



SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE CITES ANIMALS COMMITTEE

19-23 June 2023; Geneva, Switzerland

All meeting documents prepared by the CITES Secretariat unless otherwise indicated.
SC=Standing Committee AC=Animals Committee PC=Plants Committee RC=Resolution Conf. CoP=Conference of the Parties
▶▶ Indicates joint AC/PC document

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1. Confirmation of the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
2. Declaration of conflict of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
3. Rules of Procedure (RoP) AC32 Doc. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides RoP as amended at AC30. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
4. Agenda AC32 Doc. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the agenda for the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
5. Working programme AC32 Doc. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the working programme of the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
6. Admission of observers AC32 Doc. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not available at the time this document was prepared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
▶▶ 7. Emerging operational matters of the committees PC26 Doc. 7 / AC32 Doc. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides Secretariat's recommendations if intersessional work and meetings are affected by emerging operational issues and circumstances warrant online or hybrid meetings. Provides a risk matrix for convening meetings, non-fee cancellation deadlines for hosting future meetings of AC/PC/SC (Annex 1); and <i>Guidance on the application of the RoP of online or hybrid AC/PC meetings</i> (Annex 2) that would preclude the need to amend the AC/PC RoP. Recommends guiding principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online / hybrid options would be considered only when quorum as defined in the AC/PC RoPs might not be reached; and AC/PC representatives serve as individuals; SC representatives are Parties and can be represented by embassy or permanent mission staff. Identifies two exceptional circumstances that would prevent establishment of a quorum: circumstances of a global level (e.g. COVID19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN acknowledges the immense carbon footprint of in-person meetings and the impact of climate change on wild animals, including CITES-listed species, and their habitats. SSN urges AC/PC to adopt measures that ensure maximum openness, transparency and inclusiveness; use of technology, when necessary, must not limit participation and transparent decision-making. Regarding intersessional decision-making, the establishment of (intersessional) working groups and their ToR should be done in open debate and allow for input and participation from observers. Virtual, hybrid and/or intersessional working groups could be conducted more effectively with online processes that would allow participants to discuss, propose and amend text without the need for circulating attached documents. The increasing volume of Decisions has both resource and time implications for the Committees and the Secretariat; we encourage AC/PC to ensure

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	<p>or at the location of the meeting; or representatives from several regions unable to be present in person at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that the volume of Decisions directed to the committees by the CoP has increased substantially over the past decade. • Proposes a simplified intersessional decision-making process for establishing leads on agenda items or intersessional working groups, and commenting on ToR. • Invites AC/PC to comment on and make recommendations to: guiding principles; exceptional circumstances (Annex 2); a simplified intersessional decision-making process; and amendment of RC 18.2 on <i>Establishment of committees</i> to enable regional representatives to read a statement on behalf of a Party directly affected by a specific agenda item. 	<p>that activities with a priority ranking of “core” and “high” be prioritized for resources.</p>	
<p>8. Animals Committee strategic planning for 2023–2025 (CoP19–CoP20)</p>			
<p>8.1.</p>	<p>Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Animals Committee</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 8.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides Resolutions (Annex 1) and Decisions (Annex 2) directed to AC. • Invites AC to take these into consideration in developing its work programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment.
<p>8.2.</p>	<p>Animals Committee workplan</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 8.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by AC Chair. • Provides instructions to AC, and AC leads on each issue (Annex). • Invites AC to note the document and agree that leads will represent AC in the event of SC intersessional working groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment.
<p>►► 9. CITES Strategic Vision</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 9 / AC32 Doc. 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides, <i>inter alia</i>, a mapping of the CITES Strategic Vision against the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (Annex), and possible indicators for its objective 1.4 (“The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation status and needs of species”), including the number and proportion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a) Species found to meet the CITES listing criteria as part of the Periodic Review process; ▪ b) The number and proportion of species included in the CITES Appendices identified as likely to be threatened by international trade on the basis of information in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species; ▪ c) Appendix-I species that have an increasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding possible indicators for objective 1.4, SSN recommends that AC/PC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure that indicators evaluate whether CITES is keeping pace with the scale of wildlife trade by looking at unlisted species in addition to those that are listed on the CITES Appendices. The Parties have begun discussions about a suitable process to regularly identify such species (see AC32 Doc. 27); ▪ Agree that “likely to be threatened by international trade” is not a CITES standard for listing. The indicator should read “The number and proportion of species identified as 1) threatened with extinction that are or may be affected by trade or 2) not yet threatened with extinction but may become so if not regulated by CITES, based on of information from 	

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	<p>population according to the IUCN Red List (possibly warranting transfer to Appendix II); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ d) Appendix-II species with a decreasing population according to the IUCN Red List (possibly warranting transfer to Appendix I). ● Per Decision 19.20, directing Secretariat to identify priorities for collaboration to enhance CITES implementation, reports that Secretariat will consult AC/PC (via the Chairs) about who they consider key partners. ● Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advise Secretariat on possible indicators for objective 1.4; and ▪ Comment on possible ways CITES could contribute to the monitoring framework; ▪ Request Secretariat to: continue working with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on indicator 15.7.1; inform Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity of the outcome of this work; and ▪ Agree that AC Chair will coordinate AC input on the partnership strategy. 	<p>the IUCN Red List and other sources, included in the CITES Appendices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree that the number and proportion of species potentially affected by international trade that are not adequately protected under CITES (either unlisted or under-listed) is an important indicator; the IUCN Red List should not be the only source of such information. Red List assessments are frequently out of date and may not assess the current threat posed by trade; more recent information, including published scientific reports, may give a more accurate picture. ▪ Reject the Secretariat's suggestions in paragraphs 13 c. and d. relating to increasing/decreasing populations; the existing Periodic Review is the appropriate mechanism for evaluating whether species are listed in the appropriate Appendix.
<p>►► 10. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 10 / AC32 Doc. 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides: update on related activities; relevant Decisions (Annex 1); responses to a related Notification (Annex 2); draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (Annex 3A) and draft program of work (Annex 3B) between the Secretariat and World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH); report on CMS work on this issue (Annex 4); and responses (Annex 5) from UNEP, CBD, FAO, WHO and ICCWC.¹ ● Invites AC to nominate representatives to the SC working group on this issue; provide comments on the MoU and draft program of work with WOAH (AC32 Doc. 10 Annex 3B) ; and make recommendations to SC on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed effective and practical solutions for reducing pathogen spillover risk in wildlife supply chains; ▪ Opportunities for practical collaboration under the direction of existing Resolutions, Decisions and agreements; and ▪ A possible CITES advisory body on One Health and zoonosis prevention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN welcomes the progress on CITES' involvement in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade. ● SSN recommends that AC/PC Members: participate actively in the related SC working group; ensure that discussion of the MoU is part of its ToR, that the MOU is narrowly tailored and that all budgetary implications are vetted transparently; include the following amendments in the draft MoU : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add to the preamble a paragraph noting that legal wildlife trade in non-CITES species is extensive, often unregulated and poorly monitored, increasing the risk for zoonotic spillovers, and that increased exploitation following habitat destruction may increase this risk still further. ▪ Art. 2 (1): Adding "hygienic standards during transport of, in particular, live wild animals for international trade" as a topic of interest, and including that aspect in the Draft joint work programme. ● SSN urges AC/PC to include in its recommendations to SC under Decision 19.16 the need for a

¹ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC)

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		<p>precautionary approach to wildlife trade where the risks of zoonotic pathogen emergence and spillover are uncertain (see Lao PDR's submission in Annex 1) ; and to incorporate demand reduction into this work stream.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN strongly encourages countries exporting and importing wildlife (especially live animals) to shorten and simplify supply chains, improve welfare and hygiene standards across the full supply chain and to conduct regular disease screenings as preventive measures. • Regarding formation of an advisory body, SSN encourages AC/PC and the related SC working group to consider whether CITES authorities could instead, seek to establish a formal dialogue with the quadripartite organizations working on One Health (FAO, WOA, UNEP and WHO).
<p>11. Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI)</p> <p>AC32 Comp.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an update on organization of the 2nd meeting of the ACI on 1-4 May 2023 in Entebbe, Uganda; reports that Secretariat will keep AC informed on this issue. • Regarding the use of a compendium document (AC32 Comp.), the Secretariat has compiled reports on various, unrelated Decisions into this single document (including Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivore Initiative, NDFs for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction, guidance on non-detriment findings (NDFs) for trade in leopard hunting trophies, appropriate and acceptable destinations and aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC note this report. • SSN recommends that AC agree that the compendium document format not be used for future meetings, and that separate documents be produced for each agenda item, in order to facilitate and focus debate and decision-making.
<p>►► 12. IPBES Report on the Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 12 / AC32 Doc. 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by AC Chair. • Decision 19.28 Directs AC and PC to review the “scientific aspects” of the IPBES sustainable use report² and consider their relevance to the implementation of CITES, and provide the results to SC. • Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A provisional list of scientific issues addressed in Chapters 3 and 4 that could be relevant for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC establish the intersessional working group and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note that IPBES has much broader objectives than CITES and many of the issues identified in the report fall outside CITES’ mandate; ▪ Limit the review of the report to issues that are relevant to achieving CITES’ goals (protection of species from overexploitation through international trade) and within the mandate of the Convention;

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		<p>CITES implementation and processes (Annex 1);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A table of these issues and the current CITES Resolutions, Decisions, systems and processes that could address them (Annex 2); ▪ Key findings in the Summary for Policymakers and the possible relevance to the mandates of AC, PC and SC (Annex 3); and ▪ Draft ToR for an intersessional working group that include, <i>inter alia</i>, reviewing the Annexes, identify scientific issues relevant to CITES implementation that are not adequately covered in existing Resolutions and Decisions, and report to SC77 or PC27/AC33. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invites AC/PC to establish a joint intersessional working group to review the report and develop recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider whether some issues in Annex 1 may not be accurate and/or relevant to CITES; ▪ Amend the ToR to discard consideration of Annex 3; Decision 19.28 states that the AC/PC should review the <u>scientific aspects</u> of the report; Annex 3 contains many socio-economic aspects which are outside the mandate of CITES and the purview of PC/AC, such as land tenure, resource rights, distribution of costs and benefits, human migration and culture, and certification schemes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN urges the AC/PC to remind IPBES of its promise to make public all comments received from reviewers of this report. These comments should be available for consideration by the working group.
<p>►► 13. Country-wide Significant Trade Review</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 14 / AC32 Doc. 13</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invites PC and AC to establish a joint intersessional working group to consider whether scientific and management issues identified in the country-wide Review of Significant Trade for Madagascar (AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3) are sufficiently addressed through existing mechanisms or, if appropriate, propose either amendments to RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i> or other existing Resolutions, or a new mechanism to undertake such reviews. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC/PC establish the intersessional working group.
<p>14. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species (RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP18))</p>			
14.1	<p>Overview of the Review of Significant Trade (RST)</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 14.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides an update on progress in implementing the Review (Annex 1), and species/country combinations currently in the Review (Annex 2). ● Invites AC to note this document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC note the document.
14.2	<p>Selection of new species/country combinations for review following CoP19</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 14.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides statistics showing the recorded level of direct exports for Appendix-II species over the five most recent years (Annex 1) and an analysis to inform the preliminary selection of species/country combinations (Annex 2). Notes that the analysis may not fully capture all trade in specimens taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction. ● Invites AC to select a limited number of species/country combinations for inclusion in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends selection of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monodon monoceros (narwhal) / Canada, Greenland: Long-term trends indicate increasing trade in tusks from Canada; reported average exports: 133 (2005-2009); 242 (2010-2015); 255 (2016-2021); in Greenland there has been a recent significant increase in the reported export of teeth from 0, 1, 2, 0 (2017-2020) (all purpose code P) to 69 (purpose code S) in 2021 although six out of eight populations are reduced and four are

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	Review.	<p>decreasing.³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Python regius</i> (ball python) / Togo, Benin, and Ghana: This should be considered a compliance matter: Recent studies highlight decline of wild populations, transnational trade irregularities between the three exporting range states and uncertainties regarding origin and source of exports;^{4 5 6} European Union recently suspended imports of ranched specimens from Togo and Benin (Sep 2022), and has suspended trade for ranched specimens from Ghana since 2014.⁷ ▪ <i>Varanus salvator</i> (Asian water monitor) / Indonesia: AC should urge the SC to review provincial harvest volumes and quotas⁸ as well as potential irregularities between harvest and export years (which in practice can be many years apart). ▪ <i>Malayopython reticulatus</i> (reticulated python) / Indonesia: SSN recommends that the AC: recommend a population-based review of exports (at least two populations (<i>M. r. reticulatus</i> and <i>M. r. saputrai</i>) are involved in the commercial skin trade); urge the SC to review provincial harvest volumes and provincial quotas as well as potential irregularities between harvest and export years (which in practice can be many years apart).^{9,10} ▪ Shark species, prioritizing <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> (oceanic whitetip shark) (see AC32 Inf. 3), <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> (scalloped hammerhead) and <i>S. mokarran</i> (great hammerhead), all of which are Critically Endangered and have been listed in Appendix II for a decade. ▪ <i>Oophaga pumilio</i> (strawberry poison dart frog) / Nicaragua: already selected for inclusion in the

³ Ugarte, F., Rosing-Asvid, A., Heide-Jørgensen, M.P. and Laidre, K.L. 2020. Marine Mammals of the Greenland Seas. 12 pages. Available at: Marine Mammals of the Greenland Seas (natur.gl)

⁴ Toudonou, C. *et al.* (2021). Seeking serpents: Ball python trade in Benin, West Africa. *Nature Conservation* 50: 85-114.
<https://natureconservation.pensoft.net/article/86352/list/8/>

⁵ Harrington, L. *et al.* (2020). Snakes and ladders: A review of ball python production in West Africa for the global pet market. *Nature Conservation* 41: 1-24.
<https://natureconservation.pensoft.net/article/51270/>

⁶ Auliya, M. *et al.* (2020). The first genetic assessment of wild and farmed ball pythons (Reptilia, Serpentes, Pythonidae) in southern Togo. *Nature Conservation* 38: 37-59. <https://natureconservation.pensoft.net/article/49478/>

⁷ https://speciesplus.net/species#/taxon_concepts/5467/legal

⁸ e.g. Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia (2020, 2021). Kuota Pengambilan Dan Pengankapan Satwa Liar - Periode Tahun 2020, 2021.

⁹ ITC (2012). The trade in Southeast Asian python skins. International Trade Center, Geneva

¹⁰ UNCTAD (2013) Traceability Systems for a sustainable international trade in south-east Asian python skins.
https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ditcted2013d6_en.pdf

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		<p>review under RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) at AC30. From 2018 to 2019 Nicaragua doubled its exports from 4,270 to 10,825. 64.41% were reported as source F and 35.59% as C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC note the concerning number of species identified in the analysis classified as Critically Endangered or Endangered, and consider these species for inclusion in the Review of Significant Trade or the Periodic Review. • Noting the Secretariat's comment in AC32 Doc.14.2 that, "F should be reviewed under RST" (as its use requires a NDF), SSN recommends that Parties exporting live <i>Macaca fascicularis</i> (long-tailed macaque) with code "F", should be included in the Review of Significant Trade in light of declining wild populations; countries continue to export live wild specimens.
<p>15. Captive-bred and ranched specimens</p>		
<p>15.1</p>	<p>Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity (RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19))</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 15.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a summary and analysis of statistics of species traded in the five most recent years, under source codes C, D, F or R, in order to identify species-country combinations for review (Annex). Invites AC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Select a limited number of species/country combinations for inclusion in the review; ▪ Determine and prioritize for which species a request should be made for the commissioning of a short review of the breeding biology, captive husbandry and any impacts, if relevant, of removal of founder stock from the wild; and ▪ Identify any urgent enforcement matters which need attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends selection of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Macaca fascicularis</i> (long-tailed macaque): See AC32 Doc. 15.3. ▪ Primates / Syrian Arab Republic: From 2013-2019, more than 600 live specimens of Appendix I and II primate species (including 13 <i>Pongo pygmaeus</i> (orangutan)) were exported with source code "C" with no record of import; no exports in 2020; 37 live specimens exported to South Africa in 2021, including <i>Cercocebus chrysogaster</i>, <i>Cercopithecus</i> spp., <i>Lophocebus aterrimus</i>, with source code "C"; South Africa was the destination for illegal shipment of many of these species confiscated in Democratic Republic of Congo in 2020;¹¹ no imports of these species into Syria reported. ▪ Psittacines / South Africa: ~ 30 species (involving tens of thousands of live specimens with source code "C") identified as "no import" or "first import after first export" under Criterion vi) legal acquisition; All Psittaciformes were listed in the Appendices in 1981. ▪ <i>Conolophus subcristatus</i> (Galápagos land iguana) / Uganda: Endemic to Ecuador, which has

¹¹ <https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/environment-and-conservation/2020/12/largest-confiscation-of-smuggled-monkeys-sheds-light-on-african-trafficking-network>

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			<p>never issued export permits for commercial purposes (see SC74 Inf. 26 for recent smuggling events and trade data, identifying Uganda as the major recent exporter). According to the CITES trade database, 34 live individuals, all marked as “C”, were exported by Uganda 2017-2021 (2017: 2; 2019: 8; 2020: 8; 2021: 16).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Python regius (ball python) / Ghana, Togo, Benin: See comments on AC32 Doc. 14.2 above. • Amphibians / Nicaragua: After AC30 reviewed exports of <i>Oophaga pumilio</i> and <i>Agalychnis callidryas</i>, exports of purportedly captive bred <i>O. pumilio</i> from Nicaragua more than doubled; AC30 requested NI to do legal acquisition finding and NDF prior to authorizing export; <i>A. callidryas</i> exports increased from 20,844 in 2018 to 35,385 in 2021; similarly, exports of <i>Dendrobates auratus</i> from Nicaragua doubled after AC30.
15.2	<p>Captive-breeding of spiny tailed lizards</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 15.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a report on captive breeding of these species (Annex), reporting that, <i>inter alia</i>, Sri Lanka did not permit any legal exports since the 1980s, life expectancy of these species is only 6 to 7 years, and there are very few published accounts of captive breeding. • Invites AC to consider whether any of these species should be selected for inclusion in the review under RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC include all three species in the review and recommends that zero export quotas be adopted for specimens of these species from all sources. • All species of <i>Ceratophora</i> and <i>Lyriocephalus</i> are endemic to Sri Lanka, and are classified as either Endangered (<i>C. aspera</i> and <i>C. stoddartii</i>) or Critically Endangered (<i>L. scutatus</i>). • According to the report, specimens in trade of all three species have likely been caught in the wild or are related to smuggling events.

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<p>15.3 15.3. Exceptional case for inclusion of species-country combination in Review of trade in animal specimens as produced in captivity – <i>Macaca fascicularis</i></p> <p>AC32 Doc. 15.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by the USA. Provides trade information and background on past inclusion of the long-tailed macaque (<i>M. fascicularis</i>) in the Review of Significant Trade and past inclusion of Cambodian populations in the Review of Trade in Animal Specimens Reported as Produced in Captivity. Recommends that AC include the species in the review under RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19), or alternatively include specific-country combinations with attention to Cambodia as, over a nearly 5-year period, hundreds of wild-caught macaques were allegedly laundered through Cambodian facilities for export, falsely labeled as bred in captivity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN urges AC to include all range States in the review. Concerns include significant increase in exports in response to rising demand (and price) for COVID19 research, shifts in exporting countries, continuing decline in wild populations, and illegal capture and trade for farms.^{12, 13} Species was classified as Endangered in 2022 (IUCN) with a decreasing population trend. Hundreds of wild-caught <i>M. fascicularis</i> are estimated to have been illegally exported from Cambodian farms in the last five years, with alleged involvement of Cambodia's CITES authority.^{14,15} Cambodia and Vietnam doubled their reported gross exports of live <i>M. fascicularis</i> in recent years (Cambodia: 13,992 in 2019 to 26,867 in 2021;] Vietnam: 5,313 in 2017 to 11,911 in 2019).
<p>►► 16. Non-detriment findings</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 17 / AC32 Doc. 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an update on related activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of AC/PC to the CITES NDF project; A summary of the 2nd TAG meeting and resulting advice (Annex 1); An outline and workplan for the international expert workshop (Annex 2) to be held 4-8 December in Nairobi, Kenya; Criteria for selecting sponsored participants (Annex 3); and A narrative intermediate progress report of the ongoing work, including the ToRs of the expert groups. Invites AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, note progress made and advice regarding workshop participation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC note the progress made, and ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workshop is open to Parties, observer NGOs and other experts in addition to those participating in the expert groups; The guidelines and related case studies are open to public consultation before they are finalized; and Parties are provided the opportunity to provide input as to what working groups are organized for the workshop.
<p>17. Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction</p> <p>AC32 Comp.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an update on this issue including the organization of a related technical workshop, and preparations for the second international workshop on NDFs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC note this document. Regarding the use of a compendium document, please see <i>SSN recommendations</i> under Agenda item 11.
<p>18. Guidance on non-detriment findings for trade in leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) hunting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports that the Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has not secured funding to develop guidance for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC note this document. Regarding the use of a compendium document,

¹² <https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/03/08/on-the-trail-of-thailands-missing-macaque-monkeys>

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https://www.researchgate.net/publication/349338354_Conservation_of_Long-tailed_Macaques_Implications_of_the_Updated_IUCN_Status_and_the_CoVID-19_Pandemic

¹⁴ <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/cambodia/monkeys-04032023133550.html>

¹⁵ <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/AC/32/agenda/E-AC32-15-03.pdf>

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<p>trophies</p> <p>AC32 Comp.</p>	<p>the making of these NDFs; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is encouraging and supporting exchange of information among Parties with leopard hunting trophy quotas. 	<p>please see <i>SSN recommendations</i> under Agenda item 11.</p>
<p>19. Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species</p>		
<p>19.1</p>	<p>►► Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 19 / AC32 Doc. 19.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a list of references found in Resolutions and Decisions on species identification (Annexes 1 and 2); and draft ToR for a related working group (Annex 3). Invites AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, establish a joint intersessional working group to assess the need for revision and improvement of selected identification materials, consider ways to improve their accuracy and availability; and report to PC27/AC33.
<p>19.2</p>	<p>Identification Manual of animals listed in CITES Appendix I</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 19.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by China. Reports that China is undertaking a project titled "Identification manual of animals listed in Appendix I (A1A-ID)" and proposed work schedule for the manual Invites AC to take into account the integration of the A1A-ID project with relevant mandates of the Animals Committee; and, support the establishment of an expert/contact group to compile the manual.
<p>►► 20. Transport of live specimens</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 21 / AC32 Doc. 20</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by the USA. Proposes areas of focus for a virtual international workshop (January 2024) to share best practices related to live animal and plant transport; invites PC/AC to identify leads on this issue and for these leads to work with the Secretariat developing the ToR for consideration by the SC, and issue a related Notification for feedback and seeking instructors.
<p>21. Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade (RC 8.13 (Rev. CoP17))</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 21</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by AC Chair. Reports on work to update RC 8.13 (Rev. CoP17); as related technologies and standards have changed, there may be merit in an overall review of all Resolutions dealing with marking. Invites AC to note the document.
<p>►► 22. Specimens produced through biotechnology</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 22 / AC32 Doc. 22</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invites PC/AC to nominate representatives to be members of the SC intersessional working group on this issue. Notes that funding to host a related meeting has

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		not been secured.	
23. Trade in stony corals (Scleractinia spp.)			
23.1	Report of the Chair of the Animals Committee AC32 Doc. 23.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invites AC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft a Notification regarding possible changes to 11.10 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Trade in stony corals</i>, related reporting guidelines and conversion factors. Establish an intersessional working group to consider the responses, and make recommendations on these issues to AC33. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC draft the Notification and establish the working group.
23.2	Reporting of trade in stony corals (Scleractinia spp.) AC32 Doc. 23.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by the European Union. Invites AC to review proposed changes to the <i>Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports</i> (Annex). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC review the changes and incorporate them into the ToR of the working group proposed in AC32 Doc. 23.1.
24. Definition of the term ‘appropriate and acceptable destinations’ AC32 Comp.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an update on this issue. Reports that Secretariat will issue a Notification inviting Parties to provide feedback on experience with using related guidance documents and other information provided on the CITES webpage; and provide any feedback to AC33. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC note the document. SSN urges AC to remind the Parties to adhere to Decision 19.168, which limits any export of live wild-caught African elephants to <i>in situ</i> conservation programmes or secure areas in the wild within the species’ natural and historical range in Africa (except in the exceptional circumstances specified), while the process set out for a CITES dialogue meeting on this issue (Decision 19.267), is ongoing. Regarding the use of a compendium document, please see SSN recommendations under Agenda item 11.
25. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source			
25.1	►► Report of the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees PC26 Doc. 23 / AC32 Doc. 25.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides background information and draft ToR (Annex) for a joint intersessional working group that includes, <i>inter alia</i>, consideration of amendments to RC 10.16 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Specimens of animal species bred in captivity</i> and RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Permits and certificates</i>; and implementation of Article VII, paras, 4 and 5. Invites AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a joint intersessional working group on these issues; and Agree to the ToR (Annex) for the group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC establish the intersessional working group.
25.2	25.2. Considerations and recommendations for ranching of marine species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by the USA. Notes that marine species are among the taxa for which source code R has been used, and for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC adopt the recommendations in this document.

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<p>AC32 Doc. 25.2</p>	<p>which application may not be appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a publication, <i>Mortality and management matter: case study on use and misuse of 'ranching' for a CITES Appendix II-listed fish, humphead wrasse (Cheilinus undulatus) (Annex)</i>, that, <i>inter alia</i>, discusses how fish are being harvested after they settle on or near coral reef habitats, when mortality rates in the wild are relatively low, which is contrary to the definition of ranching and may not be biologically sustainable. Invites AC to recommend that, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The making of NDFs for specimens of marine species sourced from ranching operations be considered at the upcoming global CITES expert workshop on NDFs; and SC put forward draft decisions for CoP20 that include calling for development of guidance for the ranching of marine species. 	
<p>►► 26. Assessment of Appendix-I listed species</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 25 / AC32 Doc. 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a summary of ten species chosen for assessment (Annex). Reports that the Secretariat will update and finalize the detailed assessments based on the responses from the range States and relevant experts and prepare a report. Invites AC/PC to establish a joint intersessional working group to, <i>inter alia</i>, review the results of the rapid assessments along with related documents and responses from the range States; refine the methodology and its criteria for carrying out an assessment, and make recommendations to PC27/AC33. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC establish the working group.
<p>►► 27. Identifying species at risk of extinction affected by international trade</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 26 / AC32 Doc. 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by AC/PC Chairs. Provides draft ToR (Annex) for an intersessional working group to consider, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible process or mechanism under RC 19.2 on <i>Capacity-building</i> to provide Parties with information on species at risk of extinction not yet, or insufficiently, regulated under CITES that are or may be affected by international trade, to be considered when preparing listing proposals; Possible processes/mechanisms for providing support or guidance to Parties developing listing proposals; and report to AC33/PC27. Invites AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, nominate representatives to participate in the SC intersessional working group; establish a joint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC nominate members to the SC working group and establish the AC/PC intersessional working group. Granting adequate CITES protection to all threatened species potentially affected by international trade is a core CITES obligation that should be prioritized through the establishment of a robust process for identifying species and regularly providing such relevant information to the Parties.

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	AC/PC intersessional working group on this issue; and consider the draft ToR.	
28. Aquatic species listed in the Appendices AC32 Doc. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports that funding has not been secured to convene the related workshop. Given possible overlap, Secretariat is considering convening this and the NDF workshop (under agenda item AC32 16.) back-to-back in early 2024, subject to available funding. • Results will be provided to AC33. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC note the document.
29. West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.) AC32 Doc. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides relevant Decisions (Annex 1); trade related aspects extracted from the CMS Vulture MsAP and Strategic Implementation Plan (Annex 2); and international trade data on the seven focal species of West African vulture species (Annex 3). • Reports on related activities, including that funding for vulture identification materials has not been secured and that the CITES Secretariat continues to work with the CMS Secretariat on this issue. • Invites AC to: reach out to West African range States to undertake a Periodic Review of these species; respond to requests for assistance in making related NDFs; and make recommendations as appropriate for consideration by range States, Parties, the SC and the Secretariat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As responses to the related Notification (No. 2023/049) were not available sufficiently in advance of AC32, SSN recommends that AC establish an intersessional working group on this issue.
30. Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.) AC32 Doc. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports that funding has been secured for two online workshops in the last quarter of 2023 or first quarter of 2024 to consider the conservation of amphibia taxa involved in international trade; one workshop will focus on Asia and the second on Latin America. • Invites AC to note this document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC note the report.
31. Pangolins (<i>Manis</i> spp.) AC32 Doc. 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a report on <i>Development of conversion parameters to estimate the number of pangolins (Manis spp.) from quantities of scales</i> (Annex). • Invites AC to consider the report and make any recommendations on the conversion parameters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC consider the report.
32. African lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>) AC32 Doc. 32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an update on related activities and reports that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update on the CITES Big Cats Task Force (BCTF) and ACI meetings held in late April/early May 2023 will be provided at AC32; ▪ A study on population trends and conservation and management will commence in the second 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC note the document, review changes made to the <i>Guidelines for the conservation of lions in Africa</i>, and the <i>Legal and Illegal Trade in Big Cats</i>, and make recommendations to SC. • SSN regrets the failure to secure funding to assess whether the trade in lion specimens reported under

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	<p>half of 2023;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Secretariat is developing guidance on the making of NDFs in collaboration with IUCN, as per Decision 19.205 c); and ▪ No funding was secured to assess whether trade in specimens reported under purpose code “H” follows the guidance in RC 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Permits and Certificates</i>,’ as Decision 18.246 par b was not renewed at CoP19, the Secretariat will not continue to seek funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recommends that AC note the document, review and make recommendations on changes to the <i>Guidelines for the conservation of lions in Africa</i> emerging from AC12 and on their use and dissemination, and considers whether further review of the study, <i>The Legal and Illegal Trade in Big Cats</i>¹⁶ is required. 	<p>purpose code H follows CITES guidance, and encourages AC to recommend that a new Decision be provided to CoP20 to pursue this work.</p>
<p>33. Leopards (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) in Africa</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 33</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides <i>Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa</i> (Annex). ● Invites AC to note this document and make recommendations to SC, as appropriate, concerning the aspects of the roadmap that relate to the implementation of CITES. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that Sections 2.5 and 3 of the Roadmap are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redacted to remove language portraying trophy hunting as a potential benefit to the species, and to acknowledge that populations have severely declined under current management regimes and recent studies document the risks of trophy hunting to leopards and failure of the current CITES quota system to meet the general principles of precaution, sustainable use and adaptive management.^{17, 18, 19} ▪ Updated to acknowledge Decisions adopted at CoP19, and to note that: some countries with quotas have not developed management plans; quotas for Kenya and Malawi have been removed, and NDF guidance for leopard trophies has still not been developed, as required under Decision 18.169 (Rev. CoP19). ● AC should note the current unfavorable conservation status of many populations and recommend further review of hunting quotas, suspensions where uncertainty exists in relation to population levels and validity of NDFs, and reductions where Parties issue far fewer annual licenses than the export quota allows.

¹⁶ <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/E-SC75-13-R1.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S000632072200194X>

¹⁸ https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3761672

¹⁹ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ece3.6089>

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<p>34. Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes spp.)</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an update on activities related to this issue, including the organization of a workshop later in 2023. Invites AC to note this document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC note the document.
<p>35. Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga</i> spp.)</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports on related activities, including the 4th meeting of the signatories of the MoU concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (<i>Saiga</i> spp.) [MOS4]. Regarding trade MOS4 noted, "Demand for saiga products in consumer countries is still high; illegal trade continues; stockpiles are unmonitored and limited action is taken to curb illegal trade outside the range States." Provides data on international trade in the species (Annex). Invites AC to consider making recommendations to SC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN notes with concern the significant amount of saiga horn in trade from 2007 through 2019, particularly given the longstanding lack of available information on stockpile inventories and management practices from exporting and re-exporting Parties. SSN is encouraged by the update regarding funding for the implementation of the review of saiga stockpile management envisaged under paragraph b) of Decision 19.214, and encourages its implementation as a matter of urgency given the sustained illegal trade in saiga specimens.
<p>36. Eels (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.)</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a report on <i>Status of use and trade of anguillid eels</i> (Annex). Proposes recommendations for AC consideration including, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage Parties to record data on <i>Anguilla</i> eel species to the species level (rather than recording as <i>Anguilla</i> spp.) and to differentiate between juvenile (glass eels) and larger size live eels; and Encourage range States to share their experiences on the making of NDFs, manage their <i>Anguilla</i> resources in a sustainable manner, and establish abundance monitoring programmes. Invites AC to consider these recommendations; and establish an intersessional working group to review responses from related Notifications, and make recommendations on the conservation and management of European eel (<i>A. anguilla</i>) to AC33. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC establish the working group, and include in its discussions consideration of the recommendations from the Secretariat regarding <i>Anguilla</i> spp. AC32 Doc. 36 Annex reports that, following the EU export ban on <i>A. anguilla</i>, there has been increased production from non-EU range states, and increased takes of juvenile <i>A. rostrata</i> in Caribbean countries; the full scale of trade in <i>A. japonica</i> is unknown. Global efforts for cooperation in management and enforcement efforts for <i>all</i> targeted <i>Anguilla</i> species would be a more effective approach, including the international live elver trade for farming and trade in final products. SSN recommends that AC encourage range States of <i>Anguilla</i> spp. in international trade to explore the use of Appendix III listings for monitoring and traceability purposes.
<p>37. Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 37</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an update on related work. Provides: related Decisions (Annex 1); responses from Parties to a Notification regarding their NDFs and legal acquisition findings (LAFs) for sharks (Annex 2); and data on on commercial trade in CITES-listed sharks and rays since 2000 (Annexes 3 and 4). Invites AC to consider the document and make recommendations to SC; and consider the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends supporting these recommendations but notes that this document was finalized before the 31 May deadline for responses to the Notification. SSN is concerned by the amount of trade, identified in Docs 37 and 14.2, in species of the family Sphyrnidae assessed by the IUCN as Critically Endangered.

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	proposal to have the AC leads on shark and ray issues represent the AC in the SC intersessional working group on rapid movement of wildlife diagnostic samples and of musical instruments.	
38. Seahorses (<i>Hippocampus spp.</i>)		
38.1	Report of the Secretariat AC32 Doc. 38.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an update on related activities, recommendations from the summary report, <i>Changes in the international trade in live seahorses (Hippocampus spp.) after their listing on CITES Appendix II (Annex 1)</i>, and Recommendations from the report, <i>Implementation of CITES Appendix II listing for seahorses in the context of export bans and suspensions (Annex 2)</i>. • Invites AC to note this document and establish an intersessional working group to review available information on trade in seahorses and produce recommendations for AC33.
38.2	Implementing CITES for seahorses - Asia region workshop AC32 Doc. 38.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted by the Philippines and USA. • Provides a report on the workshop that was held in Cebu, Philippines from 14-17 March 2023; reports that these results will feed into the NDF workshop process.
39. Queen conch (<i>Strombus gigas</i>)		
AC32 Doc. 39		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an update on related activities, including the sixth meeting of the CITES Working Group on Queen Conch, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico in March 2023; and a queen conch genetics project. • Invites AC to note this document and any oral updates.
40. Marine ornamental fishes		
AC32 Doc. 40		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides ToR and <i>modus operandi</i> for the technical workshop on marine ornamental fishes (Annex) to be convened in the last quarter of 2023. • Invites AC to consider and agree to these texts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC adopt the following amendments (additions <u>underlined</u>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to the ToR: “b) share information about the nature and scale (volume and trend of volumes) of the international trade in specimens of non-CITES listed marine ornamental fishes, <u>the impacts of trade on their status and conservation</u>, and identify knowledge gaps;” and ▪ to the ‘Outcomes’: (new) “h) <u>Identification of priorities for improved data collection (i. e. species-level information of only marine ornamental fishes), and advancing and updating IUCN Red List assessments</u>” • SSN urges AC to ensure that scientific experts in the species concerned are encouraged to attend and

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		<p>that the workshop is open to observers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN notes that data provided in CoP19 Inf. 99 and its Annex, suggested as a basis for working group discussions, records volume according to weight including the water the fish are transported in (and therefore does not provide data on quantity of specimens); does not reflect all species in trade; covers only 6 of over 50 exporting countries (lacking main exporters such as Indonesia and Sri Lanka and 'hubs' such as Singapore); gives greater weight to oral replies more than peer-reviewed scientific publications²⁰ and over-reports captive breeding with only 24 species being commonly available of a total of 338 (Pouil et al., 2019).
<p>►► 41. Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 34 / AC32 Doc. 41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports that the Secretariat has received responses from a Notification regarding CITES-listed medicinal and aromatic plants; and that funding to undertake an analysis of e-commerce supply chains in CITES-listed species has not been secured. Provides draft ToRs for the study (Annex 1) and for a related PC intersessional working group that include, <i>inter alia</i>, initiating the review of RC 10.19 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>Traditional medicines</i> or proposing a new Resolution on medicinal and aromatic plant products Invites AC to consider the outcomes of PC26 on this issue, identify member(s) to participate in any related PC working group; and coordinate with PC in reporting to SC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC agree that work on this issue be restricted to CITES-listed plant species; while much of the trade in CITES-listed plant species for medicinal purposes is legal, a significant portion of trade in fauna for these purposes is illegal and may require a different approach and specialized consideration.
<p>►► 42. Periodic review of species included in Appendices I and II</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 35 / AC32 Doc. 42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports that the Secretariat has not been able to secure funding to undertake the related outputs for consideration of AC/PC but if funding is available, the outputs could be presented for AC33/PC27. Invites PC/AC to note this document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC note this document.
<p>►► 43. Annotations</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 36 / AC32 Doc. 43</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by the UK. Notes that SC76 established an intersessional working group on annotations and provides the ToR for the group contained in Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP19). Invites PC/AC to agree on which members will join the working group, comment on the ToR for the group, and suggest any additional items that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC nominate members to participate in the SC working group on this issue. SSN urges the PC/AC to focus the TORs and the working group's efforts on plant annotations given their complexity and importance, and emphasis in Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP19).

²⁰ Biondo, 2017, 2018; Biondo & Burki 2019; 2020; Rhyne et al. 2012, 2017.

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		could be directed to the group.	
<p>►► 44. Informal review mechanism of existing and proposed annotations</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 39 / AC32 Doc. 44</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports that the Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is developing ToR for a proposal on the feasibility and requirements for an informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations; ▪ Will submit a report to SC77; and ▪ Invites AC/PC to designate focal points for the consultation with SC on the outcomes of the proposal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC note this document.
45. Botanical and zoological nomenclature			
45.1	<p>►► Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 42.1 / AC32 Doc. 45.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the PC specialist on botanical nomenclature and AC specialist on zoological nomenclature. • Notes that, over the years, the AC/PC nomenclature specialists have brought related changes to nomenclature to the attention of the AC/PC; such cases have generally been left 'pending' until an understanding was reached. • Proposes modified approaches to nomenclature changes in Appendix III: the Secretariat could consult the Party that listed the species in Appendix III as well as other affected range States or, the Secretariat could inform the Party that listed the species in the Appendices about the nomenclature change and implications (if there is a change in scope) and invite the Party to consult with affected range States and to submit a request to the Secretariat to amend the Appendix III listing to reflect the nomenclature change. • Invites AC/PC to review this document and make recommendations; and submit an updated version to the SC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN believes that this is a useful step forward and recommends that AC/PC review this document.
45.2	<p>►► Higher taxon listings in the Appendices</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 42.2 / AC32 Doc. 45.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the PC specialist on botanical nomenclature and AC specialist on zoological nomenclature. • Provides background information on this issue, including cases where complex issues have arisen including listings of pangolins, <i>Agalychnis</i> spp. and <i>Aloe</i> spp.. • Invites AC/PC to establish a joint intersessional nomenclature working group to: review the scientific implications and impacts of existing and future higher taxon listings in the Appendices; and report to PC27/AC33. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC establish the working group.

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<p>45.3 ►► Development of a standardized global checklist of species</p> <p>PC26 Doc. 42.3 / AC32 Doc. 45.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by nomenclature specialists of PC/AC, with assistance from the Secretariat. Provides an update on engagement with Checklist Governance Working Group of the International Union of Biological Sciences and the World Flora Online Consortium. Invites PC/AC to note this document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that the document be noted.
<p>46. Report of the specialist on zoological nomenclature</p> <p>AC32 Doc. 46</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by the AC specialist on zoological nomenclature, with assistance from the Secretariat. Provides an update on use of time-specific versions of online-databases as standard nomenclature references; Notes an offer to undertake an updated assessment to tabulate resulting changes between CITES-adopted bird nomenclature to date and the <i>HBW/BI Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World</i>. Provides suggestions for updates needed to the list of standard nomenclature references adopted in the Annex to RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on Standard Nomenclature, including proposed checklist for lizard species of the genus <i>Phrynosoma</i> (Annex 1), and taxonomic and nomenclatural changes that have come to the attention of AC (Annexes 2 and 3). Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the scientific merit of CITES recognition of two species of African Elephants, and, as appropriate, recommend the retention or an appropriate replacement nomenclature standard reference; Consider the draft checklist in Annex 1 and review the nomenclatural changes summarized in Annex 2 and Annex 3; Consider the establishment of an intersessional nomenclature working group to, <i>inter alia</i>, review possible changes in nomenclature ahead of AC33; and Consider the deletion of <i>Ramphastos vitellinus citreolaemus</i> from Appendix II by reducing the scope of the listing of <i>R. vitellinus</i> in Appendix II to <i>Ramphastos vitellinus vitellinus</i> only, as it appears to have 'accidentally' included the taxon <i>citreolaemus</i> in Appendix II. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC establish the intersessional working group. Regarding the issue of taxonomy and nomenclature of African elephants (<i>Loxodonta</i> spp.), SSN recommends that the perspectives of Parties and other stakeholders be solicited via the Notification provided for in Decision 19.275 and made available to AC <u>before</u> it makes a recommendation on this issue.
<p>47. Regional reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides reports on related activities in the North America and Oceania regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC note the reports and commend the representatives of the North America

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AC32 Doc. 47.5, AC32 47.6		and Oceania regions for their submissions.
48. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments.
49. Time and venue of AC33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments.
50. Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments.



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