

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



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**Committee II**

**Trade in threatened endemic species**

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DRAFT DECISIONS ON TRADE IN THREATENED ENDEMIC SPECIES

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***Directed to the Parties***

**20.AA** Parties are encouraged, taking into account the responses to the Notification to the Parties provided in Decision 20.BB and the information available on the CITES website, and where any uncertainty remains (including on issues such as the legal origin of specimens[, including of parental or founder stock]), to consult with the country of origin before issuing or accepting permits or certificates for specimens of CITES-listed endemic species.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**20.BB** The Secretariat shall issue, annually, a Notification to the Parties requesting Parties and non-Parties, in consultation with other relevant bodies, as appropriate, to:

- a) submit a list of their endemic CITES-listed species of concern using CITES accepted nomenclature, as feasible; and
- b) provide any information regarding the rationale for their concern, any prior export of these species including any conditions under which those exports were authorized, and/or whether the species is subject to nationally developed conservation programmes, and/or is subject to protection by national legislation.

**20.CC** Subject to extrabudgetary funding, the Secretariat shall make the information provided by Parties in Decision 20.BB readily available and searchable on the CITES website and, if feasible, integrated into existing CITES tools.

**20.DD** The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, and in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair:

- i) develop the terms of reference to define the objective and scope for a series of case studies on trade in CITES-listed endemic species, taking into consideration concerns raised in document CoP20 Doc. 73, representative of the issues raised by Parties in their responses to Decision 20.BB and making use of information provided under the same Decision; and
- ii) commission a series of representative case studies that cover a diverse range of scenarios, regions, species groups and specimens traded, based on the terms of reference agreed by the Standing Committee, to:
  - A. present examples of international trade in CITES-listed endemic species of concern, focusing on the trade history, pathways, networks and main markets; the impacts on conservation status, the cultural and spiritual significance of endemic species, as well as the evolution of relevant national regulations; and
  - B. characterize the key issues that arise from the case studies, especially the issues unique to endemic species, including any issues relating to legal acquisition of specimens in trade.
- b) present the findings of the case studies referred to in Decision 20.DD to the Standing Committee together with any recommendations it may consider relevant.
- c) The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of 20.BB, 20.CC and 20.DD.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

**20.EE** The Standing Committee shall, taking into account relevant inter-sessional work being undertaken:

- a) advise on the terms of reference for the case studies proposed in Decision 20.DD;
- b) assess the case studies submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 20.DD;
- c) identify Resolutions that may warrant review to ensure identified issues, as appropriate, including legal acquisition findings of specimens in trade and consultation with range States, are adequately addressed; and
- d) where appropriate, make recommendations to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## DRAFT DECISIONS ON *TRADE IN THREATENED ENDEMIC SPECIES*

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### ***Directed to the Parties***

**20.AA** Parties are encouraged, taking into account the responses to the Notification to the Parties provided in Decision 20.BB and the information available on the CITES website, and where any uncertainty remains (including on issues such as the legal origin of specimens[ , including of parental or founder stock]), to~~conduct prior consultations~~ to consult with the countries of origin before issuing re-export, export or import or accepting permits or certificates for specimens of threatened CITES-listed endemic species listed in Appendix I and II lacking proof of legal export from the country of origin.

### ***Directed to the Secretariat***

**20.BB** The Secretariat shall issue, annually, a Notification to the Parties requesting Parties and non-Parties, in consultation with other relevant bodies, as appropriate, to:

- a) submit a list of their endemic CITES-listed species of concern using CITES accepted nomenclature, as feasible; and
- b) provide any information regarding the rationale for their concern, any prior export of these species including any conditions under which those exports were authorized, and/or whether the species is subject to nationally developed conservation programmes, and/or is subject to protection by national legislation.

**20.CC** Subject to extra-budgetary funding, the Secretariat shall make the information provided by Parties in Decision 20.BB readily available and searchable on the CITES website and, if feasible, integrated into existing CITES tools.

**20.BBDD** The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, and in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair~~commission a study on trade in threatened endemic species listed in Appendix I and II to:~~
  - i) ~~map current international trade in listed threatened endemic species, including main traded species, trade pathways and networks, and main markets that are driving this trade;~~
  - ii) ~~analyze the *modus operandi* associated with international trade in endemic species and possible drivers of this activity; and~~
  - ii) ~~characterize the overall impact of international trade in endemic species on wild populations in the countries of origin;~~
- i) develop the terms of reference to define the objective and scope for a series of case studies on trade in CITES-listed endemic species, taking into consideration concerns raised in document CoP20 Doc. 73, representative of the issues raised by Parties in their responses to Decision 20.BB and making use of information provided under the same Decision; and
- ii) commission a series of representative case studies that cover a diverse range of scenarios, regions, species groups and specimens traded, based on the terms of reference agreed by the Standing Committee, to:
  - A. present examples of international trade in CITES-listed endemic species of concern, focusing on the trade history, pathways, networks and main markets; the impacts on

conservation status, the cultural and spiritual significance of endemic species, as well as the evolution of relevant national regulations; and

B. characterize the key issues that arise from the case studies, especially the issues unique to endemic species, including any issues relating to legal acquisition of specimens in trade;

- b) present the findings of the study case studies referred to in Decision 20.BBDD paragraph a) to the Standing Committee together with any recommendations it may consider relevant.
- c) The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of 20.BB, 20.CC and 20.DD.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

**20.CCEE** ~~The Standing Committee shall, monitor progress in the implementation of Decision 20.AA, assess the study submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 20.BB., paragraph a) and, where appropriate, make recommendations for improving the verification of legal acquisition of endemic species by the Parties, taking into account relevant inter-sessional work being undertaken:~~

- a) advise on the terms of reference for the case studies proposed in Decision 20.DD;
- b) assess the case studies submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 20.DD;
- c) identify Resolutions that may warrant review to ensure identified issues, as appropriate, including legal acquisition findings of specimens in trade and consultation with range States, are adequately addressed; and
- d) where appropriate, make recommendations to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.