

**Canada/Mexico/US Trilateral Committee
for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management
XXIV ANNUAL MEETING
April 8-11, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada**

WORK TABLE: CITES

Co-Chairs:

- Canada – Carolina Caceres, Manager, CITES, Canadian Wildlife Service, Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)
- Mexico – Hesiquio Benítez Díaz, (CONABIO)
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Working Table Priorities 2019

1. Regional cooperation, coordination and information-sharing in advance of the 18th meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties, and the 71st meeting of the CITES Standing Committee.

Note that a working program for the CITES table will be developed separately.

**AGENDA ITEM # 1: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda; 2018-19
Action Items Report; and Country Updates**

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Co-chairs – Carolina Caceres (CWS), Hesiquio Benítez (CONABIO), Rosemarie Gnam (FWS).

DESCRIPTION: Welcome and introductions of working table participants, and approval and adoption of the agenda and working program.

BACKGROUND: Standard agenda item to build consensus and ensure full participation. Action Item Reports are used to record decisions and monitor progress on work. Tables review Action Item Reports at the beginning of each annual meeting, and Co-chairs present and highlight relevant events that occurred in each of the three countries.

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Approval of any changes to the agenda; adopt the agenda and working program; identify issues and challenges in accomplishing action items.

SUBMITTED BY: Co-chairs

AGENDA ITEM # 2: Preparations for the 18th meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Canada, Mexico, United States

DESCRIPTION: Coordination and information-sharing in advance of the 18th meeting of the CITES

Conference of the Parties

Specific focus items include:

Species proposals

- CoP18 Prop. 2 – Saiga antelope, transfer from App. I to App. II (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 5 – Giraffe, include in App. II (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 13 – Woolly mammoth, include in App. II (requested by CA)
- CoP18 Prop. 19 – Black-crowned crane, transfer from App. II to App. I (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 22 – *Crocodylus acutus*, transfer the population of Mexico from App. I to App. II (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Prop. 28 – Tokay gecko, include in App. II (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 31 – *Ctenosaura* spp., include in App. II (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Prop. 36 – Star tortoise, transfer from App. II to App. I (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 37 – Pancake tortoise, transfer from App. II to App. I (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 38 – Glass frogs, include in App. II (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 42 – *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus*, include in App. II (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Prop. 44 – Rhinidae spp, include in App. II (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Prop. 45 – Three species of teatfish, include in App. II (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 46 – Ornamental spiders, include in App. II (requested by US)
- CoP18 Prop. 49 – *Handroanthus* spp., *Tabebuia* spp. and *Roseodendron* spp. (Trumpet trees), include in App. II with annotation #6 (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc 52 – Amendment of Annotation #15 for *Dalbergia* spp., *Guibourtia pellegriniana*, *Guibourtia tessmannii*, amend annotation #15 (requested by US; introduction by Canada)
- CoP18 Prop. 57 – *Cedrela* spp., include in App. II (requested by US)

Working documents

- CoP18 Doc 12 – Securing better implementation of marine fish species listings in the Appendices (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc 15 – Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc 17 – Rural communities (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc 18 – CITES and livelihoods (requested by MX), including Doc. 18.3 Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) (requested by US)
- CoP18 Docs. 21, 27, 28 – Capacity building and compliance (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 30 – Compliance in relation to Malagasy ebony and palisanders and rosewoods (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 38 – Designation and roles of Management Authorities (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 39 – Guidance on making legal acquisition findings (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 40 – Due diligence by CITES Parties and obligations of importing countries (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 42 – Traceability (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 43 – Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 45 – Non-detriment findings (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 49 – Implications of the transfer of a species to Appendix I (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 50 – Amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on Implementation of the Convention for timber species (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 56 – Simplified procedures for permits and certificates (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 57 – Implementation of the Convention for captive-bred and ranched specimens (requested by US)

- CoP18 Doc 59.1 – Guidance on the term ‘artificially propagated’ (requested by the US)
- CoP18 Doc. 61 – Sturgeons and paddlefish (requested by CA)
- CoP18 Doc. 62 – Draft decisions on the conservation of amphibians (Amphibia) (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 63 – Eels (requested by CA)
- CoP18 Doc 66 – Trade in *Boswellia* spp. (Burseraceae) (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc 68 – Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.) (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc 70 – Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and other marine turtles (Cheloniidae and Dermochelyidae) (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 72 – Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.) on CITES (requested by US)
- CoP 18 Doc. 74 – Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)] (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 77 – Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc 79 – Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes) (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 85 – Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc 89 – Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*) (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 93 – Neotropical tree species (requested by MX)
- CoP18 Doc. 94 – Conservation management of and trade in marine ornamental fish (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 100 – Inclusion of species in Appendix III (requested by US)
- CoP18 Doc. 103 – Guidance for publication of the Appendices (requested by CA)

Other

- Regional Representation on SC, AC and PC (requested by the US)

BACKGROUND: The CITES Conference of the Parties meets approximately every three years to make decisions about make amendments to the list of CITES-regulated species as well as policy and administrative decisions. Decisions are directed to the three CITES Committees, and determine the programs of work for the Committees for the next triennium. The 18th meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties will meet from 23 May to 3 June 2019 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Information-sharing and coordinated approach as appropriate for specific issues.

SUBMITTED BY: Canada, Mexico, United States

AGENDA ITEM # 3: Preparations for the 71st meeting of the CITES Standing Committee

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Canada, Mexico, United States

DESCRIPTION: Regional coordination and information-sharing in advance of the 71st meeting of the CITES Standing Committee

Specific focus items include:

- Country-specific compliance issues - DRC, Japan, Lao PDR, and Nigeria (requested by US)
- Request to the Secretariat by the Management Authority of Mexico to include an operation that breeds *Totoaba macdonaldi* for commercial purposes in the Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes (requested by MX)

BACKGROUND: The 71st meeting of the CITES Standing Committee will meet in advance of the meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties to support the CITES Conference of the Parties and to

continue work assigned to it by the Conference of the Parties.

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Information-sharing and regional coordination as appropriate for specific issues.

SUBMITTED BY: Canada, Mexico, United States