

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



Fifty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 6-10 July 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MORNING

**Interpretation and implementation of the Convention**

Species trade and conservation

36. Elephants

36.5 Decision-making mechanism for authorizing ivory trade..... SC58 Doc. 36.5

The Committee adopted the recommendations in paragraph 5 of document SC58 Doc. 36.5.

36.6 MIKE-ETIS subgroup..... SC58 Doc. 36.6

The Committee asked the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup to convene and report later in the meeting on the issues listed in paragraph 8 of document SC58 Doc. 36.6.

Trade control and marking

28. Physical inspection of timber shipments..... SC58 Doc. 28

The Committee urged Parties to contribute information to the Working Group on Physical Inspection of Timber Shipments and noted document SC58 Doc. 28 and the oral update of the Chair of the Working Group.

29. Inconsistent implementation of Appendix-III timber listings annotated to include only the national populations of the listing countries ..... SC58 Doc. 29

The Committee adopted the recommendations in paragraph 18 of document SC58 Doc. 29.

30. Identification manual..... SC58 Doc. 30

The Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 30 and the oral update of the Secretariat.

Species trade and conservation

32. Great apes ..... SC58 Doc. 32

The Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 32 and the oral update of the Secretariat.

33. Asian big cats ..... SC58 Doc. 33

The Committee directed the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties calling upon range States of Asian big cats to submit reports complying with Decisions 14.65 and 14.69 within 90 days, for their consideration at the 59th meeting of the Committee, ahead of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In response to proposals, the Committee agreed that amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.5 (*Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species*) would best be proposed by a Party to the Convention and not the Secretariat.