

**Decisions of the
Conference of the Parties to CITES
in effect after its 17th meeting**

Decisions related to totoaba (17.145-17.151)

			particularly on countries identified for priority attention as presented in that report, make any recommendations as appropriate.
17.141		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall evaluate the reports submitted by Mozambique and Viet Nam, as called for in the recommendations agreed at its 67th meeting, and shall make additional recommendations as appropriate.
17.142		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall evaluate the report of the Secretariat on its missions to Mozambique and Viet Nam, and shall make any additional recommendations for further action and request additional reporting to its 70th meeting, as necessary.
17.143		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	Based on its assessment of progress by Mozambique and Viet Nam, both at its 69th and 70th meetings, the Standing Committee shall determine if Mozambique and Viet Nam have satisfactorily addressed all recommendations, or if further actions, up to and including compliance measures, are warranted.
17.144		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 18th Conference of Parties.
17.145	Totoaba (<i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i>)	<i>Directed to Parties</i>	Parties acknowledge that Mexico, the United States of America and China are committed to collaborating and contributing towards the conservation of totoaba, and urge other parties to join them in this effort.
17.146		<i>Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba</i>	Parties should intercept illegal shipments, and, as appropriate and to the extent possible, share information on such illegal catch and illegal trade, with the Secretariat, as well as CITES authorities of relevant Parties.
17.147		<i>Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba</i>	Parties should engage in awareness raising activities about the endangerment of totoaba and its grave implications for vaquita (<i>Phocoena sinus</i> , an endangered species threatened with extinction and listed under Appendix I), eliminate supply of and demand for totoaba, and increase law enforcement measures to prevent and address illegal fishing and trade.
17.148		<i>Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba</i>	Parties shall submit to the Secretariat information to be made available to the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee on the number and quantity of seizures of illegal totoaba products, arrests of those engaged in the illegal fishing and trade, results of any prosecutions, and actions taken to implement these decisions.
17.149		<i>Directed to the Secretariat</i>	Subject to availability of external resources and in consultation with relevant organizations (i.e. the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, etc.) as well as the range State, the Secretariat shall commission a report, to be submitted to the Standing Committee, on the current status of totoaba and vaquita, and ongoing conservation efforts, information on illegal trade and markets, and recommendations to guarantee the recovery of totoaba and vaquita and combat illegal trade.

17.150		<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	The Standing Committee shall evaluate the data and information submitted by Parties at its 69th and 70th meetings and make recommendations for any additional actions.
17.151		<i>Directed to Parties and other relevant stakeholders</i>	Parties and other relevant stakeholders are urged to support efforts to stop illegal fishing, trafficking, and support activities benefitting the recovery of wild populations of totoaba.
Trade control and traceability			
17.152	Traceability	<i>Directed to the Standing Committee</i>	<p>The Standing Committee shall, at its 68th meeting, establish a working group on traceability, which will work in collaboration with the secretariat to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) recommend a working definition of 'traceability' to assist Parties in work related to the implementation of traceability systems; b) encourage Parties that are developing traceability systems to ensure they are complementary, mutually supportive and standardized, as appropriate, and that they are adapted to the unique conditions relating to trade in CITES-listed species; c) provide general guidance on a mechanism to coordinate and oversee the development of traceability systems using lessons learned from the development of the global CITES permits and certificates system, global information and traceability systems, and other relevant initiatives; d) subject to the availability of external resources, and as appropriate, develop and make use of umbrella guidelines, and recommend standards, to develop traceability systems for different species that are mutually supportive and that generate standardized data; e) subject to the availability of external resources, analyse examples that describe CITES supply chains, including but not limited to those using Unified Modelling Language, and identify points throughout the supply chain where specimens should be located, verified, and its application defined, bearing in mind a wide range of production systems and life forms; f) take into account the work on e-permitting to ensure links between CITES permits and certificates and traceability identifiers; g) collaborate with United Nations and other relevant organizations that have experience in the development and use of traceability standards and systems; and h) draft a resolution on traceability, as deemed necessary, to be submitted to the Standing Committee, taking into account any relevant conclusions and recommendations of the report resulting from Decision 17.154, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.153		<i>Directed to Parties</i>	<p>Parties are invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) support the working group in its work on traceability;