



**SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT
THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE
CITES ANIMALS COMMITTEE**
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND 12-19 JULY 2024

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SC=Standing Committee AC=Animals Committee PC=Plants Committee RC=Resolution Conf. CoP=Conference of the Parties
▶▶ indicates document for joint sessions of AC33 and PC27

ISSUE	PROPOSED ACTION	SSN RECOMMENDATION
1. Declaration of conflict of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
2. Rules of Procedure (RoP) AC33 Doc. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides RoP as amended at AC30. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
3. Agenda AC33 Doc. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the provisional agenda of the meeting for consideration and adoption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
4. Working programme AC33 Doc. 4 (Rev. 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the provisional working programme of the meeting for consideration and adoption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
5. Admission of observers AC33 Doc. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a list of observers for the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
6. Animals Committee strategic planning for 2023–2025 (CoP19–CoP20)		
6.1. Implementation of the workplan for 2023-2025 AC33 Doc. 6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by AC Chair. Provides a table of Decisions directed to AC, progress and proposed recommendation on Decision(s) (Annex). Invites AC to note the document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC note the document.
6.2. Preparation of the report of the Chair of the AC for CoP20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
▶▶ 7. CITES Strategic Vision PC27 Doc. 7/AC33 Doc. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision 19.14 directs SC, in consultation with AC/PC Chairs, to make recommendations on new or revised indicators for objective 1.4 of the CITES Strategic Vision for consideration at CoP20. SC77 agreed to Indicator 1.4.1.¹ SC77 invited Secretariat with AC/PC Chairs, to revise the following Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.4.2 The number and proportion of species 	SSN recommends that AC/PC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the amended indicator proposed by Nigeria at SC77 as outlined in paragraph 7 of the document; we agree with Nigeria that an indicator for CITES Strategic Vision Objective 1.4 should evaluate whether CITES is keeping pace with the scale of wildlife trade by looking at unlisted species in addition to those already listed and should consider relevant sources of information in

¹ The number and proportion of species listed in Appendices that have been found to meet the criteria for each Appendix contained in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) or its successors as part of the Periodic Review process or of amendment proposals.

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	<p>listed in the Appendices identified as likely to be threatened by international trade on the basis of information in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.4.3 The number and proportion of species listed in the Appendices identified as unlikely to be threatened by international trade on the basis of information in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides comments from Parties including recommendation from Nigeria: 1.4.2 “The number and proportion of species listed in the Appendices identified as likely to be threatened by international trade <u>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, on the basis of information in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and/or relevant sources, that are included in the CITES Appendices</u>” ● Provides information on the number and proportion of Red List species included in the CITES Appendices (Annex); and proposes two ways of utilizing the IUCN Red List – either consideration of “internationally traded species” and “CITES vs Non-CITES species”. ● Invites AC/PC to provide advice to the Secretariat on its proposed indicators for objective 1.4. 	<p>addition to the IUCN Red List.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN notes that Oxford University, IUCN, and UNEP-WCMC have already formulated a methodology for collecting the data necessary to measure against this proposed indicator.² This methodology is also under consideration by the SC Working Group on <i>Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade</i> (see document PC27 Doc. 24 / AC33 Doc. 29) ● With respect to Paragraph 13(a), agree that any proposed indicator should reflect the CITES listing criteria, which inquire whether trade “is or may be” affecting the species rather than whether international trade is “significant”.
<p>8. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Secretariat and the Co-Chairs of the related intersessional working group. ● Provides an update on related issues including, <i>inter alia</i>, 1 March 2024 signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between CITES Secretariat and World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH); UNEP’s One Health Quadripartite activities (Annex 1); responses of working group members on select questions (Annex 2); and possible recommendations directed to the Parties, Secretariat and AC. ● Invites AC to note the report and share the recommendations with the related SC working group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC note the report and share the recommendations with the SC working group. We urge AC to strongly recommend the development of a One Health Resolution for submission to CoP20, taking into account, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The revised MOU with WOA;H; ▪ The revised Resolution and Decisions adopted by CMS COP 14; ▪ The Global Action Plan for Biodiversity and Health under development at the CBD; ▪ The need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure live animals are being traded in accordance with the language of Articles III, IV, V and VII requiring that living specimens are so prepared and shipped as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment, and of Article VII requiring that all living specimens in transit, holding or shipment, are properly

² Challender, D.W.S., Cremona, P.J., Malsch, K. *et al.* Identifying species likely threatened by international trade on the IUCN Red List can inform CITES trade measures. *Nat Ecol Evol* 7, 1211–1220 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-023-02115-8>.

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		<p>cared for, and develop measures aimed at preventing the emergence and transmission of pathogens;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop and implement demand reduction strategies for trade and associated activities that risk zoonotic pathogen emergence and transmission, and support the development of alternatives; ▪ Support the recommendation from WOAHA and other WG members that health certification should be a prerequisite for the issuing of CITES permits; and ▪ Consider ways to enable timely transfer of diagnostic samples from CITES-listed species to accredited laboratories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AC should also recommend further review and revision of CITES processes and guidance on transport of live animals with a view to implementing a One Health approach, and encouraging a precautionary approach to the risk of zoonotic pathogen emergence. ● While Decision 19.16 may technically have been fulfilled, AC should continue to assist in collating and providing information and advice to Parties, ensuring coordination between relevant agencies at national and international levels, and providing technical input for SC. This ongoing role should be recognised in any recommendations.
<p>►► 9. Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
<p>10. Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update on relevant activities of the ACI Programme of Work; ▪ Proposed amendments to RC 13.3 on <i>Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</i> (CMS) to ensure that CITES initiatives complement those of CMS in regard to cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>), lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>) and leopards (<i>Panthera pardus</i>); ▪ A list of Resolutions and Decisions that support implementation of this programme (Annex 1); ▪ Revised Decisions to be submitted to the SC (Annex 2); and ▪ Related draft Decisions to be submitted to CoP20 (including draft resource kits for African lion and leopard, and for development of an African lion inventory and database). ● Invites AC to consider the amendments and Decisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC adopts the recommendations in Par. 10 of AC33 Doc 10. ● Given that elements of the current Programme of Work 2021-2025 will not be fulfilled, SSN urges AC to instruct the Secretariat to seek the resources necessary to ensure the revised ACI Programme of Work outlined in draft Decision 19.24 (Rev. CoP10) in Annex 2 of AC33 Doc 10 can be completed within specified time frames. ● SSN also urges the Secretariat to consult relevant taxon and enforcement experts in fulfillment of draft Decision 20.BB in Annex 3 on the development of trade resource materials for African lion and leopard.

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<p>►► 11. IPBES Report on the Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 10 / AC33 Doc. 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Co-Chairs of the related joint intersessional working group. ● Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A list of ‘scientific aspects’ in Chapter 3 and 4 of the assessment relevant to CITES implementation (Annex 1); ▪ Relevant CITES Resolutions (Annex 2); and ▪ A summary of items referred to SC (Annex 3), including, <i>inter alia</i>, concerns that the implementation of the Review of Significant Trade could fail to prevent trade not compliant with the provisions of the Convention if effective enforcement is lacking; and concerns about increased demand linked to proposals to list species (‘panic-buys’ prior to listings coming into effect). ● Invites AC/PC to provide the results of their review to SC and agree that the related Decision has been implemented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC/PC adopt recommendations 13 a and c. ● With regard to Recommendation 13 b on aspects referred to SC, SSN recommends the following amendments to Annex 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regarding the Review of Significant Trade, AC/PC should encourage SC to establish a formal mechanism by which AC/PC can bring implementation and enforcement concerns to the attention of the SC; ▪ Delete paragraph 2) ii “Unintended outcomes: a. Increased demand (linked to proposals to list species)”; few verifiable examples exist; proposing listings is a sovereign right of the Parties. SSN believes that rather than discouraging needed listings, the Parties should consider on a case by case basis the need to mitigate potential effects of “panic-buys”. ● Regarding the role of CITES in addressing sustainable use, SSN notes the new NDF guidance developed under the CITES NDF project, recommends that AC/PC encourage the Parties to consider such guidance and ensure their NDF decision-making is based on robust science using the best available information, and recommends that AC/PC encourage Parties to submit NDFs to the NDF database to facilitate transparency and knowledge sharing.
<p>►► 12. World Wildlife Trade report</p> <p>PC33 Doc. 11 / AC33 Doc. 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides a summary of responses received from a request (via Notification) for feedback on the report. ● Invites AC/PC to review the feedback and provide “scientific advice” to SC on the “potential scientific utility and drawbacks” of producing a World Wildlife Trade Report on international trade in animal and plant species that are included in the CITES Appendices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN urges AC/PC recommend to SC that production of the report not be pursued as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limited resources are available and the Committees and Secretariat already are overburdened; higher-priority workstreams that directly enhance implementation and enforcement of the Convention should be given precedence; ▪ Lack of added value: production of the report did/does not contribute to the conservation of species in trade or enhance the work of the scientific committees; ▪ The report is biased towards promoting positive impacts of trade and does not sufficiently address the negative impacts of international trade on wildlife species and ecosystems; ▪ Examination of the impact of CITES trade on socio-economic factors extends beyond the mandate of CITES and is better done at the national level. ● SSN agrees with the United States that there is a fundamental need to improve the quality of CITES data, and that this can only be achieved by capacity-building for the Parties.

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<p>►► 13. Country-wide Significant Trade Review</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 13 / AC33 Doc. 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submitted by the Co-Chairs of the related joint intersessional working group. ● Reports that the development of an integrated capacity-building framework remains ongoing, and it is not yet possible to determine if this will sufficiently address the scientific and management issues identified in the country-wide Review of Significant Trade (RST) for Madagascar. ● Invites AC/PC to adopt draft Decisions that, <i>inter alia</i>,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Direct Secretariat to provide targeted capacity-building support at a national level to Parties currently subject to recommendations under the RST, including the application of the new NDF Guidance; and ▪ Direct AC/PC to consider whether a complementary new mechanism should be developed to provide targeted support to Parties with recurring issues in making NDFs for multiple species as highlighted through the RST process and on the possible role of the scientific committees in facilitating this; and provide recommendations, including possible amendments to RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i> or other existing resolutions. ● Invites AC/PC to note conclusions and propose draft Decisions to SC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC/PC adopt the recommendations provided.
<p>14. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</p>		
<p>14.1. Overview of the Review of Significant Trade</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 14.1 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides a list of fauna species for which the Review is ongoing (Annex 1) and range State/species combinations subject to a recommendation to suspend trade or for which the review process is currently ongoing (Annex 2). ● Invites AC to note the document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends AC note the document.
<p>14.2. Implementation of recommendations for species selected following CoP14, CoP15 and CoP17</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 14.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides draft recommendations for five species/country combinations in the Review (Annex 1) and responses received from range States (Annex 2). ● Invites AC to agree to recommend to SC, <i>inter alia</i>,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Pandinus imperator</i> (emperor scorpion) / Togo: request current quota (1,000 wild; 16,000 ranched) be maintained, and information as to how ranched and wild specimens are differentiated be provided; ▪ <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i> (graceful chameleon) / Togo: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex 2, containing the responses of the range States, was not available at the time this document was prepared.

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	<p>request more detailed information on implementation of all recommendations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Notochelys platynota</i> (Malayan flat-shelled turtle) / Indonesia: removal from the review and maintenance of current annual quota of 250 wild specimens; ▪ <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> (European eel) / Algeria and Tunisia: invite Algeria and Tunisia to liaise with the IUCN anguillid specialist group to assist in the development of an NDF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invites AC to transmit recommendations to SC. 	
<p>14.3. Species selected following CoP19</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 14.3 (Rev.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding species selected at AC32, provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responses of the range states (Annex 1); and ▪ UNEP-WCMC's species report (Annex 2) including recommended categorizations. ● <i>Inter alia</i>, the report recommends that the following species/country combinations be classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Action is needed': <i>Kinixys homeana</i> (Home's hinge-back tortoise) / Ghana, Benin, Togo; <i>Python regius</i> (ball python) / Ghana, Benin, Togo; <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> (oceanic whitetip shark) / Oman; <i>Mobula</i> spp. (manta and devil rays) / Sri Lanka); <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> (scalloped hammerhead) / Indonesia, China, Kenya, Nicaragua, Oman, Sri Lanka; ▪ 'Less concern': <i>Siebenrockiella crassicolis</i> (black marsh turtle) / Indonesia; ▪ 'Conditional upon annual publication of a zero export quota, Less concern': <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> (oceanic whitetip shark): Kenya, Senegal, Yemen; <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> (scalloped hammerhead): Yemen; <i>Testudo horsfieldii</i> (Horsfield's tortoise): Uzbekistan; and ▪ 'Unknown': <i>Sphyrna lewini</i> (Mexico); <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> (great hammerhead): Mexico. ● Invites AC to formulate recommendations as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC agree to the recommendations in the report with the exception of <i>S. crassicolis</i> as least concern. ● SSN recommends that <i>S. crassicolis</i> be classified as 'Action is needed' and for recommendations to include a zero export quota to be published on the CITES website, and provision of more detailed information regarding the basis of the NDF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The species is classified as Endangered (IUCN 2018); main threats are exploitation for national and international consumption, trade and habitat loss; ▪ A 2020 publication³ reports: levels of take in excess of quotas; use of the species for meat and medicinal products (however, domestic utilization is rarely recorded); high rates of mortality in trade; and concerning levels of illegal trade; ▪ Indonesia reports that the species scores a total of five in the Simplified NDF Assessment template table; however, Indonesia mistakenly combines values of 'status' and 'illegal trade' status into one score (value 1) rather than two (value 2), and states that a harvest level of <2,000 is 'low' although the NDF module standard for low (for reptiles) is <500. After correction of these errors, the species/country combination scores a total of seven,⁴ indicating that a Comprehensive Assessment should be undertaken;⁵ Even with the proposed reduced annual export quota of 839 (down from 2,850), the total score is above five. ● SSN recommends that AC request the Secretariat to provide an update on several other species that were not included in the selection but for which AC32 requested follow up, such as <i>Saiga tatarica</i> (saiga antelope):

³ Fauzi, Muhammad & Hamidy, Amir & Mumpuni, Mumpuni & Kurniawan, Nia. (2020). The Threat of Appendix CITES-Listed Turtles Harvesting in Central Borneo and South Sumatra. Journal of Tropical Life Science. 10. 215-222. 10.11594/jtls.10.03.05.

⁴ [Harvest: 2 + Distribution: 1 + Life history: 2 + Endangered: 1 + Illegal trade: 1 = 7]

⁵ https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/prog/ndf/ndf_guidance/module_9.pdf

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		Ukraine; <i>Trionyx triunguis</i> (African softshell turtle); Ghana; <i>Indotestudo forstenii</i> (Forsten's tortoise); Indonesia; <i>Monodon monoceros</i> (Narwhal); Greenland; <i>Balearica regulorum</i> (grey-crowned crane); Democratic Republic of the Congo); <i>Pandinus</i> spp. (Democratic Republic of the Congo); <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> (Colombia). ⁶
15. Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity		
<p>15.1. Overview and update on implementation of the review of trade in animal species reported as produced in captivity</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 15.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tables of species/country selected at AC29/AC32 (Annex 1) and ongoing cases (Annex 2); ▪ Response from Togo on <i>Centrochelys sulcata</i> (Annex 3); ▪ Response from Ghana on <i>Varanus exanthematicus</i> (Annex 4); ▪ Update on those species retained in the review by SC77 (Annex 5); and ▪ Action taken by Secretariat to remind South Africa (<i>Diceros bicornis</i>) and Zimbabwe (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) not to use the R source code for these species. • Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retain <i>C. sulcata</i> (Benin, Mali, Togo) in the review until concerns are addressed; ▪ Recommend removing <i>V. exanthematicus</i> (Ghana) from the review; and ▪ Agree to submit a draft Decision to SC that directs the Secretariat to establish a captive breeding tracking and management database. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With respect to species retained in the Review at SC77 SSN recommends that AC, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retain <i>C. sulcata</i> from Benin in the Review with a zero export quota; ▪ Retain <i>C. sulcata</i> from Mali in the Review and recommend a zero quota or suspension if it does not respond by a 30 September deadline; and ▪ Retain <i>C. sulcata</i> in the review for Togo pending provision of legal acquisition findings and noting that the reported annual production of specimens in captivity appears to be in excess of the biological capacity of the species.⁷ • SSN recommends that AC submit the draft Decision to establish a captive breeding tracking and management database to SC78. • With respect to <i>D. bicornis</i> from South Africa and <i>Loxodonta africana</i> from Zimbabwe, SSN recommends that AC request that SC recommend that Parties reject any applications for import of specimens of these species from these countries using source code R.
<p>15.2. Species selected following CoP19</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 15.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding species selected at AC32, provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Table of species, explanation of selection and questions asked (Annex 1); and ▪ Responses of the selected Parties. • Invites AC to review the responses and formulate draft recommendations for consideration of SC; and provide comments on the exact nature of how the species reviews can determine any impacts of removal of founder stock from the wild. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formulate draft recommendations for SC; ▪ Retain those countries in the Review that did not respond; and ▪ Request the development of guidance to assist in the determination of whether the breeding stock was established in a manner not detrimental to the survival of the species as required by RC 10.16 (Rev. CoP19 in the preparation of short reviews of selected species. Removal of this requirement would be a failure to consider activities that may have a significant negative impact on wild populations. ▪ For <i>Macaca fascicularis</i> AC should retain all four

⁶ See page 13 of <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/ac/32/E-AC32-SR.pdf>

⁷ The average figure given in literature is 10-15 eggs 2-3 times per year: <https://iucn-tftsg.org/wp-content/uploads/crm.5.110.sulcata.v1.2020.pdf>

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		<p>countries in the Review given serious concerns regarding the validity of breeding claims, inappropriate use of historic population estimates, and potential consequences of wild offtake to stock breeding farms from populations that might be far lower than the estimates currently used⁸.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note that the 'summary report' for <i>M. fascicularis</i> (long-tailed macaque) in Annex 3, mistakenly describes the IUCN Red List status for the species as Least Concern (based on a 2008 assessment), when the species was reclassified as Vulnerable in 2015, and Endangered in 2022 with a decreasing population trend.
<p>15.3. Review of Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Review of trade in specimens reported as produced in captivity</i></p> <p>AC33 Doc. 15.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with AC Chair and UNEP-WCMC. • Provides a report on comparative analysis conducted by UNEP-WCMC of the Review of Significant Trade (RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and Review of specimens reported as produced in captivity (RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19), in fulfillment of Decision 19.63 (Annex 1) and species selected for review at AC29 and AC32 (Annex 2). • Recommends a minor correction to RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) (paragraph 20 a)), and also the addition of a flow diagram of the process. • Notes that the two processes are quite different in terms of scope, purpose and methodologies, and concludes that there is no need to submit substantial recommendations to CoP20 on streamlining the two resolutions. • Recommends in 20 c that Decision 19.63 and 19.64 have been implemented and can be deleted • Alternatively, recommends (in paragraph 20 b)) that if AC wishes to continue the process, invites AC to consider draft Decisions for submission to CoP20 mandating AC to review RC17.7 (CoP19), and for AC/PC to review RC12.8 (CoP19), and make recommendations for consideration by SC and at CoP21. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conclude the review of the Resolutions and agree that the related Decisions have been implemented and can be deleted; ▪ Adopt the minor correction to RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) (in paragraph 20a)); and ▪ Reject Decisions that would extend the review of RC RC17.7 (CoP19) and RC12.8 (CoP19) (paragraph 20b). ▪ Agree with the suggestion in Par. 10 to add a flow diagram to illustrate the steps and timelines of the Captive-breeding resolution as an Annex to the resolution, similar to that found in Annex 1 of RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP18). • Note with concern that the methodology used to identify reptile and amphibian “<i>species known to be difficult to breed in captivity</i>” (RC 17.7 (Rev. CoP19, (2)(a)(vii)),⁹ relies on unverifiable, unrepresentative and non-reproducible input from private keepers and breeders of reptiles and amphibians, rather than data from published, scientific literature.¹⁰
<p>►► 16. Non-detriment findings (NDFs)</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 16 / AC33 Doc. 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the AC Chair and PC Vice-Chair. • Provides an update on related activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report of final meetings of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of AC/PC to the CITES NDF project (Annexes 1 and 2); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment.

⁸ Liston et al (2024) describes novel techniques to estimate populations, and suggests that actual populations may be up to 80% smaller than expected.

⁹ described in Doc. AC32 15.1 Appendix I.

¹⁰ <https://www.prowildlife.de/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2023-factsheet-captive-breeding-reports-commissioned-by-bfn.pdf>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regarding module 4 on Appendix I species, the working group's draft Decision directing SC to propose guidance to the CoP on how scientific authorities of importing Parties should interpret and assess whether the import of specimen of Appendix I-listed species are for purposes which are not detrimental to the survival of the species involved; and ▪ Draft Decisions for development of a feedback mechanism to review and update NDF materials (Annex 4). ● Invites AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, note progress made and agree to forward draft Decisions to CoP20. 	
<p>17. Non-detriment findings for specimens of Appendix-II species taken from areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responses to a Notification regarding NDFs for ABNJ (Annex 1); ▪ Summary of workshop survey responses from RMFOs (Annex 2); ▪ Observations of the technical workshop (Annex 3); ▪ Related implementation challenges (Annex 4); and ▪ Recommendations of the workshop. ● Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>, consider implementing the workshop recommendations; and make recommendations to SC78. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC support the recommendation in this document and use language from paragraph 16, informed by the observations in Annex 3, to draft Decisions for SC78. ● SSN urges Parties to make data, modeling tools, and NDFs public (for example, on the CITES sharks and rays page) to assist Parties with shared populations and/or low capacity.
<p>18. Guidance on non-detriment findings for trade in leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) hunting trophies</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides an update on implementation of related Decisions. ● Notes funding was received for development of NDF guidance on trade in leopards from Dallas Safari Club and Conservation Force, but the work on this guidance has not been commenced. ● Secretariat requested Parties exporting leopard trophies to indicate the type of support needed and will hold a virtual meeting of these Parties on 20-21 June 2024 for exchange of information. ● Invites AC to note progress made and consider renewal of related Decisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree to renew the Decisions; ▪ Ensure that independent scientists and experts participate in the development of the NDF guidance and assistance to range States; ▪ Request the Secretariat to provide a full report of the virtual meeting in writing to AC33 or via Notification for input by all stakeholders; and ▪ Note the current unfavorable conservation status of many leopard populations and scientific concerns with current quotas, and recommend Parties urgently review, reduce or suspend hunting quotas, where uncertainty exists in relation to population levels and validity of NDFs.
<p>19. Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species</p>		
<p>▶▶ 19.1. Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 17 Rev. 1 / AC33 Doc. 19.1 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Co-Chairs of the related joint interessional working group. ● Provides revised Decisions that, <i>inter alia</i>, direct Secretariat to request information from the Parties on identifying species in need of identification materials; and AC/PC to review the materials and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC/PC agree to forward the draft Decisions to CoP20.

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	<p>make recommendations regarding new material to be prioritized for development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invites AC/PC to submit revised Decisions to CoP20. 	
<p>19.2. Identification Manual of animals listed in CITES Appendix I (AIA-ID)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 19.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted by China as the focal point of the Expert Contact Group on the AIA-ID. • Reports on progress made in preparation of a manual. • Provides a table from RC 19.4 on <i>Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species</i> regarding identification information on animals listed in CITES Appendix I (Annex 1); and a table of the inventory and Checklist of AIA-ID (Annex 2). • Invites AC to note progress, invite more Parties to participate and formulate recommendations for this work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC note progress made and discuss opportunities for moving forward.
<p>►► 20. Transport of live specimens</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 19 / AC33 Doc. 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides <i>Challenges and suggestions for implementing IATA LAR, IATA PCR, and CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants, identified by participants</i> in an online workshop on transport of live specimens on 21 March 2024 (Annex). • Invites AC/PC to note this document and request results of the workshop to be posted on the CITES website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC note the document and urges AC to recommend further review and revision of Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP19) and the guidelines on transport of live animals, taking into account the challenges identified in the Annex, in order to ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CITES rules and guidance apply throughout transport of CITES specimens in international trade, including within member states; ▪ IATA LARs apply to any transport of CITES-listed live animals by air, including transport by non-IATA members; ▪ The CITES <i>Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants</i> form the default minimum standards for non-air transport of live specimens and should apply at all stages of transport to ensure that CITES requirements are met, including those in Articles III, IV, V and VII, that living specimens are so prepared and shipped (and, under Article VII, cared for) as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment; ▪ Responsibility for ensuring all general and species-specific requirements are met at every stage of transport, including identification of local facilities with the expertise and resources to assist in the event of an emergency involving live animals; ▪ Welfare of transported animals is given primary consideration, including contingency plans should journeys be disrupted, or animals be refused entry into, or seized/confiscated by, an importing or transit country ; ▪ Transport of live animals mitigates the risk of stress and the potential for emergence and spillover of pathogens; ▪ Pre-transport risk assessments are a permitting

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		<p>requirement, and a precautionary approach is adopted for risks that cannot be mitigated, or where there is uncertainty; AC should develop guidance to assist Parties in the development, implementation and interpretation of such assessments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport only takes place if all required health certification, permits and certificates are in place, to minimize potential delays; ▪ AC should recommend that Parties use CCTV to monitor live animals during transport to ensure comprehensive records are available to enforcement authorities if required.
<p>21. Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the SC Chair, in consultation with the ISO Secretariat and the CITES Secretariat. ● Provides draft Decisions to initiate an overall review of all Resolutions dealing with the issue of marking. ● Invites AC to propose the draft Decisions to SC for consideration at CoP20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
<p>►► 22. Specimens produced through biotechnology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No comment.
<p>23. Definition of the term ‘appropriate and acceptable destinations’</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides responses to Notification 2023/135 requesting feedback from Parties’ experience with using related guidance documents and other information provided on the CITES “Appropriate and acceptable destinations” webpage. Suggestions include, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarify whether the Management or Scientific Authority makes the determination; ▪ Clarify whether privately-owned, but fenced, game parks within range states would be considered <i>ex situ</i> programmes; ▪ Clarify that a one-off significant donation to a range state programme should not be used to gain approval; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address the issue of sustainability; and ▪ Clarify issues relating to appropriate group size, composition and social structures under animal well-being. ● Reports that on request for advice from an importing Party on definition of ‘appropriate and acceptable destinations’ the Secretariat was approached in March 2024, and consulted AC and the IUCN African Elephant Specialist Group; and provided advice to the Party. ● Secretariat’s assessment is that no amendments to the guidance are required. ● Invites AC to consider the points raised and, if 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN disagrees with the Secretariat that no further amendments to the guidance are required; species-specific guidance on ‘suitably equipped’ is needed to cover Appendix I species. ● SSN urges AC to request the Secretariat to make available the advice provided, recalling that Decision 19.168 limits export of live wild-caught African elephant to in situ conservation programmes or secure areas in the wild in Africa, except in exceptional circumstances. ● SSN urges AC to request the Secretariat to issue a Notification requesting feedback from additional Parties in relation to any species to which the ‘suitably equipped’ and ‘appropriate and acceptable’ criteria apply. ● SSN recommends that AC consider the need for further guidance, based on suggestions from responding Parties, concerning the need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the Scientific Authority of the state of import to seek independent taxon-specific expert advice on the suitability and long-term sustainability of destination facilities, to ensure they remain ‘suitably equipped’ or ‘appropriate and acceptable’; ▪ To include consideration of appropriate group size, composition and social structure in assessments of the suitability of destination facilities; ▪ To ensure any facilities to which animals may be subsequently moved meet equivalent (or better) suitability requirements;

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	<p>necessary, make recommendations to the SC; and agree that related Decisions be deleted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For guidance on determining whether and how a transfer will provide and successfully achieve substantive conservation benefits; and ▪ To incorporate consideration of transit facilities as well as final destination facilities.
<p>24. Trade in stony corals (Scleractinia spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Co-Chairs of the related intersessional working group. <p>Provides proposed amendments to RC 11.10 (Rev. CoP15) on Trade in stony corals (Annex 1), proposed amendments to the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports in order to address reporting issues related to trade in stony corals (Annex 2); and responses to a related Notification (Annex 3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invites AC to establish an in-session working group to consider the proposed amendments in Annexes 1 and 2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC establish the in-session working group.
<p>►► 25. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 21 / AC33 Doc. 25 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the Co-Chairs of the related joint intersessional working group. • Provides summaries of working group discussions (Annex 1); advice to be considered by SC (Annex 2); and responses to related Notification (Annex 3). • Recommends that AC/PC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider the information provided ▪ Provide Annex 2 to the related SC working group ▪ Agree that Decision 19.180 has been implemented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC adopt the recommendations. • SSN recommends the AC/PC highlight for further consideration by the SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The absence of tangible conservation benefits from many captive breeding/propagation facilities for wild populations; and ▪ The conservation risks for wild populations through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Continued removal of wild-caught individuals to supplement captive populations, Laundering of wild-caught/collected specimens through captive production systems; –Increasing demand which may be supplied/filled with wild specimens; –Introduction of potentially invasive species and spread of diseases; and –Inappropriate application of source and purpose codes.
<p>26. Implementation of paragraph 5 j) of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</i></p> <p>AC33 Doc. 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC77 invited the Secretariat to draft guidance on chain of custody for legal acquisition (para. 4 a)); and \ the requirement in para. 5j of RC 12.10 on the meaningful contribution that the operation will make to the conservation needs of the species concerned (paragraph 4b)). • Provides a summary of information provided on registration applications regarding ‘continuing meaningful contribution to the conservation needs of the species’ (by strategy and species family). Most common strategies include: decreasing pressure on wild populations, financial contribution, reintroduction to the wild, increasing awareness, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC reject the recommendations on additional action related to the contribution an operation might make to the conservation needs of species; it is very difficult to assess whether individual strategies are being implemented and whether they contribute to the conservation of the species concerned.

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	<p>research on the species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invites AC to ask Secretariat to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide the seven strategies identified to the Parties via Notification and the CITES website; or Propose draft Decisions to CoP20 directing the Secretariat to assist Parties in making the relevant findings 	
<p>27. Conservation aspects of captive-breeding of Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invites AC to consider whether the <i>IUCN SSC Guidelines on the use of ex situ management for species conservation</i>¹¹ provide adequate guidance to Parties on how to evaluate the conservation aspects of tiger captive breeding facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN considers that the IUCN SSC guidelines may provide useful information but are insufficient to evaluate whether captive facilities are actually carrying out conservation breeding. SSN notes that further guidance on the characteristics of different tiger breeding types is available in the <i>Roadmap to Closing Captive Tiger Facilities of Concern</i>¹². SSN recommends that AC propose the IUCN SSC guidelines <u>and</u> the Roadmap as guidance to Parties to evaluate the conservation aspects of captive tiger breeding facilities. Guidance should stress that facilities claiming to contribute to recovery of Asian big cats in the wild should be part of internationally recognised bona fide conservation breeding programmes, and demonstrate how their activities fulfill targeted actions of the Global Tiger Recovery Programme (2023-34).
<p>►► 28. Assessment of Appendix-I listed species</p>		
<p>►► 28.1. Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 23.1 / AC33 Doc. 28.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides detailed assessments of ten species listed in Appendix I (Annex), including: <i>Caprolagus hispidus</i> (Assam rabbit), <i>Helarctos malayanus</i> (Malayan sun bear), <i>Hippotragus niger variani</i> (giant sable antelope), <i>Lontra longicaudis</i> (Neotropical river otter), <i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i> (hyacinth macaw), <i>Crocodylus siamensis</i> (Siamese crocodile), <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> (hawksbill turtle), <i>Gonatodes daudini</i> (Union Island gecko), <i>Aerangis ellisii</i>, and <i>Aloe pillansii</i> (bastard quiver tree aloe). Invites AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, note progress made, consider the need and merit of continuing the work on assessing Appendix-I listed species and make recommendations to CoP20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC note the progress made and move to bring this work to a close.
<p>►► 28.2. Report of the intersessional working group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by the Co-Chairs of the related joint intersessional working group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See 'SSN recommendation' for PC27 Doc. 23.1 / AC33 Doc. 28.1.

¹¹ <https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2014-064.pdf>

¹² <https://eia-international.org/report/roadmap-to-closing-captive-tiger-facilities-of-concern/>

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<p>PC27 Doc. 23.2 / AC33 Doc. 28.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a report on working group discussions. • Invites AC/PC to consider substituting criterion 2.1, used in the original rapid assessment and that relied on information from IUCN that are no longer available, with other criteria/information in the IUCN assessments; consider whether to include trade data on domestic and/or artificial propagation and captive-breeding information; and make recommendations to CoP20. 	
<p>►► 29. Identifying species at risk of extinction affected by international trade</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 24 / AC33 Doc. 29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the Co-Chairs of the related joint intersessional working group. • Provides observations and recommendations of the working group, including that RC 19.2 on <i>Capacity building</i> be amended to invite Parties to update the CITES website with relevant studies on species that are or may be affected by international trade, are at risk of extinction and are either not yet regulated under CITES or may receive insufficient CITES regulation. • Invites AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, agree to submit the recommendations to the SC and propose deletion of related Decisions directed to AC/PC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC submit the recommendations to SC with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amend paragraph 9(e) to reference the methodology developed by Oxford University, IUCN and UNEP-WCMC for identifying species that are likely threatened by international trade on the IUCN Red List¹³ in filling the gap in capacity linked to the identification of species that may merit consideration under CITES; and ▪ Agree to the following alternative text as an amendment to RC 19.2 on <i>Capacity Building</i>: 4. DIRECTS the Secretariat to: <u>d) create and maintain a [page/section/database] on the CITES website where the information referred to in paragraph (2)(d) on the identification of species at risk of extinction that are not yet regulated under CITES or may receive insufficient CITES regulation and that are or may be affected by international trade can be uploaded and made available to Parties and stakeholders, and</u> <u>e) work with IUCN, UNEP-WCMC and other partners to create and routinely update a database providing information on species at risk of extinction that are or may be affected by trade on the CITES website following each CITES CoP to be published on the CITES website and made available to Parties.</u>
<p>30. Aquatic species listed in the Appendices</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update on related activities including a technical workshop on <i>Aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices</i> in April 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland; and ▪ A report on <i>Variability of life history parameters and productivity in elasmobranchs and other commercially exploited aquatic species</i> (Annex 1) and a <i>Collation of the work done on the interpretation of the criteria considered by the CoP as it relates to the application of Criteria Annex 2A</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC agree to the recommendations in this document and use language in paragraph 10 to draft a Decision to SC78 to further clarify the interpretation of flexibility in footnote 2 of RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP17). • SSN notes that paragraphs 24-26 in CoP15 Doc. 63 also provide helpful clarification regarding different ways to interpret the footnote.

¹³ Challender, D.W.S., Cremona, P.J., Malsch, K. *et al.* Identifying species likely threatened by international trade on the IUCN Red List can inform CITES trade measures. *Nat Ecol Evol* 7, 1211–1220 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-023-02115-8>

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	<p><i>criterion B</i> (Annex 2).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>: discuss the need to submit draft Decisions to SC78 and CoP20 to, if needed, develop further guidance on the application of RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) and its footnote 2 to Elasmobranchii and other aquatic species; and consider the need to define the term “commercially exploited aquatic species”. 	
<p>31. West African vultures (Accipitridae spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an update on related activities, related Decisions adopted at CoP19 (Annex 1); Executive summary of the CMS raptors MOU Secretariat report on the midterm implementation review of the multi-species action plan to conserve African-Eurasian vultures (Vulture MSAP) (Annex 2); and proposed revised Decisions (Annex 3). Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>, submit the revised Decisions to SC78, for CoP20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN agrees with the suggestion in point 14 that more focused Decisions may help to make progress, and recommends that AC adopt the draft Decisions.
<p>32. Conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 32</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides, <i>inter alia</i>, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report on the outcomes of two online workshops on conservation of amphibians (Amphibia spp.) held in November/December 2023; Recommends that AC considers, <i>inter alia</i>,: encouragin Parties to list species in Appendix III that meet the listing criteria, record trade in these species, and implement biosecurity recommendations to avoid spread of pathogens; and Provides draft Decisions that, <i>inter alia</i>, invite Parties to collect information on priority species, Secretariat to update the species prioritization matrix (Annex), and AC to consider a report from Secretariat and make recommendations to CoP21. Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>, agree to the draft Decisions, agree to the recommendations made, consider the need for any changes to trade term codes for amphibian specimens, and make information available on the CITES website in relation to Decision 19.186 to 19.188 on Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade (PC27 Doc. 24 / AC33 Doc. 29). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree to the draft Decisions and recommendations; Amend the recommendations in paragraph 29 to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –“<u>Invite Parties to consider App. II listing proposals for intensely exploited amphibian species, e.g. for the frogs’ legs trade, to ensure sustainability of international trade</u>”, as discussed at the workshop; and –“<u>capacity building and outreach, including demand reduction</u>” as suggested at the workshop; Include in draft Decision 20 AA: “(b) <u>develop outreach materials and capacity building to reduce the demand for amphibians (œc)..</u>”; Ensure that the Species Prioritization Matrix is up-to-date as agreed at the workshop; and Consider how to effectively communicate the recommendations of the workshop to the Parties.
<p>33. Tortoises in Madagascar (Astrochelys radiata, A. yniphora, Pyxis arachnoides and P. planicauda)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by Madagascar. Madagascar is home to nine species of tortoises and freshwater turtles, five of which are endemic; four are Critically Endangered. Provides a 2011 <i>Global Action Plan (PGA) for the</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC recommend that the related Decisions be renewed at CoP20 and encourage Madagascar to make progress on implementation of these Decisions in preparation for AC34.

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<p>AC33 Doc. 33</p>	<p><i>Conservation of Madagascar's endemic tortoises and freshwater turtles.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on mostly historic initiatives to conserve these species and states that Madagascar will report on this issue to AC34. 	
<p>34. Outcomes of the CITES Big Cats Task Force: consultation on a resolution on big cats (Felidae spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a summary of the limited responses to a Notification inviting perspectives on a resolution on illegal trade in big cats, noting that the merits of a resolution on all big cats remain divided. • Invites AC to provide its feedback on this issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC oppose preparation of a single resolution on all big cats noting, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A common resolution could dilute current recommendations and associated enforcement efforts for Appendix I Asian big cats in RC 12.5 (Rev. CoP19); ▪ The position of the LAC, reiterated by Brazil, that the jaguar be excluded from any common resolution given ongoing discussions by an SC intersessional working group. ▪ It would require agreement on recommendations appropriate for cat species currently not subject to species specific resolutions (e.g. jaguar, African lion, cheetah and puma). ▪ While there may be some common issues affecting big cats, there are significant differences in both the threats facing different species and in management regimes; and ▪ Any benefits of such a resolution are likely to be outweighed by its eventual complexity and length and the time and effort that would go into producing it.
<p>35. Pangolins (<i>Manis</i> spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a summary of responses to a CITES Notification (Annex 1) on pangolin conservation and management; and an up-to-date report on pangolin conversion parameters (Annex 2). • Invites AC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider the responses and conversion parameters; ▪ Agree that conversion parameters for <i>M. gigantea</i>, <i>M. javanica</i>, <i>M. pentadactyla</i>, <i>M. tetradactyla</i> and <i>M. tricuspis</i> can be used by Parties ▪ Ask proposed AC working group on identification materials to prioritize pangolins; and ▪ Provide SC and CoP draft Decisions that direct the Secretariat and AC to further develop conversion parameters for all pangolin species, particularly <i>M. culionensis</i>, <i>M. crassicaudata</i> and <i>M. teminckii</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC agree to the recommendations.
<p>36. African lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on related activities, noting that a report on African lion population trends and conservation and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN urges AC to accept the revised Decisions with the following amendments:

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<p>AC33 Doc. 36</p>	<p>management practices will be available for SC78.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues raised at a meeting of the African lion range States took place on 3 May 2024; ▪ Related Decisions adopted at CoP19 (Annex 1); ▪ Proposed revisions to these Decisions (Annex 2) for CoP20; and ▪ Guidance for Non-Detriment Findings for <i>African lions (P. leo) under CITES</i> (Annex 3). ● Invites AC to provide the revised Decisions to SC78 for consideration at CoP20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decision 19.205 (d) should be retained, to ensure the Joint CITES-CMS web portal on African lions is maintained and regularly updated, and that Parties are informed of relevant updates through the Secretariat's regular reports to CITES meetings; and ▪ Draft Decision 19.206 (Rev. CoP20) – Par (a) should also include relevant updates brought to the Committee's attention by range States. ● SSN recommends that AC consider development of a Resolution on African lions for consideration and adoption at CoP20, to ensure continuity of work on this species.
<p>37. Jaguars (<i>Panthera onca</i>)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 37</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides an update on this issue (including discussions at the meeting of the jaguar range States in Cuiaba, Brazil in September 2023). ● Also provides, in the Annex, the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for a situational analysis regarding jaguar trade and threats; ToR for creation of a modular system for monitoring illegal killing of jaguars, illegal trade in their parts and derivatives; and ToR for creation of an intergovernmental platform, including the option of a joint CITES-CMS jaguar initiative. ● Invites AC to provide comments on the draft ToR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC provide comments on the Annex. ● SSN recommends adding to para. 4 of the draft ToR a new d) to address demand reduction and collaboration with consumer countries (discussed at the Cuiaba, Brazil workshop): “ <u>d) reduction of demand mechanisms in consumer countries</u>”.
<p>38. Leopards (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) in Africa</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 38</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports that an updated Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa by IUCN is not yet available. ● Invites AC to propose that related Decisions be renewed to provide AC the opportunity to review the document during the next intersessional period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN is concerned that no progress has been made, recommends that AC propose to renew the Decisions and encourages range States to provide input to the revised Roadmap.
<p>39. Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 39</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agenda (Annex 1), observations (Annex 2), and recommendations from a Workshop on songbird trade and conservation management held 11-14 December 2023 in Thailand; ▪ A preliminary study on the scale and scope of international songbird trade, a priority list of songbird species that need attention (Annex 3);▪ a list of songbird species in trade (Annex 4). ● Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>, note the documents provided, consider the recommendations made, make the priority lists available on the CITES website (see document PC27 Doc. 24 / AC33 Doc. 29). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC adopt the recommendations of the Secretariat and also consider how to effectively communicate the recommendations of the workshop to the Parties.
<p>40. Eels (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides an update on related activities and a summary of responses of Parties to Notifications on eels (Annex). ● Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request that China, Egypt and Türkiye submit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC adopt the recommendations. ● SSN remains concerned that use of the source code R for <i>A. anguilla</i> might facilitate laundering of illegally acquired specimens into trade; the trade in elvers is not known to be sustainable; and <i>A. anguilla</i> elvers continue

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	<p>detailed information on trade in eels to SC78;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make recommendations about the use of source code R for European eel (<i>A. anguilla</i>) from aquaculture production systems; ▪ Agree to propose a draft Decision to discuss the potential risks and benefits of reintroducing seized live European eels into the wild; and ▪ Provide the SC working group on eels, a list of topics that might be considered for inclusion in a potential Resolution on eels. 	<p>to be traded illegally in significant numbers.^{14,15}</p>
<p>41. Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update on related activities; ▪ Related Decisions (Annex 1); ▪ Responses to a Notification on conservation and management of sharks (Annex 2); ▪ Data on commercial trade in CITES-listed sharks and rays since 2010 (Annex 4); ▪ An overview of this data (Annex 3); ▪ Recommendations from Secretariat (paragraph 15); and ▪ Secretariat's suggestions for adding ocean basins to the <i>Guidelines for the preparation and submission for CITES annual reports</i>. ● Invites AC (paragraph 29) to, inter alia,: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review the information, study provided and recommendations; ▪ Consider the Secretariat's suggestions regarding the guidelines; and ▪ Draft recommendations and Decisions for SC78. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that the AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adopt the recommendations in this document including those in paras 15 and 29, and also agree that ocean basin option for reporting catch locations it is simplest and most likely to be implemented; ▪ Agree that this document strengthens implementation of shark and ray listings through information sharing, and support the Secretariat's offer to provide assistance in response to requests from Parties. This is especially needed given the challenges noted in AC33 Doc. 17; and ▪ Consider revising the current related Decisions for CoP20 as many of these Decisions are ongoing issues or pending action.
<p>42. Seahorses (<i>Hippocampus</i> spp.)</p>		
<p>42.1. Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 42.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides a summary of responses from Parties regarding their actions to improve CITES implementation for seahorse species; and reports that funding has been secured to produce a report on the global illegal trade in seahorses. ● Invites AC to note this document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC note the document.
<p>42.2. Report of the intersessional working group</p> <p>AC33 Doc. 42.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared by the Chair of the related intersessional working group. ● Provides comprehensive lists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tools and materials that are needed to help Parties implement CITES for these species; ▪ Recommendations that Parties, the Secretariat and AC be invited to implement; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSN recommends that AC establish an in-session working group to consider the recommendations.

¹⁴ <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/law-enforcement-casts-net-over-256-eel-smugglers>

¹⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/major-seafood-dealer-and-eight-individuals-indicted-international-wildlife-trafficking>

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<p>43. Queen conch (<i>Strombus gigas</i>) AC33 Doc. 43</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Matters to be referred to the SC. • Invites AC to consider these recommendations. • Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An update on implementation of related Decisions, including the NDF Project and queen conch genetics project; ▪ Report on Increased Efforts In The Implementation Of The Regional Queen Conch Fisheries Management And Conservation Plan In The Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission Region (Annex 1); and ▪ NDF Guidance for Queen Conch (Annex 2). • Invites AC to proposal renewal of the related Decisions to CoP20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC agree to renew the Decisions.
<p>44. Marine ornamental fishes AC33 Doc. 44 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ToR for the Workshop on Marine Ornamental Fishes (MOF) held 7-10 May 2024 in Australia (Annex 1); ▪ Workshop participants list and agenda (Annexes 2 and 3); ▪ Observations from the workshop (Annex 4); ▪ Catalog of over 2,000 MOF species identified as being in international trade (Annex 5); and ▪ Recommendations to AC that include, <i>inter alia</i>, encouraging Parties to record trade in these species, and to consider Appendix III listings for nationally protected species that meet criteria. • Invites the AC to note the information provided, agree to the recommendations and adopt Decisions that direct the Secretariat to monitor the development of any tools for prioritization of species of marine ornamental fisheries and report AC; AC to make recommendations as appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adopt the draft Decisions with amendments incorporating the observations from the workshop, as contained in Annex 3; and ▪ Encourage the Secretariat to ensure that the the recommendations in Annex 3 are widely disseminated to the Parties
<p>45. Periodic review of species included in Appendices I and II</p>		
<p>►► 45.1. Overview of species under review PC27 Doc. 33.1 / AC33 Doc. 45.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an overview of animal species in the periodic review process (RC 14.8 (Rev. CoP19), including species selected for review between CoP13 (2004) and CoP19 (2022) (Annexes 1A-1E on animal species; Annexes 2A-2D on plant species). • Suggests that the review of <i>Pteropus tokudae</i> (Guam flying fox) be considered complete¹⁶ and recommends that certain animal and plant species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC note the document and agree to the deletions.

¹⁶ RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), Annex 3: "Extinct species already included in the Appendices should be retained in the Appendices if they meet one of the precautionary criteria included in Annex 4.D."

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be deleted from the Review as no volunteers have offered to undertake reviews. Invites AC/PC to note the document and agree to the deletion of certain species from the review. 	
<p>►► 45.2. Selection of species for the periodic review</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 33.2 / AC33 Doc. 45.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides outputs from assessment of species as outlined in RC 14.8 (Rev. CoP19) (Annexes 1 and 2). Invites AC/PC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider submitting a draft Decision to CoP20 directing AC/PC to consider the application of criterion D in paragraph 3 b) ii) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19);¹⁷ and Identify a list of animal or plant taxa to review during the next intersessional period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC/PC select species for inclusion in the Periodic Review.
<p>45.3. Periodic review of <i>Arctocephalus townsendi</i></p> <p>AC33 Doc. 45.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by Mexico. Provides a proposal to downlist the Guadalupe fur seal (<i>A. townsendi</i>) from Appendix I to II. All other species of <i>Arctocephalus</i> are listed in Appendix II. Classified as Least Concern (IUCN 2014); the current population is estimated at 34,000-44,000 individuals and is increasing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
<p>45.4. Periodic review of <i>Monachus tropicalis</i></p> <p>AC33 Doc. 45.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by Mexico. Provides a proposal to delete the Caribbean monk seal (<i>M. tropicalis</i>) from Appendix I as it is extinct. Mexico requests the opinion of AC and its nomenclature specialist regarding this review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN notes that <i>M. tropicalis</i> is not listed separately but as part of a listing of <i>Monachus</i> spp. on Appendix I at the genus level. We question whether it is appropriate or necessary to delete a single species from a higher taxon listing on grounds of extinction; doing so could create workload difficulties if it is determined that all extinct species within a larger taxon listing (e.g. parrots, orchids) need to be identified and deleted. SSN recommends that the AC recommend either that no action is necessary or that the Secretariat can make an editorial change in the form of a reference annotation to the listing noting that <i>M. tropicalis</i> is extinct (see RC 11.21 (Rev. CoP19) paras. 1(a)(ii) and 1(c)).
<p>►► 46. Informal review mechanism of existing and proposed annotations</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 37 / AC33 Doc. 46</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a study on the feasibility and requirements for an informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations for species listed in Appendix I and II (Annex), that provides options for reviewing existing annotations and providing “rapid” review of proposed annotations or amendments: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSN recommends that AC oppose creating this additional review mechanism, given the workload of the Parties and the Secretariat, and duplication of existing work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple existing mechanisms allow for review of annotations, including the establishment of the working group on annotations and the Secretariat’s review of proposals per RC 5.20 (Rev. CoP17), which provides a

¹⁷ RC 14.8 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph 3 b) ii), Criterion D: “species for which it is clear that there has been no change in the status, range or trade and for which there is no possibility to need to amend the Appendices”

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>An approach for the technical review of existing annotations</u> that could be, <i>inter alia</i>, undertaken by a subgroup of the annotations working group, a new subcommittee of Party representatives, or the Secretariat (itself or through a consultancy) ;with final review by SC; and ▪ <u>Approach for the technical review of proposals for annotations or amendments to annotations</u> that could involve: review before submission, review after submission, or at the CoP. ▪ The creation of a new, small, consultative body composed of Parties and experts for conducting reviews. • Invites AC to, <i>inter alia</i>, consider the report and provide comments on the scientific aspects that may need to be taken into account when conducting a review, in order to inform the Secretariat's reporting to SC78. 	<p>broad mandate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parties, under Art. XV, have a sovereign right to propose amendments to the Appendices as they see fit, and they also have significant time prior to CoPs to consider proposed annotations and consult with potentially affected Parties; ▪ Further, in case implementation or enforcement challenges should arise regarding specific annotations, Parties can raise these issues at AC/PC, SC, or CoP meetings and responses can be tailored to specific concerns if necessary.
47. Botanical and zoological nomenclature		
<p>►► 47.1. Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 40.1 / AC33 Doc. 47.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the PC specialist on botanical nomenclature and the AC specialist on zoological nomenclature, with contributions from the Secretariat and views of the intersessional working group. • Provides proposed amendments to RC 9.25 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Implementation of the Convention for species in Appendix III</i> from the USA (paragraph 23). • Provides proposed amendments from the Secretariat to RC 9.25 (Rev. CoP18) and RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Standard nomenclature</i> (Annex). • Invites AC/PC to consider submitting the amendments contained in the Annex amendments to SC78. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC support amendments to RC 9.25 and express a preference for the wording provided by the United States in paragraph 23 (as opposed to those in the Annex), and submit the revisions to RC 9.25 to SC.
<p>►► 47.2. Higher taxon listings in the Appendices</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 40.2 / AC33 Doc. 47.2 (Rev. 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the PC specialist on botanical nomenclature and the AC specialist on zoological nomenclature, with significant contributions from the Secretariat and views of the intersessional working group. • Recommendation 17 a) invites AC/PC to consider the merit of proposed revisions to RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i>, Annex 3, section on Higher taxa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>“Proposals for the inclusion of higher taxa in the Appendices need to demonstrate for each of the included species that it complies with the listing criteria detailed in this Resolution”</u> (suggestion by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN strongly recommends AC/PC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oppose opening up a discussion on the listing criteria in RC 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), including the guidance on higher taxa in Annex 3. The criteria should be maintained unamended as they work well and Parties have opposed amending them at CoP18 and CoP19. - Oppose the proposal from Austria (paragraph 17 a)) as it would severely restrict higher taxon listings and undermine the ability to list species for look-alike reasons. Higher taxon listings simplify the Appendices, facilitate implementation and enforcement, prevent intentional mis-declaration and can pre-empt trade switching to non-regulated species;

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	<p>Austria) : and/or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>“The listing of a higher taxon does not automatically accept the addition or exclusion of species in the listing resulting from future changes in taxonomy accepted by the scientific community, but not yet by CITES”</u> (suggestion by the UK). • Recommendation 17 b) i) invites AC/PC to consider revisions to RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Standard nomenclature</i>: “whenever a change in the name of a taxon included in the Appendices, <u>or the taxonomic level in which a taxon is included in the Appendices</u>, is proposed, the Secretariat..., determine whether this change would alter the scope of protection for fauna or flora under the Convention“; “the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees <u>that are determined not to alter the scope of protection for fauna and flora under the Convention</u> will also be considered by the Conference of the Parties” (suggested by USA). • Recommendation 17 b) ii): invites AC/PC to consider revising RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) to “clarify that changes to the Appendices proposed by the nomenclature specialists of the AC/PC should be limited to the same rank as the originally-listed species or higher taxon”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oppose the proposal from the UK (paragraph 17 a)) as clarification should be placed in RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Standard Nomenclature</i> which provides the process for addressing these concerns; ▪ Oppose the proposal in paragraph 17 b) ii) as, based on the comments provided in the Annex, there was no consensus that converting species listings to higher taxon listings is always substantive (requiring a formal proposal to CoP). ▪ Support the proposal from the USA (paragraph 17 b) i)) that provides clarification on these issues within the process provided for in RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19); • SSN notes that the suggested revisions to RC 9.24, some of which are substantive, were not discussed or agreed to by the working group. • In addition, while the report states as a conclusion that converting species lists to higher taxon listings is always substantive, there was no agreement on this issue. • SSN considers that the question of whether and when a higher taxon listing may be appropriate should be left to the discretion of Parties.
<p>►► 47.3. Development of a standardized global checklist of species</p> <p>PC27 Doc. 40.3 / AC33 Doc. 47.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the PC specialist on botanical nomenclature and the AC specialist on zoological nomenclature, with significant contributions from the Secretariat and views of the intersessional working group. • Noting that the Global Checklist process is a long-term undertaking, invites the AC/PC to consider whether to renew the related Decision or incorporate this work into RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Standard nomenclature</i>. • Provides a list of taxa that will be prioritized for this work. • Proposes to consolidate paragraphs 5 and 11 of RC 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) in order to avoid duplication (replaces “consider ways of harmonizing” with “promote harmonization”). • Invites AC/PC to note the list of taxa, agree to the consolidation and extend the mandate to continue work on the checklist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends that AC/PC agree to the recommendations.
<p>48. Report of the specialist on zoological nomenclature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by the AC Nomenclature Specialist with support from the Secretariat and the related intersessional working group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSN recommends AC recognize the two species of elephant in Africa by listing <i>Loxodonta</i> spp. on Appendix I, as noted as a clear preference at SC77;

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AC33 Doc. 48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an update on related issues, updated checklists for <i>Phrynosoma</i> and Iguanid lizards, Turtles, CITES-listed and closely related fishes (Annex 1), and sea cucumbers (Annex 2); and a list of miscellaneous taxonomic and nomenclatural changes concerning CITES-listed taxa that have found general support in the scientific community (Annex 3). Invites AC to establish working group to, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the inclusion of <i>Loxodonta cyclotis</i> in Appendix I as a split-out from the populations of <i>Loxodonta africana</i> currently listed in Appendix I; Await the availability of the consolidated checklist of birds of the world before proceeding further with updating bird nomenclature used in CITES; Note progress on provided checklists; Consider the merit of including the three taxa of the bony fish genus <i>Probarbus</i> in the Periodic Review; and Consider the merit of adopting additional or updated nomenclatural standard references as listed in the sixth column of Annex 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As noted by the Secretariat, this would be in compliance with the recommendation in RC 9.24 Annex 3 on 'Higher taxa', and not require a formal proposal to amend the Appendices as the change would not be substantive (it would not result in inclusion of additional species and not change the Appendix listing of any population). The amendment should read: <i>Loxodonta</i> spp. (except those on Appendix II). In the highly unlikely event that a new species is discovered, the nomenclature reference will have to be updated and the RC12.11 process would discern whether a formal proposal to CoP is needed. The genus listing would best ensure hybrid individuals are protected, simplify permitting, reporting and enforcement, ensure continuity of the MIKE and ETIS programs, the NIAP process and the African Elephant Action Plan, and ease the burden of updating CITES Resolutions and Decisions. SSN recommends that AC establish the in-session working group to consider the issues raised.
49. Regional reports AC33 Doc. 49.5; 49.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides regional reports for North America and Oceania at the time this document was produced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
50. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
51. Time and venue of AC34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
52. Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.



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