<i>Phocoena sinus</i> , an endangered species threatened with extinction and listed under Appendix I), eliminate supply of and demand for totoaba, and increase law enforcement measures to prevent and address illegal fishing and trade.
17.148		<i>Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba</i>	Parties shall submit to the Secretariat information to be made available to the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee on the number and quantity of seizures of illegal totoaba products, arrests of those engaged in the illegal fishing and trade, results of any prosecutions, and actions taken to implement these decisions.
17.149		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to availability of external resources and in consultation with relevant organizations (i.e. the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, etc.) as well as the range State, the Secretariat shall commission a report, to be submitted to the Standing Committee, on the current status of totoaba and vaquita, and ongoing conservation efforts, information on illegal trade and markets, and recommendations to guarantee the recovery of totoaba and vaquita and combat illegal trade.

17.150		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall evaluate the data and information submitted by Parties at its 69th and 70th meetings and make recommendations for any additional actions.
17.151		<i>Directed to Parties and other relevant stakeholders</i>	Parties and other relevant stakeholders are urged to support efforts to stop illegal fishing, trafficking, and support activities benefitting the recovery of wild populations of totoaba.
Trade control and traceability			
17.152	Traceability	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall, at its 68th meeting, establish a working group on traceability, which will work in collaboration with the secretariat to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) recommend a working definition of 'traceability' to assist Parties in work related to the implementation of traceability systems; b) encourage Parties that are developing traceability systems to ensure they are complementary, mutually supportive and standardized, as appropriate, and that they are adapted to the unique conditions relating to trade in CITES-listed species; c) provide general guidance on a mechanism to coordinate and oversee the development of traceability systems using lessons learned from the development of the global CITES permits and certificates system, global information and traceability systems, and other relevant initiatives; d) subject to the availability of external resources, and as appropriate, develop and make use of umbrella guidelines, and recommend standards, to develop traceability systems for different species that are mutually supportive and that generate standardized data; e) subject to the availability of external resources, analyse examples that describe CITES supply chains, including but not limited to those using Unified Modelling Language, and identify points throughout the supply chain where specimens should be located, verified, and its application defined, bearing in mind a wide range of production systems and life forms; f) take into account the work on e-permitting to ensure links between CITES permits and certificates and traceability identifiers; g) collaborate with United Nations and other relevant organizations that have experience in the development and use of traceability standards and systems; and h) draft a resolution on traceability, as deemed necessary, to be submitted to the Standing Committee, taking into account any relevant conclusions and recommendations of the report resulting from Decision 17.154, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.153		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>Parties are invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) support the working group in its work on traceability;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) inform the working group on the development of projects and on new information related to traceability in response to the Notification issued by the Secretariat under Decision 17.154; c) adhere, as appropriate, to international standards and norms related to traceability systems in the development of these systems; d) use data generated from traceability systems, as appropriate, in activities related to non-detriment findings and monitoring programmes; and e) collaborate in the provision of capacity-building programmes that promote South-South and North-South cooperation in the development of traceability systems.
17.154		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall issue a Notification, requesting Parties to provide information on the development of projects related to traceability.
17.155		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) develop a portal on the CITES website on traceability, to make available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) recommendations by the working group on a definition of 'traceability', general traceability guidelines, and other relevant information; ii) information on new and ongoing projects, as well as existing systems, on traceability, including lessons learned; iii) information on global organizations working on traceability standards and systems; and iv) relevant documents, research papers and guidelines on traceability; and b) in collaboration with the Standing Committee working group established under Decision 17.152 and UN/CEFACT, commission a report by a global organization or expert with experience in the development of standards related to traceability, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) describe a possible governance model (or models) for use in CITES traceability systems; ii) describe the CITES supply chain using Unified Modelling Language or a similar tool; iii) identify and recommend appropriate information exchange protocols and standards for use in CITES traceability systems; iv) describe a generic CITES traceability standard for use as a common model; and v) report to the Standing Committee on the conclusions of the report.
17.156	Electronic systems and information technologies	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are encouraged to submit to the Secretariat information regarding their planned and ongoing projects related to the use of electronic systems and information technologies in improving the management of CITES trade, and regarding the lessons learned.

17.157		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall re-establish the Working Group on Electronic Systems and Information Technologies to work in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat to undertake the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to further collaborate with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre on their development of the Electronic Permit Information eXchange (EPIX) system as a conduit for the exchange of CITES permits and certificates, and as a central registry to facilitate validation of CITES permit data by CITES Management Authorities and Customs officials; b) identify where the progress in the EPIX system, and the subsequent facilitation of the reporting requirements of Parties, may potentially affect the provisions of Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>National reports</i> and the amendment of Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports distributed by the Secretariat. c) to work with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Trade Centre, the World Bank, the World Customs Organization, and the World Trade Organization in the context of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, and other relevant partners, to continue the development of joint projects that would facilitate Parties' access to electronic permitting services and their alignment to international trade standards and norms, such as the revision of the CITES e-permitting toolkit and the development of the eCITES module in ASYCUDA; d) to work with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) in the development of electronic trade documentation and learn from IPPC's efforts to develop electronic phytosanitary certificates; and e) to monitor and advise on Parties' work related to the development of traceability systems for specimens of CITES-listed species to facilitate their harmonization with CITES permits and certificates.
17.158		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) review the progress of implementation of Decision 17.157 and make recommendations as necessary, including any suggestions for the revision of Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP17) and the amendment of Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports distributed by the Secretariat, to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and b) review the information submitted by Parties under Decision 17.156, as well as the progress of implementation of Decision 17.157 and make recommendations as necessary, any suggestions for the revision of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> to ensure the Resolution allows for electronic border clearance processes that are consistent with and incorporate the requirements of Articles III, IV, V and VI into any e-permitting system, examining in particular the

			issues of presentation and validation, to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.159		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding: a) publish on the CITES website the results of planned and ongoing projects undertaken by Parties related to the use of electronic systems and information technologies in improving the management of CITES trade, and the lessons learned, as submitted by Parties; b) communicate with national lead ministries responsible for the development of Single Window environments, to raise awareness of CITES and to ascertain the availability of financial support to assist CITES Management Authorities to develop CITES e-permitting systems; and c) provide capacity-building and advisory services to support Parties interested in implementing electronic solutions for the management of CITES permits and certificates.
17.160		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	The Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the working group on capacity building and identification materials by providing to the Secretariat information on available capacity building materials, and identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspections officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.
17.161	Identification materials	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to the availability of funds, the Secretariat is directed to: a) continue compiling information on available identification and guidance materials, and make them available on the CITES Virtual College; b) support the development of databases and other means to make the identification materials available in a user-friendly manner; c) continue to explore means to improve and promote the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species, including the development of and identifying financial resources to fund projects or programmes, such as the project proposal on Improvements to the CITES identification materials: Options to promote accuracy and availability of identification material to the Parties to CITES, prepared by UNEP-WCMC, as well as the addition of functions and technologies to the Wiki Identification Manual on the CITES website.
17.162	Identification (ivory)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funds, prepare a revised and updated version of the <i>Identification Guide for Ivory and Ivory Substitutes</i> , taking into account modern forensic methods such as DNA analysis, for circulation to the Parties.
17.163		<i>Directed to Parties and donors</i>	Parties and donors are encouraged to provide voluntary funding to the Secretariat to finance the activity called for in Decision 17.162.
17.164	Identification (tiger skins)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) issue a Notification to the Parties, to request the tiger range States to inform the Secretariat whether they have photographic identification databases for tigers, and the capacity to identify tigers from photographs of tiger skins, and if so, the contacts of the relevant National focal points or agencies; and b) inform the Parties which tiger range states have photographic identification databases for tigers, and the capacity to identify tigers from photographs of tiger skins, and the contacts of the relevant National focal points or agencies; c) subject to external funding, contract a qualified expert or body to assess the feasibility of establishing, to aid enforcement efforts, a central repository of photographs of wild tigers and seized tiger skins. Such feasibility study shall examine the potential hosts, costs, data management and related issues of such a repository. All tiger range States must be fully consulted as stakeholders; d) report on the implementation of this Decision to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.165		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and present its recommendations at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.166		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are encouraged to expand or create and maintain scientific reference collections essential for the development of methodologies to identify CITES-listed tree species and distinguish them from look-alike species, in accordance with current best practices regarding collection, curation and facilitation of exchange of reference materials.
17.167	Identification (timber)	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	<p>With respect to CITES-listed tree species, the Plants Committee shall, at its 23rd and 24th meetings:</p> <p><u>Concerning standard nomenclature:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) prioritize taxa for the adoption of new or updated standard nomenclature references, in particular where nomenclature poses a barrier to identification of CITES-listed trees in trade; b) identify the research needs and resource requirements for the production of standard nomenclature references for priority taxa; <p><u>Concerning wood and other material as reference samples for identification purposes, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and building on information on existing initiatives previously made available to Parties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) determine, for all CITES-listed tree species, the locations and availability of existing reference samples or collections, and identify priorities in addressing gaps; b) encourage interested Parties to identify, collect and curate reference samples, and facilitate exchange to make them available, as appropriate, to research institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other authorities concerned;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) identify and compile information on best practices for the collection and curation of reference samples, identifying gaps where they exist; and d) consider how best to assist and strengthen capacities for forensic work on identification of CITES-listed tree species in trade.
17.168		<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee shall update the Standing Committee on progress made on the implementation of Decisions 17.166-167 at the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee; and will report its findings and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.
17.169		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and other relevant stakeholders, support the implementation of Decisions 17.166-168.
16.58 (Rev. CoP17)	Physical inspection of timber shipments	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>By the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) obtain information and materials from those Parties that have reported that they have developed tools and procedures for the identification and measurement of CITES-listed tree species, and the physical inspection of timber shipments; b) publish the information on the CITES website so that it can be accessed by CITES plant inspection and enforcement authorities; and c) incorporate this information into its capacity-building activities related to timber trade.
17.170	Stocks and stockpiles (specimens of CITES-listed species)	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat, review the existing provisions agreed by the Parties concerning controls on stocks of specimens of CITES-listed species. It shall consider their objectives and implementation, and the resource implications for Parties and the Secretariat, and shall report its conclusions and recommendations at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.171	Stocks and stockpiles (elephant ivory)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>Where appropriate, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with Parties and subject to external funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) develop practical guidance for the management of ivory stockpiles, including their disposal, based on an analysis of best practices and in accordance with provisions in Resolutions Conf. 17.8 on <i>Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species</i> and Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>; b) disseminate the guidance to the Parties and make it available on the CITES website; and c) report on the implementation of this Decision as part of its regular reporting to the Standing Committee on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17), prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

17.172		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall make recommendations for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.
14.54 (Rev. CoP17)	Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall re-establish an intersessional joint working group to review the use of purpose-of-transaction codes by Parties, with the following terms of reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the working group shall be composed of Parties from as many of the six CITES regions as possible, and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, with expertise in the issuance of CITES documents and use of purpose-of-transaction codes for evaluation within the permit issuance process and trade data analysis; b) the working group shall, communicating through electronic media, focus on clearly defining purpose-of-transaction codes to encourage their consistent use, and consider the possible elimination of current codes or the inclusion of new ones; c) in evaluating the use and definition of purpose-of-transaction codes, the working group shall take into account any difficulties of implementation by Parties and the potential resource implications of inclusion of any new codes or deletion of current purpose-of-transaction codes; and d) the working group shall submit a report and any recommendations for amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Permits and certificates</i>, or to any revision thereof, at the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee, which shall report, with its recommendations, at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.173	Simplified procedure for permits and certificates	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting Parties to report on their implementation of, and experiences with the simplified procedures to issue permits and certificates to facilitate and expedite trade that will have a negligible impact, or none, on the conservation of the species concerned, as agreed under Section XII of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> , and submit a compilation of this information and its recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.174		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the report and recommendations from the Secretariat provided in accordance with Decision 17.173 and make recommendations for consideration by the Parties, if deemed necessary.
16.156 (Rev. CoP17)	Definition of the term 'artificially propagated'	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee shall consider the current production systems of tree species, including mixed and monospecific plantations, and assess the applicability of the current definitions of artificial propagation in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Implementation of the Convention for timber species</i> and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Regulation of trade in plants</i> respectively, and report back at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

17.175		<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee shall review current production systems for artificial propagation and cultivation of non-tree-plant taxa listed in the Appendices and assess the applicability and utility of the current definitions of 'artificial propagation' and 'under controlled conditions' in Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17).
17.176		<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee, following the review under Decision 17.175, shall consider if Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) and other relevant Resolutions need to be revised, and as appropriate, propose such amendments for consideration to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.177		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee should consider the recommendations of the Plants Committee made in accordance with Decision 17.175 and 17.176, and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.178	Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to available resources, report to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee on the history and implementation of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i> , and Article III, paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b), regarding findings that recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix-I species are suitably equipped to house and care for them.
17.179		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall, at its 29th meeting: a) consider the report of the Secretariat regarding Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i> , and make recommendations and develop guidance, as appropriate, for consideration of the Standing Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; b) consider the report of the Secretariat regarding implementation of the requirements in Article III, paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b), regarding findings that recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix-I species are suitably equipped to house and care for them, and make recommendations and prepare guidance, as appropriate, for consideration of the Standing Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.180		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	At its 69th meeting, the Standing Committee shall: a) consider the report of the Secretariat, including any information from the Animals Committee, regarding Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i> , and make recommendations and develop guidance, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; b) consider the report of the Secretariat, including any information from the Animals Committee, regarding implementation of the requirements in Article III, paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b), regarding findings that recipients of living specimens of CITES

			Appendix-I species are suitably equipped to house and care for them and make recommendations and develop guidance, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
16.53	Non-detriment findings	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: a) invite Parties to submit their experiences and the results from workshops, projects or publications related to the making of non-detriment findings for inclusion in the CITES website; and b) ensure this information is available in other formats (e.g. CD-ROM) where appropriate.
16.48 (Rev. CoP17)	Introduction from the sea	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report at the 69th or 70th meetings of the Standing Committee on the implementation of the Convention by the Parties concerned in relation to the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Introduction from the sea</i> . To compile the aforementioned report, the Secretariat shall, where appropriate, approach relevant Parties bilaterally regarding their experience with the implementation of the above mentioned provisions. The report should focus in particular on the conditions under which non-detriment findings are made and permits and certificates are issued, as well as on the relationship between chartering States and States in which the vessel is registered, in performing those tasks. It should especially assess the capacity of chartering States and the States in which the vessels are registered to control compliance with the provisions of the CITES Convention. In that regard, the report should pay special attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Resolution pertaining to the legality of the acquisition and landing of the specimens concerned. The report shall also include any cases where Parties have been unable to take advantage of this provision, including in situations where at least one of the States involved is not party to a relevant Regional Fishery Management Organization/Arrangement (RFMO/A). Between now and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat shall further communicate with the Secretariat of the relevant RFMO/A and other relevant international organizations, in particular regarding the implementation of the relevant obligations resulting from these RFMO/As or other international organizations, and share information provided with Parties on a timely basis.
16.49 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties taking advantage of the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16) should provide in a timely manner all information that might be requested from them by the Secretariat in view of the establishment of its report on this issue at the 69th or 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.

16.50 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall assess the findings of the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Convention by the Parties concerned in relation to the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16). On the basis of this report and any other information available, the Standing Committee shall provide an assessment on the implementation of this provision and, where relevant, propose amendments to this provision at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
16.51 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	On the basis of the assessment of the Standing Committee and any other relevant information, the Parties should review at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties the provisions on chartering provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16).
17.181		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, on the results of the negotiations on the development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).

Species specific matters

<p>16.136 (Rev. CoP17)</p>	<p align="center">Sturgeons and paddlefish (Acipenseriformes spp.)</p>	<p align="center"><i>Directed to the Secretariat</i></p>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) subject to external funding and in consultation with the Animals Committee, organize a study to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) provide an overview of molecular, DNA-based and other forensic methods that could assist in identifying the species and populations of Acipenseriformes specimens in trade, determining the origin or age of specimens, and differentiating wild from captive-bred or aquacultured specimens; ii) review relevant developments in this area, including the availability and reliability of uniform identification systems; iii) evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods (including practicality, costs, time-efficiency, reliability, technical requirements, etc.); and iv) formulate relevant guidance for CITES Parties, enforcement agencies, the private sector and other stakeholders; b) ensure consultation with Parties that authorize trade in specimens of sturgeons and paddlefish, appropriate experts, institutions and organizations, and the private sector in the conduct of the study; c) make the results of the study available to the Animals Committee for its consideration; and d) disseminate the recommendations formulated by the Standing Committee pursuant to Decision 16.138 (Rev. CoP17) in a Notification to the Parties.
<p>16.137 (Rev. CoP17)</p>		<p align="center"><i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i></p>	<p>The Animals Committee shall assist the Secretariat in determining the specifications for the study referred to in Decision 16.136 (Rev. CoP17) and monitoring its conduct. It shall review the report of the study, and make recommendations as appropriate for consideration by the Standing Committee.</p>
<p>16.138 (Rev. CoP17)</p>		<p align="center"><i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i></p>	<p>The Standing Committee shall review the study undertaken in accordance with Decision 16.136 (Rev. CoP17) and the recommendations that the Animals Committee formulated in compliance with Decision 16.137 (Rev. CoP17), and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to Parties concerned or for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
<p>17.182</p>		<p align="center"><i>Directed to range States for Acipenseriformes</i></p>	<p>All Range States of Acipenseriformes are invited to submit data relating to the content of the table contained in Annex 3 of Resolution 12.7 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish</i> to the Secretariat to be considered at the next meeting of the Animals Committee.</p>

17.183		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall, based on the information submitted by range states, discuss the content of the table contained in Annex 3 of Resolution 12.7 (Rev. CoP17), including possible amendments, and report to the Standing Committee.
17.184		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall, based on the report of the Animals Committee, propose possible amendments to the table contained in Annex 3 of Resolution 12.7 (Rev. CoP17), as appropriate, to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.185		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall, in collaboration with the Animals Committee, discuss the issue of the definition of country of origin of caviar, taking into account the draft definition proposed by the majority of the Standing Committee Working Group on Sturgeons and Paddlefish, which reads: "country of origin of caviar: country in which a registered processing plant harvests roe of Acipenseriformes species to process caviar," and report to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.186	Eels (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) contract independent consultants to undertake a study compiling information on challenges and lessons learnt with regards to implementation of the Appendix II listing of European Eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>) and its effectiveness. This includes in particular the making of non-detriment findings, enforcement and identification challenges, as well as illegal trade. This study should notably take account of the data compiled and advice issued by the ICES/GFCM/EIFAAC Working Group Eel; b) contract independent consultants to undertake a study on non-CITES listed <i>Anguilla</i> species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) documenting trade levels and possible changes in trade patterns following the entry into force of the listing of the European Eel in CITES Appendix II in 2009; ii) compiling available data and information on the biology, population status, use and trade in each species, as well as identifying gaps in such data and information, based on the latest available data and taking account inter alia of the Red List assessments by the IUCN Anguillid Eel Specialist Group; and iii) providing recommendations for priority topics for technical workshops based on gaps and challenges identified under i)-ii); c) make the reports from the studies above available to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC29) for their consideration; and d) organize, where appropriate, international technical workshops, inviting cooperation with and participation by the relevant range States, trading countries, FAO, the IUCN Anguillid Eel Specialist Group, the ICES/GFCM/EIFAAC Working Group Eel, industry and other experts appointed by Parties as appropriate. Such workshops should in particular cover the topics identified by the reports described in subparagraphs a) and b) of this Decision and could focus on challenges specific to the various eel species, such as

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) in relation to European eel, the realization of and guidance available for non-detriment findings, as well as enforcement of the Appendix II listing including identification challenges; and ii) in relation to the other eel species, to enable a better understanding of the effects of international trade, including trade in their various life stages, and possible measures to ensure sustainable trade in such species ; e) make any workshop report available to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC30) for their consideration; and f) make available to the Standing Committee relevant information on illegal trade in European eels gathered from the study and the workshop report mentioned in paragraphs a) and e).
17.187		<i>Directed to range States and Parties involved in trade in Anguilla spp.</i>	<p>Range States and Parties involved in trade in <i>Anguilla</i> species, in collaboration with the Secretariat and FAO, are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) promote international or regional cooperation on a species-by-species basis, including the convening of regional meetings to discuss how to fill the information gaps and ensure long-term sustainability in the face of increasing demand from international trade; b) provide the Secretariat and their consultants with specific information needed for the purposes of completing Decision 17.186 a) and b) as well as the results of the regional meetings; and c) participate, where appropriate, in the technical workshops and share expertise and knowledge on the priority topics identified (examples provided under in Decision 17.186 d).
17.188		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	<p>The Animals Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) consider, at its 29th and 30th meetings, the reports produced under Decisions 17.186, as well as the information submitted by European Eel range States and other eel range States pursuant to Decision 17.187, and any other relevant information on conservation of and trade in <i>Anguilla</i> species; and b) provide recommendations to ensure the sustainable trade in <i>Anguilla</i> species, to Parties for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.189		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall consider information relating to illegal trade in European eel at its 69th and 70th meetings and adopt recommendations as appropriate.</p>
17.190	Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat, subject to external funding, is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) issue a notification that invites precious coral range States and relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organizations, on a voluntary basis, to complete a questionnaire/survey (Annex 2 of document CoP17 Com. I. 11) to report data on their precious coral resources (black, red, and pink coral species including species within the order Antipatharia, and family Coralliidae), especially current and

			<p>historical abundance, biological status, management, and any known harvest for domestic or international trade; and</p> <p>b) compile range States' and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations' data into a report for submission to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee for its consideration.</p>
17.191		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat, subject to external funding, is requested to collaborate with FAO to commission a study by species experts on CITES and non-CITES listed precious coral species (black, red, and pink coral species including species within the order Antipatharia, and family Coralliidae) including:</p> <p>a) consideration of any responses received to the Notification issued in response to Decision 17.190;</p> <p>b) compilation of available data and information on the biology, population status, use and trade in each species, as well as identification of gaps in such data and information;</p> <p>c) comparison of the management and harvest regulation schemes for black and red and pink coral species; and</p> <p>d) preparation of a report for consideration at the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee, on the conservation status and trade of precious corals, including guidance, if appropriate, on the actions needed to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of precious corals.</p>
17.192		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	<p>The Animals Committee is requested to:</p> <p>a) analyse the outcomes of the precious coral survey and the FAO study and prepare recommendations, as appropriate, on actions needed to enhance the conservation and sustainable harvest and use of all precious corals in international trade; and</p> <p>b) report these recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting.</p>
17.193		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee is requested to consider the information and recommendations of the Animals Committee, made in accordance with Decision 17.192, and make its own recommendations, as appropriate, for communication to the Parties or for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
16.157 (Rev. CoP17)	Agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.)	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	<p>The Plants Committee shall monitor the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on <i>Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa</i> to assess any potential conservation impacts to the long-term survival of agarwood-producing species and possible problems arising from the implementation, and shall report on these issues at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.194		<i>Directed to the Secretariat in collaboration with the Plants Committee</i>	<p>Range, transit, consumer, and producer Parties of agarwood products are invited to compile and publish identification manuals on agarwood products, taking into consideration the updated version of the Glossary provided in the Annex to document PC22 Doc.17.5.3, and any further updated version, if appropriate. They are</p>

			encouraged to distribute these identification manuals as training material to management and enforcement officials.
17.195		<i>Directed to range States for agarwood-producing taxa</i>	Subject to available funding, the range States shall generate and compile biological and ecological data as well as information on the harvest, trade and management of agarwood-producing species in the wild. Range states are requested to report this information at the regional agarwood workshop referred to in Decision 17.197, and agree on regional priorities to ensure the survival of populations of agarwood-producing species in the wild.
17.196		<i>Directed to range States for agarwood-producing taxa</i>	The range States are invited to develop policies to encourage the sustainable use of and trade in parts and derivatives of artificially propagated agarwood-producing trees.
17.197		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funding, the Secretariat, in cooperation with agarwood range States and the Plants Committee, shall organize a regional workshop to: continue the work of the Asian Regional Workshop on the Management of Wild and Planted Agarwood Taxa, hosted by the Government of India in Guwahati, Assam, India, from 19 to 23 January 2015 with an emphasis on how range States can cooperate to ensure the long-term survival of agarwood-producing species in the wild through agarwood plantation programmes that integrate forest recovery programmes; and strengthen the agarwood network for sharing information on planting stocks, management, technologies, harvest and trade.
17.198		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat will report to the Plants Committee meeting on the implementation of Decisions 17.194 and 17.197 prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES.
17.199		<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee will consider the report of the Secretariat submitted in accordance with Decision 17.198 and report accordingly to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.200		<i>Directed to consumer and trading Parties for agarwood-producing taxa</i>	Consumer and trading countries of agarwood are encouraged to contribute financially towards the in situ conservation of wild populations of agarwood-producing species in range States and foster cooperation between in situ conservation programmes and the fragrance industry for the promotion of the conservation and sustainable use of agarwood-producing species.
16.139 (Rev. CoP17)	Humphead wrasse (<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	To implement effectively the Appendix-II listing of the humphead wrasse, Parties should: a) use existing documents listed in paragraph 13 of document CoP16 Doc. 62 (Rev. 1) in their implementation of the Appendix-II listing of the humphead wrasse; and b) investigate reported violations of the Convention and of related national laws in relation to trade in the humphead wrasse, and take appropriate enforcement actions in accordance with their national legislation; and

			In addition, range States and importing Parties should strengthen bilateral and regional cooperation, including intelligence exchange and enforcement actions.
16.140 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to IUCN</i>	The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Groupers and Wrasses Specialist Group continue its support to Parties in achieving sustainable fishing of the humphead wrasse and in making non-detriment findings in compliance with CITES.
15.87 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall: a) review the actions taken by relevant Parties to implement the Appendix-II listing of the humphead wrasse; b) consider whether it is necessary to ask range States and importing States to provide further information on their actions taken to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention regarding trade in this species; c) develop, as appropriate, recommendations for improving the regulation of international trade in the humphead wrasse, and the enforcement of controls, to ensure the effectiveness of the Appendix-II listing of the species; and d) report its conclusions and recommendations for any appropriate follow-up actions at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.201		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funds, the Secretariat shall collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in undertaking an FAO project to support Indonesia in achieving sustainable management of, and trade in humphead wrasse, and shall cooperate with FAO to report on the progress and outcomes of this project to the Standing Committee.
17.202		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report on the implementation of the decisions on humphead wrasse (<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>) at the 69th or 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.
17.203	Malagasy ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.)	<i>Directed to source, transit and destinations Parties for Malagasy <i>Diospyros</i> spp. and <i>Dalbergia</i> spp.</i>	Source, transit and destination Parties for specimens of species of the genera <i>Dalbergia</i> and <i>Diospyros</i> occurring in Madagascar are urged to: a) enforce all the measures that are recommended by the CITES Standing Committee concerning commercial trade in specimens of these species from Madagascar, including suspensions of such trade; b) develop action plans to effectively manage timber stockpiles of <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. and <i>Diospyros</i> spp. from Madagascar; and c) provide written reports describing progress made with implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision to the Standing Committee.
17.204		<i>Directed to Madagascar</i>	Madagascar shall: a) continue to develop an inclusive process to identify the main commercially valuable species in these genera from Madagascar, in cooperation with transit and destination Parties, the CITES Secretariat and relevant partners, such as the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

			<p>and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with trade in timber of rosewood, ebonies and palisanders;</p> <p>b) for those species identified under paragraph a) establish, in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat, a precautionary export quota based upon a scientifically robust non-detriment finding;</p> <p>c) subject to the availability of funds, organize workshops in support of the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision, and to strengthen the national capacity to formulate non-detriment findings, and identify and agree on monitoring mechanisms that include appropriate technology (e.g. timber tracking);</p> <p>d) continue the production of identification materials for identifying timber and timber products of species of the genera <i>Dalbergia</i> and <i>Diospyros</i> from Madagascar;</p> <p>e) for those species identified under paragraph a), significantly strengthen control and enforcement measures against illegal logging and export at the national level including seizures, investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and sanctions;</p> <p>f) submit regular updates on audited inventories of at least a third of the stockpiles of species of <i>Dalbergia</i> and <i>Diospyros</i> from Madagascar, and a use plan for consideration, approval and further guidance from the Standing Committee; and</p> <p>g) provide written reports on progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) to d) of this Decision to each meeting of the Plants Committee; on progress with the implementation of paragraphs e) and f) of this Decision to the Standing Committee; and on progress with the implementation of this Decision to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.</p>
17.205		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>Parties and relevant partners indicated in Decision 17.204 a) are invited to:</p> <p>a) provide technical and financial assistance to support the implementation of Decisions 17.203 to 17.208;</p> <p>b) provide technical and financial assistance in support of conducting audited inventories of <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. and <i>Diospyros</i> spp. from Madagascar; and</p> <p>c) provide reports to the Standing Committee, including information received from relevant partner organizations, concerning progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision.</p>
17.206		<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	<p>The Plants Committee shall:</p> <p>a) review and assess reports from Madagascar on its implementation of Decisions 17.204 paragraphs a) to d), and from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 17.208, and provide recommendations to Madagascar and the Standing Committee and other bodies as appropriate;</p> <p>b) continue supporting the preparation of a standard reference for the names of species of the genera <i>Diospyros</i> and <i>Dalbergia</i> occurring in Madagascar, to be adopted, if appropriate, at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and</p> <p>c) assist Madagascar in the identification of technical resources in support of the implementation of Decisions 17.204 paragraphs a) to d), and if needed, make</p>

			recommendations to Madagascar, Standing Committee and other relevant organizations.
17.207		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review and assess reports from Madagascar on the implementation of Decision 17.204 paragraph e) and f), and from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 17.208, and make recommendations, which may include appropriate compliance measures and an assessment as to whether the conditions for a partial sale of audited stocks are in place, in accordance with the criteria established in Decision 17.204, paragraphs e) and f).
17.208		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) assist Madagascar, relevant Parties, and the Standing and Plants Committees in the implementation of Decisions 17.203 to 17.207; b) subject to available funding, assist with relevant capacity-building activities in Madagascar and transit and destination countries concerned by the trade in specimens of <i>Diospyros</i> spp. and <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. from Madagascar, including through international capacity building workshops; and c) provide written reports on progress with the implementation of this Decision to the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate.
17.209	Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties are encouraged to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) undertake broad national consultations with all stakeholders concerning the implementation of CITES provisions for trade in species of Elasmobranchii included in the CITES Appendices, including industries involved in the harvest, export or import of the listed species; and involve in relevant meetings, events and processes CITES officials and fisheries officials, and representatives of relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organisations/Bodies (RFMO/RFBs) wherever possible and where limited capacity on fisheries management exists in the CITES authorities; b) share experiences and examples of making non-detriment findings for trade in CITES-listed sharks and rays including, where appropriate, how artisanal fishing is taken into consideration, and communicate them to the Secretariat for publication on the CITES Sharks and Rays Portal (https://cites.org/prog/shark) in order to improve capacity and knowledge of national and regional harvest levels and management measures; c) strengthen the efforts of exporting Parties in developing non-detriment findings for sharks and rays by sharing good practise and providing financial and other assistance, and consider in this regard Germany's offer to support training workshops on the application of the Shark NDF Guidance developed by the German Scientific Authority and available on the CITES Sharks and Rays Portal (https://cites.org/prog/shark);

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) continue improving the collection of fisheries and trade data at the species level, especially with respect to CITES-listed species; e) share experiences with, and knowledge of, forensic means to efficiently, reliably and cost-effectively identify shark products in trade; and f) provide funding for a dedicated marine officer position in the CITES Secretariat, and consider seconding, or externally funding, additional staff members with expertise in fisheries and the sustainable management of aquatic resources to the Secretariat.
17.210		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make guidance materials available for the identification of CITES-listed sharks and rays, including fins and other products and derivatives, on the CITES Sharks and Rays Portal, and the sharing of genetic testing protocols and other forensic approaches; and b) remind Parties that CITES-listed Elasmobranchii occur in small scale fisheries and that NDFs will need to be made if the products of these fisheries enter international trade, and draw their attention in this regard to FAO's Voluntary Guidelines on Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (the SSF Guidelines), which offer principles and guidance for small-scale fisheries governance and development.
17.211		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) issue a notification, requesting Parties to provide new information on their shark and ray conservation and management activities, including legislation, and make the responses available to the Animals Committee for its consideration; and b) provide a summary of information in the CITES trade database on trade in CITES-listed sharks and rays since 2000 for consideration by the Animals Committee.
17.212		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>Recognizing the continued requests from Parties for assistance in implementing Appendix-II shark and ray listings, and the need for further capacity building activities in this regard, the Secretariat shall seek additional funding to address the capacity needs raised at regional implementation meetings (Casablanca, Dakar and Xiamen)* and identified in the course of the 2013-2016 EU-CITES project.</p> <p>* See Annex 1 of document AC28 Com. 9.</p>
17.213		<i>Directed to the Secretariat and FAO</i>	<p>The CITES and FAO Secretariats are invited to continue and expand their collaboration concerning the conservation of and trade in sharks and rays, in particular by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) exploring options for using the existing iSharkFin tool for the identification of dried and skinned shark fins; b) working with the World Customs Organization to expand customs codes for shark and ray species and product categories;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) making relevant studies and information relating to the conservation and management of CITES-listed shark species available on the CITES sharks and rays portal; d) maintaining and improving the database of measures on conservation and management of sharks, with the aim to provide a user-friendly overview of stricter domestic measures adopted by CITES Parties for CITES-listed shark and ray species, the species that are covered in this way, the dates of these measures, and links to the measures, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Legal protection for CITES-listed shark and ray species; ii) Zero quotas for CITES-listed shark and ray species; iii) Parties to CMS that have agreed to protect CMS Appendix I species; and iv) Members of RFMOs with measures that prohibit retention, landing, or trade of CITES-listed species; and e) continuing to support the development and application of guidance and capacity building tools for making NDFs, in particular for situations where data availability is low, the fishery is mostly artisanal, sharks are caught as bycatch, or where catches concern sharks that are part of shared stocks, and, upon request, supporting Parties with targeted advice to ensure compliance with Article IV for trade in CITES Appendix-II listed sharks and rays.
17.214		<i>Directed to Parties that are members of Regional Fisheries Organizations or Bodies</i>	<p>Parties that are also members of Regional Fisheries Organizations or Bodies (RFMOs/RFBs) are urged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) work through the respective mechanisms of these RFMOs/RFBs to develop and improve methods to avoid bycatch of sharks and rays, where retention, landing, and sale of these species is prohibited under RFMO requirements, and reduce their mortality, including by exploring gear selectivity and improved techniques for live release; b) encourage the RFMOs/RFBs to consider making CITES-listed species a priority for data collection, data collation and stock assessments among non-target species, and provide these data to their members; and c) cooperate regionally on research, stock assessments, data sharing and analysis to help Parties making legal acquisition findings and NDFs for shared stocks, and on training initiatives for CITES Authorities, fisheries staff and customs officers, in cooperation with the CITES and FAO Secretariats.
17.215		<i>Directed to Parties that are also Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and/or the Memorandum of Understanding on the</i>	<p>Parties that are also Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and/or the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks (CMS Sharks MoU) are urged to work through the mechanisms of CMS and the Sharks MoU to develop and improve methods for conservation of sharks and rays.</p>

		<i>Conservation of Migratory Sharks (CMS Sharks MoU)</i>	
17.216		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>On the basis of information provided by the Secretariat and the Animals Committee, the Standing Committee shall consider issues concerning the conservation and management of sharks and rays, and provide guidance as appropriate, pertaining to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) legislative matters that might arise in exporting, transit or consumer countries, and those relating to legality of acquisition and introduction from the sea; b) identification and traceability, taking into consideration requirements that have been developed for the trade in specimens of other Appendix-II species, and their applicability to specimens of CITES-listed sharks and rays in trade; c) conservation and management measures for sharks and rays taken by Regional Fisheries Management Organisations; and d) coherence of CITES provisions concerning sharks and rays with conservation and management measures of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements; <p>The Standing Committee shall report on the implementation of this decision, with recommendations as appropriate, at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.217	Asian elephants (<i>Elephas maximus</i>)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>All Parties involved in the trade in live Asian elephants are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) undertake, as necessary, investigations into the illegal trade in live Asian elephants, and endeavour to enforce, and where necessary improve, national laws concerning international trade in specimens of Asian elephants with the explicit intention of preventing the illegal trade in live Asian elephants; b) develop strategies to manage captive Asian elephant populations; c) ensure that trade in, and cross-border movements of live Asian elephants are conducted in compliance with CITES, including the provisions in Article III, paragraph 3, for Asian elephants of wild origin; d) collaborate in the development and application of a regional system for registering, marking and tracing live Asian elephants, requesting as necessary assistance from experts, specialized agencies or the Secretariat; and e) at the request of the Secretariat, provide information on the implementation of this Decision for reporting by the Secretariat to the Standing Committee.
17.218		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) upon request and pending the availability of external funding, assist the range States of Asian elephants in their implementation of Decision 17.217; and b) incorporate information provided by range States in accordance with Decision 17.217, paragraph e), together with other findings and recommendations concerning trade in live Asian elephants as appropriate, into its regular reporting to the Standing Committee on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>.

17.219		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>All Parties should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) immediately bring every seizure of illegal <i>Encephalartos</i> species specimens made within their territories to the attention of authorities in range States, countries of origin, transit and destination, as applicable, and to the attention of the Secretariat. Information on the seizure should be accompanied by available associated information to enable follow-up investigations to take place; b) notify the CITES Secretariat of seizures of specimens of <i>Encephalartos</i> species specimens for which the origin cannot be determined. Such a notification should include information describing the circumstances of the seizure; c) submit samples from specimens of <i>Encephalartos</i> species specimens confiscated and/or subject to criminal investigation, to designated forensic laboratories for DNA analysis on the basis of a standard protocol provided by South Africa; d) prior to issuing permits or certificates, including pre-Convention certificates, authorizing the import or re-export of specimens of <i>Encephalartos</i> species, consult with the country of origin, so that the true nature of the trade and source of specimens may be confirmed and monitored.
17.220	Bread palms (<i>Encephalartos</i> spp.)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) subject to external funding, develop, in conjunction with relevant institutions and experts, a manual containing guidelines on best practices, protocols and operational procedures that will promote the use of wildlife forensic technology as it relates to plant material; b) prepare a questionnaire to assist Parties in compiling information on legal and illegal trade in <i>Encephalartos</i> spp. specimens, drawing upon the template for species-specific reporting adopted by the Standing Committee, and make this questionnaire available to Parties through a Notification to the Parties; and c) drawing upon the reports received from Parties in response to the Notification to the Parties mentioned in Decision 17.219 paragraph a), prepare a report on legal and illegal trade in <i>Encephalartos</i> spp. specimens, including recommendations, for consideration by the Standing Committee.
17.221		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall at its 69th meeting, consider the report of the CITES Secretariat and determine further actions to be implemented by Parties in relation to the international trade in <i>Encephalartos</i> species.</p>
17.222	Hawksbill turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>) and other marine turtles (Cheloniidae and Dermochelyidae)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall collaborate with the Secretariat of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC), the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, in particular its Indian Ocean South East Asia Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding (IOSEA) and other relevant organizations and multilateral agreements with mandates relating to the regional and global conservation, management and sustainable use of marine turtles, to:</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) subject to external funding, undertake a study on the legal and illegal international trade in marine turtles, <i>inter alia</i> to research its status, scope and trends, conservation impacts and management options, and to identify areas where immediate mitigation efforts may be needed; b) encourage communication and coordination among CITES, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Ramsar Convention, Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) and the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW Protocol) and others agreements, as appropriate, to address relevant recommendations arising from the IAC study "Conservation Status of Hawksbill Turtles in the Wider Caribbean, Western Atlantic and Eastern Pacific Regions", published in 2014, and to ensure compatibility of activities, optimize resources and enhance synergies; and c) report on the implementation of the present decision to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, and to the Conference of the Parties at its the 18th meeting.
17.223		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the information and recommendations submitted by the Secretariat in compliance with Decision 17.222, and formulate its own recommendations as appropriate.
17.224		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	All Parties identified as being of concern in Decision 17.229 are invited to welcome a mission from the Secretariat to visit facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity.
17.225	Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)	<i>Directed to Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations</i>	Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical support to Parties requesting additional capacity and resources to implement Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species</i> effectively. Parties are also encouraged to implement the relevant recommendations from relevant international forums and tools, including but not limited to the Zero Poaching Symposium outcomes and Zero Poaching toolkit and the relevant Global Tiger Initiative/Global Tiger Forum processes addressing resources that are needed to combat poaching, trafficking and illegal trade.
17.226		<i>Directed to Parties with Asian big cat captive facilities</i>	<p>All Parties in whose territory there are facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity are requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) review national management practices and controls that are in place for such facilities, to ensure that these management practices and controls are adequate to prevent Asian big cat specimens from entering illegal trade from or through such facilities; b) ensure strict application of all management practices and controls implemented to regulate the activities of facilities that keep Asian big cats in captivity, including with regard to the disposal of specimens from Asian big cats that die in captivity; and

			c) report to the Secretariat on progress with regard to the implementation of this Decision.
17.227		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the report and recommendations of the Secretariat concerning the implementation of Decisions 17.226, 17.228, 17.229 and 17.230, and determine whether any further time-bound, country specific actions are necessary to ensure implementation of these Decisions.
17.228		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funds, the Secretariat shall, in consultation with range and consumer States, and in cooperation with partner organizations in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and, as appropriate, other experts and organizations, continue the review of implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP17) and associated Decisions and prepare a report in consideration of legislative and regulatory measures; national law enforcement; demand reduction, education and awareness; prevention of illegal trade in parts and derivatives from facilities for keeping Asian big cats in captivity; and management of national and privately-held stocks of parts and derivatives.
17.229		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall: a) conduct a review of the number of facilities keeping Asian big cats in captivity in the territories of Parties and the number of Asian big cats kept in these facilities; b) liaise with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and other partners, as appropriate, to review legal and illegal trade in Asian big cats from or through such facilities, identifying those which may be of concern; and c) undertake a mission to those Parties in whose territories there are facilities of concern with the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the operations and activities undertaken by them.
17.230		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall work with ICWC partner organizations, in particular INTERPOL, to further build upon the work already conducted through initiatives such as Operation PAWS II, by supporting key Parties affected by trafficking in Asian big cat specimens, to initiate, plan and carry out joint intelligence-driven national and transnational investigations, to disrupt and dismantle the criminal groups involved in trafficking in Asian big cat specimens.
17.231		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on progress with regard to the implementation of Decisions 17.226, 17.228, 17.229 and 17.230, and on the basis of the report, formulate recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.
17.232	Great apes (Hominidae spp.)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall collaborate with the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group, GRASP, and other experts, and subject to the availability of sufficient funding, finalize a report on the status of great apes and the relative impact of illegal trade and other pressures on their status, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

17.233		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the report prepared in accordance with Decision 17.232, and prepare recommendations for further action as may be needed, to be considered at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.234	Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee shall: a) review at its regular meetings between the 17th and 18th meetings of the Conference of the Parties, document CoP17 Doc. 62 (Rev. 1) on International Trade in Rosewood Timber Species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)] and the draft decisions in its Annex; and b) based on the proposals in this document, as well as experiences with trade in CITES-listed rosewood species, formulate recommendations concerning timber rosewood species for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.235		<i>Directed to range and consumer States for African wild dog (Lycaon pictus)</i>	Range States of African wild dog (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) are encouraged to take measures to prevent illegal trade in African wild dog, and to consider including the species in Appendix III.
17.236		<i>Directed to range and consumer States for African wild dog (Lycaon pictus)</i>	Parties are encouraged to share information about trade in the species, including levels and sources of species in trade with Burkina Faso, assisted by the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and in the context of the Joint CITES-CMS Work Programme.
17.237	African wild dog (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>)	<i>Directed to range States for African wild dog (Lycaon pictus) and interested organizations</i>	Range States are encouraged to collaborate and exchange best conservation practices regarding the preservation and restoration of African wild dog (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) populations, and are invited to cooperate with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other interested organizations in taking actions at the national and regional level, in particular with regard to: habitat conservation; the establishment of ecological corridors to address habitat fragmentation; the management of infectious diseases; the restoration of prey-basis; human-wildlife conflicts; and trade, including trade in captive bred specimens.
17.238		<i>Directed to range States for African wild dog (Lycaon pictus) and interested organizations</i>	Burkina Faso is invited to report to the Animals Committee on the implementation of Decisions 17.235 to 17.237 at the 29th or 30th Animals Committee meetings, as appropriate.
17.239	Pangolins (<i>Manis spp.</i>)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: a) liaise with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) partner agencies and regional enforcement networks, such as the Lusaka Agreement Task Force (LATF), the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' Wildlife Enforcement

			<p>Network (ASEAN-WEN), and other relevant enforcement networks to convey the concerns expressed in Resolution Conf. 17.10 about the illegal trade in pangolin specimens, including parts and derivatives, and to request them to take these into account when developing work programmes;</p> <p>b) subject to external funding, prepare in cooperation with relevant organizations, and in consultation with range and implicated States, at least two months before the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the national and global conservation status of African and Asian pangolin species; ii) available information about levels of legal and illegal trade; iii) relevant information on enforcement actions taken, including seizures, forensic analysis of seized specimens, arrests, prosecutions and judgments relating to illegal trade in pangolins as well as disposal of seized specimens; iv) stock-piles of specimens and derivatives of pangolins and stockpile management including existing registration systems; v) inventories of current captive pangolin populations, including breeding data and mortality rates, in zoos, rehabilitation centres and other captive facilities and new developments on captive-breeding activities; and vi) new developments regarding specific demand management, education and awareness-raising measures concerning pangolins.
17.240		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall distribute the report in draft to range and implicated States for any comments. The final report shall be made available to the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting. On the basis of the report and the comments received from the range and implicated States, the Secretariat shall formulate recommendations for consideration at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, as well as draft decisions for consideration by the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.</p>
16.153 (Rev. CoP17)	East African sandalwood (<i>Osyris lanceolata</i>)	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee and the Eastern African range States for <i>Osyris</i> species</i>	<p>The Plants Committee and Eastern African range States of <i>Osyris</i> species shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) review and gather further information on the conservation status of, trade in and use of <i>Osyris</i> species and look-alike species and, assess their impact in the conservation status of <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>; b) assess the data required to make non-detriment findings following the existing guidance; c) identify mechanisms to help build capacity to carry out non-detriment findings for currently-listed populations; d) report to the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee on the outcomes and recommendations of the workshop organized under Decision 16.154 (Rev. CoP17) b); and e) report on their work at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

16.154 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Secretariat shall assist in obtaining external funding for the implementation of Decision 16.153 (Rev. CoP17); and b) Subject to the availability of funding, the Secretariat shall organize a consultative meeting of <i>Osyris lanceolata</i> range States to bring together relevant representatives of CITES Management Authorities and Scientific Authorities to share and exchange data, information, intelligence and law enforcement measures, in combating illegal trade in the species.
17.241	African lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with African lion range States, the Convention on Migratory Species and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) investigate possible mechanisms to develop and support the implementation of joint lion conservation plans and strategies, taking into consideration existing lion conservation plans and strategies; b) develop an inventory of African lion populations across its range, taking due consideration of existing inventories developed by African lion range States; c) support the development of relevant databases by African lion range States; d) develop strategies to reinforce international cooperation on the management of lions; e) undertake studies on legal and illegal trade in lions, including lion bones and other parts and derivatives, to ascertain the origin and smuggling routes, in collaboration with TRAFFIC and/or other relevant organisations; f) undertake a comparative study of lion population trends and conservation and management practices, such as lion hunting, within and between countries, including the role, if any, of international trade; g) support capacity-building in lion conservation and management, including where appropriate the making of non-detriment findings where a range State requests it; h) support public awareness raising as well as education programmes in African lion range States, in order to support co-existence between humans and lions and to promote measures for the conservation and recovery of African lion populations; i) promote fundraising, as part of its overall fundraising initiatives, to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for African lion and for a CITES Task Force on African lions; j) create a portal on the CITES website to permit, amongst other things, the posting and sharing of information and voluntary guidance on the making of non-detriment findings for African lion; and k) report on the progress relating to paragraph a) – j) to the 29th and 30th Animals Committee meetings.
17.242		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	<p>The Animals Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and submit recommendations to the 69th and the 70th Standing Committee meetings and the African lion range States, as appropriate.</p>

17.243		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall, at its 69th and 70th meetings: a) consider the reports submitted by the Animals Committee in terms of Decision 17.242; b) recommend further actions to be taken; including the possible need for the development of a Resolution on the conservation of African lion; c) establish a CITES Task Force on African lions, inviting the participation of all African lion range States, consumer states for lion parts and derivatives, and relevant enforcement bodies, including the members of the ICCWC the Task Force; d) provide terms of reference and <i>modus operandi</i> for this Task Force; and e) consider the establishment of a multi-donor technical trust fund to attract funding and direct resources for the work of the CITES Task Force on African lions and to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for African lion.
17.244		<i>Directed to African lion range States</i>	African lion range States are encouraged to collaborate in implementing the decisions contained in Decisions 17.241 paragraphs a) - j) and 17.243 paragraph c).
17.245		<i>Directed to all Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities</i>	All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support the African lion range States and the Secretariat: a) in their efforts to conserve and restore this iconic species across the continent, taking into consideration existing land-use practices; and b) in implementing the decisions contained in Decision 17.241 paragraphs a) - j).
17.246		<i>Directed to range States of freshwater stingrays</i>	Range States of freshwater stingrays (family Potamotrygonidae) are encouraged to continue to exchange information on the conservation and management of, and trade in these species.
17.247	Freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae spp.)	<i>Directed to range States of freshwater stingrays</i>	Range States of freshwater stingrays (family Potamotrygonidae) are encouraged to include all species of concern*, as identified by the Animals Committee, in Appendix III, and consider options for including species in Appendix II. * <i>Species of priority concern as identified by the Animals Committee in the Annex to document AC28 Doc. 18:</i> - Paratrygon "aiereba" species complex (Amazon and Orinoco basins) - Potamotrygon leopoldi (Amazon basin) - Potamotrygon schroederi (Amazon and Orinoco basins) - Potamotrygon brachyuran (other catchment basins) - Potamotrygon "motoro" species complex (all catchments) <i>Note that the priority species identified include both undescribed species and clusters of species.</i>

17.248		<i>Directed to Parties and interested organizations</i>	Parties and interested organizations are encouraged to conduct or promote research concerning the captive breeding and sustainable use of freshwater stingrays (family Potamotrygonidae) at the global level, including the species involved, the numbers produced, the source of parental stock, and the international trade dynamics and market developments, and the collaboration between Parties with ex situ breeding operations for freshwater stingrays and those with in situ conservation programs.
17.249		<i>Directed to Parties, the Secretariat and interested organizations</i>	The Secretariat, subject to external funding, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations (including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and Parties are encouraged to support range States in the mathematical modelling of population trends for freshwater stingrays (family Potamotrygonidae) and the Secretariat shall report any such activities to the Animals Committee as appropriate.
17.250	African cherry (<i>Prunus africana</i>)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: a) organize, subject to available resources, an International Workshop on the sustainable use and the control of international trade in <i>Prunus africana</i> with the participation of all relevant Parties, including exporting and importing countries, forestry experts and stakeholders with a view to producing recommendations, among others, on methodologies to be used for inventories (including regarding the sampling design and the inventory data set), sustainable harvesting techniques, monitoring and traceability systems, and perspectives in terms of developing plantations or agroforestry systems as a possible complementary mean of producing bark of <i>Prunus africana</i> in a sustainable manner, as well as any other relevant issues; b) seek external funding, in particular from interested Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the International Tropical Timber Organization; in order to organize the International Workshop as called for under paragraph a); and c) report to the Plants Committee at its 24th meeting about the recommendations made by the International Workshop for consideration and advice to the range States of <i>Prunus africana</i> .
17.251		<i>Directed to exporting and importing Parties of African cherry (<i>Prunus africana</i>)</i>	Exporting and importing Parties of <i>Prunus africana</i> shall cooperate with the Secretariat in the organization of the International Workshop by providing expertise, among others, on methodologies to be used for inventories, sustainable harvesting techniques, monitoring and traceability systems, perspectives in terms of developing plantations or agroforestry systems and funding on a voluntary basis.
17.252		<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee shall: a) cooperate with the Secretariat with regard to the organization of the International Workshop;

			<p>b) review the recommendations from the International Workshop for consideration and advice to the range States of <i>Prunus africana</i>; and</p> <p>c) submit a report and provide recommendations to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, and report to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.253	African grey parrot (<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall seek funding to assist range States in the development and implementation of National Action Plans for the conservation of <i>Psittacus erithacus erithacus</i> and <i>P. erithacus timneh</i> .
17.254		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funding, the Secretariat, shall, in consultation with the range States, appoint relevant experts, to develop regional management plans for the conservation and management of <i>Psittacus erithacus erithacus</i> and <i>P. erithacus timneh</i> , in collaboration with the range States, relevant experts, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders; taking into account the national management plans.
17.255		<i>Directed to range States of Psittacus erithacus</i>	The range States of <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> should participate in the development and implementation of regional management plans for the conservation and management of <i>Psittacus erithacus erithacus</i> and <i>P. erithacus timneh</i> .
17.256		<i>Directed to range States of Psittacus erithacus</i>	<p>The range States should, with the support of the CITES Secretariat, relevant experts, relevant CITES Parties, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, develop National Action Plans, with timeframes, deliverables, and milestones, for the conservation of the species. The following key issues should be addressed:</p> <p>a) actions to undertake a scientifically based field survey to establish the population status of the species in the range States;</p> <p>b) the establishment and maintenance of information systems or databases relating to the populations;</p> <p>c) the development and implementation of relevant long-term monitoring systems to enable range States to monitor trends in the populations;</p> <p>d) the development and implementation of national management plans, where required. These plans should provide for regional cooperation, where appropriate;</p> <p>e) actions to implement law enforcement programmes to combat poaching and illegal trade (both national and international) and report on the results of the programmes in terms of enforcement efforts, seizures and prosecutions;</p> <p>f) the investigation of the possibility of establishing in situ captive-breeding facilities for the species, in collaboration with States with breeding facilities</p>
17.257		<i>Directed to Parties and the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat, CITES Parties, donors, relevant experts, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, are requested to support range States of <i>Psittacus erithacus erithacus</i> and <i>P. erithacus timneh</i> , as appropriate, to develop and implement National Action Plans for the conservation of the species.

17.258		<i>Directed to Parties and the Secretariat</i>	<p>Until the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in the evaluation of applications to register facilities breeding <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> for commercial purposes, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</i>, consideration should be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the recommendations of the Management Authority and Scientific Authority of the Party; b) national measures to regulate domestic trade in this species which may not previously have been required due to its former Appendix-II status; c) any compliance measures directed to the Party submitting the application to register the facility; and d) whether the Party has been included in the Review of Significant Trade concerning the species in the prior 10 years from the effective listing date.
17.259	Banggai cardinalfish (<i>Pterapogon kauderni</i>)	<i>Directed to Indonesia</i>	Indonesia should implement conservation and management measures to ensure the sustainability of international trade in <i>Pterapogon kauderni</i> , and report progress on these measures to the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting.
17.260		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall commission a study to assess the impact of international trade on the conservation status of <i>Pterapogon kauderni</i> and to advise on suitable conservation and management measures, as appropriate.
17.261		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall share the results of the study as referred to under Decision 17.260 with the Animals Committee at its 30th meeting.
17.262		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall, at its 30th meeting, review the progress report submitted by Indonesia as referred to under Decision 17.259, as well as the results of the study as referred to under Decision 17.260, and make its recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.263		<i>Directed to donor Parties and other relevant organizations</i>	Donor Parties and other relevant organizations, including FAO, are invited and encouraged to provide support to Indonesia and to the Secretariat for the purpose of implementing Decisions 17.260 to 17.262.
17.264	Helmeted hornbill (<i>Rhinoplax vigil</i>)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Range States and transit and consumer Parties should provide information to the Secretariat, about their implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.11 on <i>Conservation of and trade in helmeted hornbill</i> and collaborate with the Secretariat in its implementation of Decision 17.265.
17.265		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) consult the range States of the helmeted hornbill concerning their measures to conserve and protect this species, including relevant conservation actions, legal and regulatory measures, outreach and education activities, cross-border cooperation and actions to combat poaching and illegal trade;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) assist Parties to develop and implement measures, including legislative and enforcement measures and regional and sub-regional initiatives, to halt or reduce, and ultimately, eliminate illegal trade in helmeted hornbills; c) work closely with partners of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) to support the implementation of this Decision; and d) report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision.
17.266		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall review the implementation of Decision 17.265 on the basis of the Secretariat's reports and report at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of this Decision, with any recommendations for further action.
17.267	Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>)	<i>Directed to range States of saiga antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives</i>	<p>The range States of the saiga antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>) and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives, as identified by the Secretariat on the basis of CITES trade data, should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) fully implement the measures directed to them in the Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope (2016-2020) [MTIWP (2016-2020)], developed in support of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>) and its Saiga Action Plan; and b) provide information to the Secretariat on the measures and activities they undertook to implement the actions directed to them in the MTIWP (2016-2020).
17.268		<i>Directed to range States of saiga antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives</i>	Important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives are encouraged to carefully manage the trade in, and consumption of saiga products and derivatives, for example through promoting the use of alternative products with similar medicinal properties, engaging with traditional Asian medicine industries and consumers of saiga products, education and information campaigns, and developing labelling schemes.
17.269		<i>Directed to range States of saiga antelope (<i>Saiga spp.</i>) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives</i>	<p>Range States of <i>Saiga spp.</i> and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives are encouraged to address challenges in controlling illicit trade in saiga horns and derivatives thereof by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) supporting the development of tools to facilitate the identification, sourcing and determination of age of saiga horns; b) ensuring effective stockpile management; c) promoting training of, and cross-border collaboration amongst, enforcement agencies; and d) tackling new illegal trade channels such as those using social media.

17.270		<i>Directed to range States of saiga antelope (Saiga spp.) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives</i>	Range States of <i>Saiga</i> spp. and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives are encouraged to collaborate to enhance in situ and ex situ conservation of saiga antelopes, develop joint actions and programmes in support of saiga conservation and restoration, and leverage financial and other resources for undertaking these activities and supporting the implementation of Decisions 17.267 to 17.269.
17.271		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat should assist saiga range States and major trading and consumer States, upon request, in ensuring effective stockpile management and monitoring, including the development of inventories and improving stockpile security.
17.272		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Based on information submitted by range States and consumer and trading countries, and in collaboration with the CMS Secretariat, the CITES Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee regarding the implementation of Decisions 17.267 to 17.271.
17.273		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat, and make any recommendations it considers appropriate for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.274		<i>Directed to saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders</i>	Saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate in the conservation and restoration of the saiga antelope (<i>Saiga</i> spp.), and to support the implementation of the MTIWP (2016-2020) and Decisions 17.267 to 17.270.
17.275		<i>Directed to Southeast Asian Parties engaged in the snake trade</i>	Southeast Asian Parties engaged in the snake trade are recommended to: a) verify the origin of specimens traded between countries in the region; and b) ensure the appropriate use of source codes.
17.276	Snakes (Serpentes spp.)	<i>Directed to Benin, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia and Togo</i>	Benin, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia and Togo are encouraged to undertake the following actions: a) Honduras: to ensure that measures are in place to address poaching of, and illegal trade in, the Cayos Cochinos boa constrictor (<i>Boa constrictor imperator</i>); b) Benin: to implement the following measures for the Ball python (<i>Python regius</i>): i) design and implement a management programme for the species; ii) make non-detriment findings based on studies of the species, basic demographics, harvest and trade in the species; and

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) strengthen national regulations relating to trade control and monitoring, including stricter control policies for production systems. c) Benin, Ghana and Togo: to implement the following measures for the Calabar ground boa (<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) make non-detriment findings based on studies of the species, basic demographics, harvest and trade in the species; and ii) improve systems to monitor harvest, captive breeding, and trade in the species; d) Indonesia: to improve enforcement of existing laws and take into account the recommendations provided in the document to more effectively regulate the collection of and trade in the populations of the wild green tree python (<i>Morelia viridis</i>) and the Boelen's python (<i>Morelia boeleni</i>); and e) Benin, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia and Togo: to report to the Secretariat on the implementation of actions directed to them in this Decision, for transmission to, and review by the Animals Committee at one of its meetings between the 17th meeting and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and subsequent reporting by the Animals Committee to the Standing Committee.
17.277		Directed to Parties	<p>Parties are invited to consider undertaking the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) range States, importing countries, and other Parties to conduct more detailed assessments of those species indicated in Table 1 of document AC28 Doc. 14.3, for which available information suggests that international trade is “likely to be a threat” (four species) or “may be a threat” (29 species); b) range States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) to submit listing proposals for the four species categorized as “likely to be threatened by trade” and for the three species categorized as “may be threatened by trade” and have an IUCN status (CR, EN, VU), including: <i>Euprepiophis perlacea</i>, <i>Enhydris longicauda</i>, and <i>Cryptelytrops rubeus</i>; and ii) to consider including the remaining species categorized as “may be threatened by trade” in the Appendices; c) range States of <i>Popeia buniana</i> (Malaysia), <i>Popeia nebularis</i> (Malaysia), <i>Cryptelytrops kanburiensis</i> (Thailand and probably Myanmar) and <i>Orthriophis moellendorfi</i> (China and Viet Nam): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) to assess whether existing legislation, protected areas and current levels of trade are compatible with the conservation of these species in the wild; and ii) to evaluate the possible listing of these species under CITES (including Appendix III); d) Parties and range States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) to compile more information on the exploitation levels (i.e. direct harvest and as by-catch) of freshwater and marine aquatic snakes subject to high volumes of international trade, including all species of Elapidae (<i>Hydrophis</i> spp., <i>Kerilia</i>

			<p>spp., <i>Lapemis</i> spp., <i>Laticauda</i> spp., <i>Thalassophina</i> spp.) and Homalopsidae (<i>Enhydris</i> spp., <i>Erpeton</i> spp., <i>Homalopsis</i> spp.) indicated in Table 1 of document AC28 Doc. 14.3; and</p> <p>ii) to evaluate the possible listing of these species under CITES (including Appendix III);</p> <p>e) exporting countries and other Parties to put in place precautionary management measures, such as establishing closed areas or seasons, daily seasonal catch quotas, restricting the use of certain types of fishing gear or imposing size-limits, and improved domestic monitoring and reporting mechanisms for aquatic (freshwater and marine) snakes, including all Elapidae and Homalopsidae species indicated in Table 1 of document AC28 Doc. 14.3; and</p> <p>f) Parties to encourage research to improve the understanding of the ecology, biology and conservation of Asian snakes, inter alia through supporting relevant scientific institutions and promoting additional field studies.</p>
17.278		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>Parties should eliminate the important illegal and unreported trade in specimens, whether live or parts and derivatives, of CITES-listed snake species by:</p> <p>a) ensuring that CITES permits and certificates are properly issued for trade in these specimens;</p> <p>b) including information on trade in these specimens in their CITES annual reports;</p> <p>c) ensuring that their annual reports are following the most recent version of the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports, in compliance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>National reports</i>;</p> <p>d) examining their enforcement efforts regarding trade in these specimens to ensure that adequate steps are taken to deter and detect illegal and unreported trade;</p> <p>e) undertaking education and outreach activities directed towards snake farms, buyers and sellers of live snakes, parts and derivatives, product manufacturers, shippers, brokers and staff from government agencies involved in controlling and monitoring this trade to ensure that snake specimens are traded in compliance with national laws and CITES provisions; and</p> <p>f) in the case of Parties in Asia, reporting on their efforts in all of these areas to the Secretariat in time for its reporting at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.</p>
17.279		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	<p>The Animals Committee shall continue to review guidance on the making of non-detriment findings for the export of CITES-listed snakes, information from Benin, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia and Togo provided in accordance with Decision 17.276 and new information on the trade in, and sustainable use and conservation of snakes, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee as appropriate.</p>
17.280		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall:</p> <p>a) consider the reports and recommendations from the Animals Committee submitted in accordance with Decision 17.279 and any other relevant information;</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) make recommendation to the Parties, the Animals Committee and the Secretariat as appropriate; and c) report on the implementation of Decision 17.279 at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with recommendations for consideration by the Parties, including revisions to Resolution Conf. 17.12 on <i>Conservation, sustainable use of and trade in snakes</i>, if deemed necessary.
17.281		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall communicate bilaterally with relevant Asian Parties to invite them to report on the status of their implementation of Decision 17.278.
17.282		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall make any relevant information on trade, sustainable use and conservation of snakes available to Parties and the Animals Committee through the CITES website.
17.283		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall transmit the information provided by Benin, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia and Togo in accordance with Decision 17.278 to the Animals Committee for consideration at one of its meetings between the 17th meeting and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.284		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The CITES Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) compile information and develop guidance that can assist Parties in the making of non-detriment findings, management systems for wild populations and the establishment of export quotas for Appendix-II snake species in trade; b) conduct one or more interdisciplinary workshops for CITES authorities, and other relevant authorities and stakeholders, of range States of Asian snake species in international trade on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the use of guidance for monitoring and controlling captive-breeding operations and other production systems; and ii) the use of guidance for making non-detriment findings and establishing export quotas for Appendix-II snake species in trade; and c) report on the results of these activities to the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate, before the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.285	Queen conch (<i>Strombus gigas</i>)	<i>Directed to the range States of <i>Strombus gigas</i></i>	<p>The range States of <i>Strombus gigas</i> shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) following the endorsement of the Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan by all range States, collaborate to implement the Regional Plan, and develop national Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plans as appropriate; b) organize national level consultations to discuss the Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan, build awareness, increase buy-in of all stakeholders for implementing the measures, and contribute to future national, subregional and regional compliance;

			<p>c) continue to collect data on weight of <i>S. gigas</i> by processing grade in order to update and improve the agreed regional conversion factors, and develop additional national conversion factors, taking into account the spatial variability and characteristics of the species;</p> <p>d) continue to collaborate in exploring ways to enhance the traceability of specimens of <i>S. gigas</i> in international trade, including, but not limited to, catch certificates, labelling systems and the application of genetic techniques, and consider sharing relevant experiences with the Secretariat, Parties and the Standing Committee, as appropriate, in the context of discussions on traceability systems for trade in CITES-listed species;</p> <p>e) collaborate in developing and implementing joint research programmes at subregional or regional level to support the making of non-detriment findings, and promote relevant research and capacity building activities through regional fisheries management bodies;</p> <p>f) promote and collaborate in developing and implementing public education and awareness programmes regarding the conservation and sustainable use of <i>S.gigas</i>; and</p> <p>g) provide information to the Secretariat on the implementation of this decision to allow it to report at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with Decision 17.290 and, as appropriate, report to the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission on the implementation of the regional plan or national plans.</p>
17.286		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	On the basis of reporting by the Secretariat in compliance with Decision 17.290, the Standing Committee shall review enforcement and traceability issues concerning international trade in queen conch, and make recommendations as appropriate.
17.287		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	If requested by range States of <i>S. gigas</i> , the Animals Committee shall provide advice regarding the making of non-detriment findings for trade in <i>S. gigas</i> , research in support of sustainable queen conch fishery and trade, and other technical matters.
17.288		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall review the process for the setting of scientific quotas for queen conch, in particular where scientific quotas make up a large portion of the overall export quota.
17.289		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall, pending the availability of external funding,</p> <p>a) continue to collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Working Group on Queen Conch of the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council (CFMC), the Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola del Istmo Centroamericano (OSPESCA, Organization for the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector of the Central American Isthmus, the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) and the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), WECAFC and other relevant international and regional bodies to provide</p>

			<p>assistance to range States of <i>S. gigas</i> in order to enhance the capacity of their CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, fisheries authorities and other stakeholders to implement the Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management and Conservation Plan and apply the NDF guidance;</p> <p>b) monitor the development of traceability systems for queen conch; provide assistance, as appropriate, to FAO, the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM Working Group on Queen Conch and others in reviewing options for the development of an auditable "chain of custody" procedure; and report relevant developments to the Standing Committee; and</p> <p>c) continue to provide assistance to range States of <i>S. gigas</i> on relevant enforcement issues, and report new developments in this regard to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.</p>
17.290		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>On the basis of information provided in accordance with Decision 17.285 g), and in consultation with the range States of <i>S. gigas</i>, the CFMC/OSPESCA/WECAFC/CRFM Working Group on Queen Conch and FAO, the Secretariat shall report on the progress in the implementation of these Decisions at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.291	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall, subject to available funding:</p> <p>a) in collaboration with Parties requiring assistance, and relevant experts, provide or develop guidance to CITES Scientific and Management Authorities concerning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) techniques to survey and monitor wild populations of tortoises and freshwater turtles, to assess impacts of offtake, and to implement adaptive management programmes in the context of the making of non-detriment findings; and ii) the differentiation of specimens originating from the wild from those from captive or ranching production systems; <p>b) contract consultants to develop, in collaboration with relevant Parties, experts and ICCWC, a guide on categories of turtle parts and derivatives in trade, for national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement, to raise their awareness of the trade in these types of specimens, to enable initial recognition of such specimens, and to provide guidance on further identification resources and expertise that can be consulted; and</p> <p>c) in collaboration with ICCWC, relevant Parties and experts, establish a secure rapid-response identification network to connect inspecting officials to a network of verified specialists on species identification, with an initial pilot phase focusing on tortoises and freshwater turtles, that could be extended to other species, if appropriate.</p>
17.292		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall report at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Decision 17.291.</p>

17.293		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall review the guidance provided or developed in accordance with Decision 17.291, paragraphs a) and b), and make recommendations for consideration by the Secretariat.
17.294		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall engage the government of Madagascar and other relevant stakeholders to provide urgent assistance to combat illegal collection and trade in the Ploughshare tortoise (<i>Astrochelys yniphora</i>) or Angonoka.
17.295		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) with funding already provided, establish and convene a CITES Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles Task Force (Task Force) to operate, as described in Decision 17.296. The members of the Task Force could include the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network, the members of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime, Madagascar and those Parties in Asia that are most affected by the illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles and their parts and derivatives and other individuals who the Secretariat determines may contribute to the work of the Task Force; b) seek funding to support the work and additional meetings of the Task Force through the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; c) work to establish a secure electronic communications platform for the Task Force (i.e. the CENComm Environet of the World Customs Organization); d) transmit the findings and recommendations of the Task Force, under Decision 17.296 c), to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee for its consideration, and make its own recommendations as appropriate; and, e) transmit to the Standing Committee, for consideration at its 70th meeting, a progress report on the implementation of the Committee's recommendations by the Parties, as described in Decision 17.298 c).
17.296		<i>Directed to the Tortoise and Freshwater Turtles Task Force</i>	The Task Force shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) as it deems appropriate, exchange intelligence and other information on the illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater and terrestrial turtles; b) discuss enforcement and implementation issues related to the illegal trade in tortoises and freshwater and terrestrial turtles as outlined in document CoP17 Doc. 73 Annexes 1 – 4 and any other materials it deems relevant; and, c) deliver findings and recommendations, through the Secretariat, to the 69th meeting of Standing Committee to strengthen the enforcement and implementation of the Convention for these species by the Parties.
17.297		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	The Parties shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) take steps to strengthen implementation and enforcement of the Convention for tortoises and freshwater and terrestrial turtles, especially the recommendations of the Standing Committee under Decision 17.298 a) and b); and,

			b) report to 70th and 71st meetings of the Standing Committee, through the Secretariat, on steps taken to implement the Committee's recommendations, under Decision 17.298 a) and b).
17.298		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall: a) at its 69th meeting, consider the findings and recommendations of the Secretariat and the Task Force, under Decisions 17.295 d) and 17.296 c) and recommend actions by the Parties, as it deems appropriate, to strengthen enforcement and implementation of the Convention for these species; b) at its 70th and 71st meetings, evaluate the reports of the Parties under Decision 17.297 b) and determine whether additional recommendations or measures are needed, including appropriate compliance measures in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.3; and, c) report on actions and progress achieved by the Committee, Task Force and the Parties at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.299		<i>Directed to range States for the Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i>)</i>	Parties are encouraged to: a) use genetic analysis to confirm the subspecies of the specimen of <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> and its origin prior to the issuance of an export permit; b) establish, on a national or regional basis, repositories where relevant genetic identification data are stored and to make these accessible on-line; and c) report to the Animals Committee on exports of <i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i> and their origins.
17.300	Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i>)	<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall consider at its 30th meeting the information submitted by the Parties pursuant to Decision 17.299 to evaluate the effectiveness of the zero annual export quota for <i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i> from the wild for primarily commercial purposes, and if necessary make recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.301		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall, subject to available resources, cooperate with the Secretariats of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS), the Convention on Migratory Species, the Bern Convention, and the Bucharest Convention, in order to coordinate efforts and to avoid duplication regarding conservation of, and trade in <i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i> .
17.302	African tree species	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee shall form a working group on African tree species with the following terms of reference, as well as any other terms it deems appropriate: a) The working group will work primarily via electronic means; b) The working group will seek to facilitate the circulation and exchange of experiences among the range States, importing countries and other stakeholders on the sustainable use and management of CITES-listed African tree species;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) The working group will seek to identify gaps and weaknesses in the capacity of range States of African tree species to effectively implement CITES for these species; d) The working group will examine how the processes currently used by countries to develop annual export quotas compare with the processes recommended under CITES and develop recommendations for reconciling them; e) The working group will explore the conversion factors used for different commodities (e.g., logs, sawn wood, bark) and develop recommendations for improving such processes; f) The working group will seek to identify other African tree species that may benefit from inclusion in the CITES Appendices; g) The working group will bring any issues related to implementation and enforcement of CITES listings for African tree species to the attention of the Plants Committee; and h) The working group will report its findings and recommendations to the Plants Committee.
14.81	Great whales	<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	No periodic review of any great whale, including the fin whale, should occur while the moratorium by the International Whaling Commission is in place.
16.159 (Rev. CoP17)	Neotropical tree species	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	<p>The Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species shall work under the auspices of the Plants Committee.</p> <p>During its 23rd meeting, the Plants Committee shall define the membership and the terms of reference of the Working Group.</p> <p>The Working Group shall preferably work through electronic means in order to reduce costs and speed up information exchange and progress in the activities included in its terms of reference.</p> <p>The Working Group shall report on its progress at the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee. In turn, the Plants Committee shall prepare a report on work completed for submission at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>

Amendment and maintenance of the Appendices			
17.303	Appendix-III listings	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees, as appropriate, shall consider the development of guidance on the application of Appendix-III CITES listings. Considerations could include, e.g.: a) possible guidance for exporting and importing countries with respect to the effective implementation of Appendix III, including measures to address suspected illegal international trade in Appendix III-listed specimens; and b) possible guidance for range States on characteristics of species that may benefit from inclusion in Appendix III.
17.304		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Secretariat, as well as Parties, as appropriate, make recommendations, including possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Inclusion of species in Appendix III</i> , to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.305		<i>Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees</i>	The Animals and Plants Committees shall advise the Standing Committee Working Group, if requested by the Standing Committee or its working group, on subject-specific items, e.g. on characteristics of species for a possible listing of species in Appendix III CITES.
17.306	Nomenclature (Identification of CITES-listed corals in trade)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: a) seek, if possible, a time-specific version of (i) the WoRMS database, and (ii) the new Corals of the World website by John VERON (currently in preparation) that serves the needs of a CITES nomenclature reference, and b) report its progress to the Animals Committee.
17.307		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	The Parties shall undertake an internal assessment of the WoRMS database with regard to consistency with their own internal coral nomenclature databases, and report their findings to the Secretariat for communication to the Animals Committee.
17.308		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	The Animals Committee shall: a) consider the report of the Secretariat and the responses of the Parties and recommend a way forward to identify a standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed corals; and b) update its list of coral taxa for which identification to genus level is acceptable, but which should be identified to species level where feasible, once a new standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed coral species has been identified and provide the updated list to the Secretariat for dissemination.
17.309	Nomenclature (Use of time-specific versions of online databases as standard nomenclature references)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	The Secretariat shall: a) reach out to copyright-holders of relevant online-databases that might serve as standard nomenclature references and explore the possible use of time-specific versions for CITES services; for example, relevant databases include but are not

			<p>limited to WoRMS, Fish Base, ESCHMEYER& FRICKE's Catalog of Fishes, and Amphibian Species of the World; and</p> <p>b) report the results of its consultations to the Animals Committee.</p>
17.310		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	<p>The Animals Committee shall:</p> <p>a) evaluate the results of the Secretariat's consultation; and</p> <p>b) develop recommendations on the use of time-specific online-databases as standard nomenclature references for decision at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.311	Nomenclature (Bird family and order names)	<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <p>a) subject to the availability of funds, commission an analysis of the implications of adopting a new standard nomenclature reference for birds at the family and order level, taking into account the 3rd and 4th editions of The Howard & Moore complete checklist of the birds of the world, and the non-passerine and passerine volume of the HBW and BirdLife International illustrated checklist of the birds of the world as well as the Animals Committee discussion regarding a new nomenclature standard reference for birds at the genus and species levels; and</p> <p>b) report back the results to the Animals Committee.</p>
17.312		<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	<p>The Animals Committee shall:</p> <p>a) evaluate the results of the analysis; and</p> <p>b) develop a recommendation for decision by at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.313	Nomenclature [African lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>)]	<i>Directed to the Animals Committee</i>	<p>The Animals Committee shall review the taxonomy and standard nomenclature of <i>Panthera leo</i> and report its recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
17.314	Nomenclature (Cactaceae checklist)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>The Parties shall inform the Secretariat of their experiences of using the CITES Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition) and of any issues that may arise as they apply the list.</p>
17.315		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall liaise with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to obtain feedback on the utility of the CITES Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition) and any queries that arise as they update Species +.</p>
17.316		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	<p>The Secretariat shall inform the Plants Committee of this feedback and any comments it receives from Parties in order for the Plants Committee to review this at its regular meetings.</p>

17.317		<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	The Plants Committee shall review the feedback from UNEP-WCMC and information received from the Parties to report on this, and, as required, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.
16.162 (Rev. CoP17)	Annotations	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee, in cooperation with the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall re-establish the working group on annotations, in close collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees, recognizing that the Animals and Plants Committees are an important source of expertise and advice to Parties on such scientific and technical issues. The group shall include, but not be limited to, members from the Standing Committee, Animals Committee, Plants Committee, observer Parties, CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, enforcement authorities, including customs, and industry representatives. The Standing Committee shall particularly endeavour to ensure balanced representation of importing and exporting Parties. The terms of reference for the working group shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to further consider procedures for crafting annotations and develop recommendations for improving them; b) to evaluate and address issues related to the drafting, interpretation and implementation of annotations, and assist Parties in drafting future annotations, drawing on appropriate expertise from within and outside its membership; c) to conduct any relevant additional work on evaluating the existing annotations for plant taxa listed in Appendices II and III, with an emphasis on ensuring that such annotations are clear as to the types of specimens to be covered by a listing, can be readily implemented, and focus on those parts and derivatives primarily exported from the range States and those commodities that dominate the trade in and demand for the wild resource; d) based on the results of the timber trade study directed to the Secretariat in Decision 15.35 (Rev. CoP16), to review the existing annotations for tree species and, if appropriate, draft amendments to those annotations and prepare clear definitions for the terms used in the annotations in order to facilitate their use and understanding by CITES authorities, enforcement officers, exporters and importers; e) in close collaboration with ongoing efforts in the Plants Committee, to continue reviewing the appropriateness and practical implementation of the annotation(s) of the agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.), taking into consideration the previous work done by the range and consumer States of these species; f) to review outstanding implementation challenges resulting from the listings of <i>Aniba rosaeodora</i> and <i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i> in the Appendices, particularly concerning trade in extracts, and propose appropriate solutions; g) to draft definitions of terms included in annotations, in cases where the terms are not easily understood or where there has been difficulty in implementing the listing as a result of confusion about what commodities are covered, and submit them to

			<p>the Standing Committee for adoption by the Conference of the Parties and subsequent inclusion in the Interpretation section of the Appendices;</p> <p>h) to conduct any work related to annotations directed to it by the Conference of the Parties, the Standing, Animals or Plants Committee; and</p> <p>i) to prepare reports on progress made in addressing the issues tasked to it and submit them for consideration at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>The Standing Committee shall report to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of this Decision, propose amendments to Resolutions and Decisions as necessary, and request the Depositary Government to make any proposals to amend the Appendices as appropriate.</p>
16.163 (Rev. CoP17)		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>At its 18th meeting, the Conference of the Parties shall review the report submitted by the Standing Committee on the outcomes of the work undertaken by its working group on annotations called for in Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP17) and evaluate the need for continuing such a working group.</p>
17.318	Annotations for Appendix II orchids	<i>Directed to the Plants Committee</i>	<p>The Plants Committee shall:</p> <p>a) re-establish a working group on Annotations for Appendix II Orchids. The working group shall be chaired by a member of the Plants Committee and work on the basis of the following terms of reference :</p> <p>i) The working group shall develop a questionnaire taking into consideration previous discussions and work on this topic, to seek information on the trade in orchid parts and derivatives (wild and artificially propagated) in consideration of the potential conservation impact of exempting orchid products from CITES controls.</p> <p>A) The questionnaire should invite Parties to provide available information on: the trade in orchid products from source to final product, including the identification of the major industry sectors involved in the trade; how NDFs are made; traceability along the trade chain; and trade reporting. It should also request information on orchid parts and derivatives used in products, sectors involved (cosmetics, nutritional supplements, traditional medicine, foodstuffs – in particular flours -etc.), and conservation concerns for wild populations.</p> <p>B) The questionnaire should be transmitted to the Parties via a Notification and should emphasize the importance of responses from range States, with a sufficient deadline for responding.</p> <p>ii) Subject to the availability of funding, the working group may also consider actions to enable a full analysis of the potential conservation impact of orchid exemptions. These may include developing case studies on key orchid species identified in trade as finished products, including the 39 species identified in the Annex of document PC22 Doc. 22.1, as well as the two cases</p>

			<p>of orchid foodstuffs outlined in PC22 Inf. 6, workshop(s), or a study on trade data sources.</p> <p>iii) Based on the information obtained from Parties in their responses to the questionnaire, as well as other information from the potential actions identified above, and other appropriate sources, the working group shall analyse the risks of trade in orchid products to conservation and provide its conclusions about such risks. Based on the findings and the analyses, the working group shall review the current annotation for Appendix II-listed orchids, and suggest such amendments as it considers appropriate, if any.</p> <p>iv) The working group shall also consider and highlight the knowledge gaps of the orchid species in trade, i.e., consider identification, nomenclature and distributional information gaps where these are found to exist, and highlight these to the wider orchid research community and traders during trade events and forthcoming international meetings and workshops.</p> <p>v) The working group will conduct its work via electronic means.</p> <p>vi) The working group will report its findings to the Plants Committee;</p> <p>b) consider the results of the working group; and</p> <p>c) report its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee for its consideration.</p>
17.319		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall consider the findings and recommendations of the Plants Committee together with the results of its working group on annotations, and provide the results of the work and its recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
16.160 (Rev. CoP17)	Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall establish a working group to review Resolution Conf. 10.9 on <i>Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II</i> as appropriate. The working group could consider, inter alia, issues such as the scope of the Resolution; its relationship with Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i> ; and whether or how a more efficient and cost-effective mechanism to review elephant listing proposals could be developed. The Standing Committee will report its proposals at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The working group shall work in collaboration and consultation with all African elephant range States. To the extent possible, the working group will operate in English and French.