

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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PERIODIC REVIEW OF ANIMAL SPECIES INCLUDED IN THE CITES APPENDICES (AGENDA ITEM 10)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairman: Carlos Ibero Solana, Regional Representative of Europe

Members: Brazil, China, Japan and Mexico; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, Humane Society of the United States

Mandate 1

Regarding agenda item 10.1 Periodic review of species selected before CoP13, the Working Group has the following mandate:

- a) Discuss the review on *Callithrix jacchus* submitted by Brazil;
- b) Make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

Recommendations

1. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee accept the recommendation of Brazil to maintain *Callithrix jacchus* in Appendix II, in accordance with Article II, paragraph 2 b).
2. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee urge the United States of America to complete the review of *Crocodylus lacertinus*.

Mandate 2a

Regarding agenda item 10.2 Periodic review of species selected between CoP13 and CoP15 the Working Group has the following mandate:

- a) Discuss the review of *Ambystoma dumerilii* and *Andrias japonicus* submitted by Mexico and Japan, respectively.

Recommendations

3. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee accept the recommendation of Mexico to maintain *Ambystoma dumerilii* in Appendix II, in accordance with Article II, paragraph 2 b).
4. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee accept the recommendation of Japan to maintain *Andrias japonicus* in Appendix I, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14), biological criteria B iii), iv) and C ii) of Annex 1, and because there is potential international demand.

Mandate 2b

- b) Make recommendations to urge the Parties that are undertaking reviews to complete them as soon as possible, and encourage them to make the pending reviews.

Recommendations

5. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee urge the following Parties to complete the following reviews:

BIRDS (Galliformes)

Colinus virginianus ridgwayi: United States of America.

Gallus sonneratii: Hungary.

Tympanuchus cupido attwateri: United States of America.

AMPHIBIANS

Andrias davidianus: China.

Recommendations

6. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee request the Secretariat to send a Notification to the Parties, similar to Notification to the Parties No. 2008/049, to request that reviews be conducted of species included in AC24 Doc. 10.2, Annex 1, paragraph 4.

Mandate 3

Evaluate PC18 recommendations on the budget and the process of the Periodic Review of the Appendices.

Recommendations

7. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee not support the proposal of the Plants Committee to introduce a new budget line for the Periodic Review (PC18 Sum 4, Rev. 1 (21/03/09)); the Working Group considers that there are more important priorities for funding.
8. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee agree that Resolution Conf. 14.8 should not be amended, as proposed by the Plants Committee (in paragraph 2 of the Extract from the Summary Record of the Eighteenth meeting of the Plants Committee on Draft Guidelines for the Periodic Review of the Appendices). The Working Group believes that the proposed amendments depend on the existence of a budget (see previous comment on the budget).
9. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee communicate the final outcome to the Plants Committee in order to ensure that they are aware of the results and to coordinate further action.
10. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee agrees that this is a good example of why it is important for there to be joint meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees.