

Summary of Conclusions

50th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

Brussels, 26 February 2010

1. Adoption of the agenda

One addition was suggested under "Any other business", namely the fraudulent use of EU certificates. With this addition, the agenda was adopted.

2. Update on on-going activities

- **New Suspensions Regulation:** After CoP 15, once technical feedback was received from Member States, the Commission would launch the internal procedure (including Member States consultation via comitology) to have the new regulation adopted as quickly as possible.
- **Omnibus decision for San Marino:** On 22 February 2010, the Council adopted a Decision relating to the position to be taken in the Cooperation Committee established by the Agreement on Cooperation and Customs Union between the European Economic Community and the Republic of San Marino in order to adopt the "omnibus" decision. This decision will waive permitting requirements for CITES trade between the EU and San Marino.
- **Various information requests** to Member States: The Chair thanked for the replies received already and invited those Member States that have not yet submitted their contributions to do so as soon as possible.

3. Summary of conclusions of the 49th Committee meeting (SoC COM 49)

The document was tabled for information purposes.

4. Outstanding Actions Points (COM 50 OAP)

The document was noted. The Chair invited Member States to submit any relevant information if and when available.

5. Short report by the Commission on the outcome of the 51th Scientific Review Group meeting (16/02/10) (see also: [SRG on Europa](#))

The Chair of the SRG informed the Committee about the outcome of SRG 51. SRG discussions focussed on *Anguilla anguilla* and a long list of species subject to long-standing suspensions. As concerns were expressed again about the deletion of some *Mantella* species from the Suspension Regulation, the Chair indicated to the Committee that, when the new Suspension Regulation enters into force and excludes those species, all applications for those species would have to be referred to the SRG and that therefore any possible trade would be closely monitored.

6. *Anguilla anguilla*

6.1 Implementation issues (COM 46/7)

The Chair referred to the paper on implementation and practical aspects of exports of *Anguilla anguilla* which had already been distributed at COM 46. He invited Member States to notify the Commission in case they would face any particular problems so that the document could be updated accordingly. The Chair confirmed the need to review the rules for the next fishing season at the SRG and COM meetings scheduled for May and June respectively.

6.2 Member States' management plans

The representative from DG MARE informed the Committee about the state of play concerning the adoption of the management plans.

Member States expressed concerns about the question of restocking of the eel population. The Chair pointed out that *Regulation (EC) 1100/2007 establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel* contained a monitoring mechanism; nevertheless he pointed out that this issue had to be discussed further in the SRG and COM. He also informed about the situation with regard to the export of glass eels from France, on the basis of information sent by the French authorities (who could not attend the meeting). The Commission would endeavour to compile all useful information that was available on eels into one document after the CoP.

7. Preparation of Standing Committees 59 and 60 (see [SC 59 - Provisional agenda](#))

7.1 Preparation for SC 59 - Orientation paper (COM 50/7/1)

The Committee had a detailed discussion on the various items reflected in the orientation paper and agreed on the line to take on most of the agenda items to be discussed at the Standing Committee. The Chair concluded that the Commission would prepare a revised orientation paper to reflect the discussions and to submit it to Member States as soon as possible. Some issues would need to be discussed further during coordination in Doha.

On the logistical side, the Presidency informed the Committee that they would confirm at the WPIEI of 3 March 2010 when the coordination meeting would take place. Furthermore, working arrangements between the Presidency, the Commission and the EU representatives of the Standing Committee would be organised in a similar manner as at the last SC meeting.

7.2 Appointment of a new member from the European Union and the chairman of SC

The Chair encouraged Member States to submit applications for the various upcoming free positions (members and alternates) in the Standing Committee. The same discussions would arise for the Animals and Plants Committees as well.

8. Preparations for CoP 15 (see [CoP 15 - Provisional agenda](#))

The Chair gave an update on the timeline for adoption of the EU common position. He also pointed out that any further discussions on substance should take place in the framework of Council WPIEI and WPE meetings.

The Presidency would inform Member States at the WPIEI meeting on 3 March 2010 about planned coordination in Doha.

Member States present confirmed their participation in CoP 15. The Chair invited Member States to liaise with neighbouring non-EU countries to explain the EU positions.

9. EU electronic data sharing – pilot project (UNEP-WCMC)

The representative from UNEP-WCMC presented the state of play of this pilot project.

It was emphasised that this project was purely about electronic data sharing. Nevertheless, the Chair invited UNEP-WCMC to contact the chair of the CITES electronic working group to ensure clarity about the different projects as well as good cooperation between this initiative and work undertaken by UNEP-WCMC.

10. Assessment of the implementation of the CITES labelling and licensing provisions for caviar in three sturgeon range States in the Caspian region (TRAFFIC) (COM 50/10)

The representative from TRAFFIC presented the findings on the implementation of the CITES labelling and licensing provisions for caviar in three sturgeon range States in the Caspian region.

The Committee agreed to send the assessments to the range states in question and to share the EU observations with them.

11. Biennial reports 2007-2008 – Analysis (TRAFFIC) (COM 50/11)

The representative from TRAFFIC presented the analysis of the biennial reports 2007-2008. Member States were invited to submit any further comments to the Commission and to TRAFFIC by 12 March 2010. The Commission would then proceed with the publication of the analysis and its submission to the CITES Secretariat.

The Committee agreed to clarify in particular questions about registration and labelling of companies dealing with caviar before the next reporting exercise.

12. Trade patterns in Ramin (TRAFFIC) (COM 50/12)

The representative from TRAFFIC presented the findings on trade patterns in ramin.

The Committee appreciated the information provided and then discussed possible ways to take these findings further with countries involved in this trade. The Committee also agreed that these problems were not exclusive to ramin. The Commission would reflect on the best way forward. The issue could possibly be raised during the Standing Committee.

13. Definition of worked specimens (COM 50/13)

The Committee considered the discussion paper which was already presented at COM 46 a very useful reference document. However, there was agreement that it was impossible to have a complete set of examples as to what was considered as worked specimen. The Committee decided that, unless a Member State had a real problem in defining an example of a worked specimen, individual cases would not be discussed further. The Chair concluded that the Commission would develop some guidance and criteria; this issue would also be discussed further in the context of the revision of the Implementing Regulation. The basis for these discussions would be the summary of the findings of the Effectiveness Study.

14. Import of Annex A specimens for other purpose which are non-detrimental – Article 4.1(a)(ii) (COM 50/14)

The Committee agreed that this issue had to be discussed further in conjunction with the SRG. The Chair pointed out that the implications of option 3 still had to be checked and that the discussion on this matter would continue in the context of the overall review process.

15. Proof of legal acquisition

The Chair thanked Member States for the replies received already and invited those that have not yet submitted their contributions to do so as soon as possible in order to get a good overview how this was handled across Member States. He said that the replies would be uploaded on Circa. A more substantial discussion on how this issue should be handled would thus take place at a later meeting.

16. *Monodon monoceros* (Narwhal)– Imports of parts and derivatives for personal use

The Committee recognised that there was a suspicion that the provision of the EU wildlife trade regulations could be abused by some individuals but that this was rather an enforcement matter. Management and enforcement authorities should bear these concerns in mind when dealing with requests for narwhal or other Annex A species.

17. Any other business

The point on "Fraudulent use of EU certificates" was deferred.

ATTENDANCE LIST
of the
50th MANGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON CITES

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MEMBER STATE	ORGANISATION	PARTICIPANTS
BELGIUM	Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain en Environment	2
BULGARIA	Ministry of Environment and Water	1
CZECH REPUBLIC	Ministry of the Environment	1
CYPRUS	Ministry of Environment	1
DENMARK	Ministry of Environment	1
ESTONIA	Ministry of Environment	0
	Tallinn ZOO	0
GERMANY	Bundesagentur für Naturschutz	2
IRELAND	Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government	0
SPAIN	Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio	3
FRANCE	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	0
ITALY	Corpo Forestale dello Stato	1
	Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare	2
	Permanent Representation	1
LUXEMBOURG	Ministry of Environment	1
	Customs Luxembourg	1
HUNGARY	Ministry of Environment and Water	1
MALTA	Environment and Planning Authority	1

NETHERLANDS	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food Quality	2
AUSTRIA	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management	1
POLAND	Ministry of Environment	2
GREECE	Ministry of Environment	1
PORTUGAL	Instituto da Conservação da Natureza	1
ROMANIA	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	1
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Environment	1
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Environment	1
FINLAND	Finnish Environment Institute	1
SWEDEN	Swedish Board of Agriculture	0
UNITED KINGDOM	DEFRA	2
	Animal Health	1