

## SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

### 77<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

*Brussels, 7 February 2017*

The Chair welcomed Mr Jorge Rodriguez Romero as new Deputy Head of Unit for Multilateral Environmental Cooperation.

#### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

#### **2. Update on on-going activities**

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#### **3. Summary of conclusions of the 76<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting (SoC COM 76)**

The summary of conclusions of the 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee held on 11 November 2016 was tabled for information.

#### **4. Outstanding Actions Points (COM 77 OAP)**

The list of outstanding action points was tabled for information.

Member States should submit any relevant information as appropriate.

#### **5. Short report by the Commission on the outcome of the 78<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Review Group (SRG 78 of 06/02/17)**

The Chair of the SRG informed the Committee about the main opinions that had been formed at the 78<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Review Group (SRG 78) held on 6 February 2017:

- Regarding *Prunus africana* from Cameroon, the SRG agreed to further defer the decisions regarding the request for an additional quota. At the same time, the SRG formed a negative opinion for a quota of 150.000 kg of dry bark from the Northwest region. The Commission would consult with Cameroon to obtain further information.
- The SRG confirmed the positive opinion for *Prunus africana* from Uganda.
- Regarding chamaeleons from Madagascar, the Commission would address one more letter to the country in the attempt to obtain the required information.
- The SRG confirmed the positive opinion for *Bulnesia sarmientoi* from Paraguay.
- Regarding *Swietenia macrophylla* from Brazil, the SRG confirmed both the "no opinion" (all applications to be referred to the SRG) and the negative opinion for permits issued under court order.

- The Commission would consult with Fiji and Indonesia on various coral species and would address in particular the question of mariculture.
- The Commission would consult with Indonesia regarding *Varanus rudicollis*.
- The SRG confirmed the positive opinion for *Galanthus woronowii* from Georgia and would observe results coming out of the CITES process.
- Regarding *Lamna nasus*, the SRG agreed to form negative opinions for the Faroe Islands and for Norway whilst forming a "no opinion" (all applications to be referred to the SRG) for the Northeast Atlantic stocks of Iceland and Japan.
- The SRG agreed to remove the opinions for species that have recently been included in CITES Appendix I / Annex B to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97.
- The SRG was elaborating a document dealing with the handling of import applications for specimens with source codes C, F or R.
- The SRG established an informal working group in order to address problems with, inter alia, reptiles and amphibians and to facilitate exchanges with third countries.
- The next training session was tentatively scheduled for 20 June 2017.

## **6. International issues**

### **6.1 Lessons learnt from CITES CoP 17**

Based on the discussions at the last and this meeting, the Commission would present a document about lessons learnt from CITES CoP 17 at the next Committee meeting.

### **6.2 Preparations for the meetings of the CITES Animals Committee (AC), Plants Committee (PC) and Standing Committee (SC) 2017**

The Committee discussed the possible submission of documents to the next meetings of the CITES Committees, bearing in mind that the deadlines for submission of such documents were 19 May 2017 for the AC, 23 May 2017 for the PC and 28 September 2017 for the SC. Topics for such documents could be the listing of *Dalbergia* spp., trade in eels and the handling of applications for specimens with source codes C, F or R. Furthermore, Member States were invited to identify candidates for a new European alternate member of the Animals Committee.

The Chair informed the Committee that Madagascar had submitted its progress report to the CITES Secretariat which would be circulated to the members of the Standing Committee in due course.

The Commission, together with the European representatives in the Standing Committee, would contact the Chair of the Standing Committee to get clarity how and when the work of the various working groups set up at the last SC would be initiated.

The Chair invited Member States to reflect upon possible EU proposals to be submitted to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 18) in order to allow for proper preparation and range states consultation.

## **7. Update of EU legislation**

### **7.1 Revision of Annexes to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97**

The Chair recalled that the latest version of the Annexes to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 reflecting the decisions taken at CoP 17 had been adopted on 20 January 2017 and published as Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/160 on 1 February 2017. He apologised for the inconvenience caused by the re-publication due to technical problems in submitting the language versions to the Publication Office.

### **7.2 Revision of the Implementing Regulations of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97**

The Committee discussed the prospect of amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 865/2006 and No 792/2012 to reflect CITES Resolutions and Decisions adopted or amended at CITES CoP17.

The Committee also debated on the possibility to include *Psittacus erithacus* (African grey parrot) in Annex X of Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006. The Committee concluded that it was necessary first to get appropriate data to analysis the situation with regard to illegal trade, breeding facilities in the EU, number of specimens kept in the EU and domestic trade before taking a position on this issue.

The possibility that EU domestic trade of pre-1992 specimens of *Dalbergia nigra* (mostly musical instruments and furniture) could be exempted from intra-EU certificates was also discussed. Again it was agreed that more information on the intra-EU trade was necessary before exploring further whether there was room for simplification.

The Committee was informed that there were different interpretations of the definition for "a person normally residing in the Community" (see Article 1.5 IR 865/2006) between the EU customs and the wildlife trade legislations. The Commission would investigate whether the definitions could be aligned.

### **7.3 Revision of Suspension Regulation (EU) No 2015/736**

The Committee was informed that Commission would be starting soon the work for a new "Suspension Regulation".

## **8. Any other business**

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**ATTENDANCE LIST**  
**of the**  
77<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON CITES

*Brussels, 7 February 2017*

<b>MEMBER STATE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>BELGIUM</b>	Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain and Environment	2
<b>BULGARIA</b>	Ministry of Environment and Water	1
<b>CROATIA</b>	Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection	1
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	Ministry of the Environment	1
<b>CYPRUS</b>	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	0
<b>DENMARK</b>	Ministry of Environment	1
<b>GERMANY</b>	Bundesamt für Naturschutz	1
	Federal Ministry for the Environment	1
<b>ESTONIA</b>	Ministry of Environment	2
<b>IRELAND</b>	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	1
<b>GREECE</b>	Ministry of the Environment and Energy	0
<b>SPAIN</b>	Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad	1
<b>FRANCE</b>	Ministère de l'écologie, de l'Énergie et de la Mer	2
<b>ITALY</b>	Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare	3
<b>LATVIA</b>	Nature Conservation Agency	1
<b>LITHUANIA</b>	Ministry of Environment	1
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	Ministry for sustainable Development and Infrastructures - Environment department	2
<b>HUNGARY</b>	Ministry for Rural Development	2

<b>MALTA</b>	Environment & Resources Authority	1
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	Ministry of Economic Affairs	2
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management	1
<b>POLAND</b>	Ministry of Environment	2
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	Instituto da Conservação da Natureza	1
<b>ROMANIA</b>	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	1
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	Ministry of Environment	1
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	Ministry of Environment	1
<b>FINLAND</b>	Finnish Environment Institute	2
	Ministry of Environment	1
<b>SWEDEN</b>	Swedish Board of Agriculture	1
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	1