

## **CITES and livelihoods**

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

- 16.17 Exporting and importing countries are invited to carry out voluntary rapid assessments of the impact of implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities and to mitigate negative impacts.
- 16.18 Parties are encouraged to develop case studies and facilitate exchange visits between relevant stakeholders from the different ongoing conservation and sustainable use programmes which address issues related to CITES and livelihoods in order to stimulate the exchange of lessons learnt regarding CITES-listed species living in similar environments and/or social conditions.
- 16.19 Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and public and private donors/investors are encouraged to support rapid assessments of the impact of the implementation of CITES-listing decisions on the livelihoods of rural communities, the implementation of activities which mitigate any negative impacts, and cooperation agreements between relevant national government agencies and rural communities.

### ***Directed to the Standing Committee***

- 16.20 The Standing Committee shall continue the operation of its Working Group on CITES and Livelihoods so that the Working Group can review the comments on the toolkit and guidelines submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee.
- 16.21 The Working Group shall continue to work electronically through a forum available on the CITES website. The Working Group may, subject to availability of external funding, recommend to the Standing Committee that a meeting of the working group be required.
- 16.22 The Standing Committee shall review at its 65th and 66th meetings the progress made with regard to CITES and livelihoods.
- 16.23 The Standing Committee shall present a report at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress made on this work.

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

- 16.24 The Secretariat shall, via a Notification, invite Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations to provide comments on document CoP16 Inf. 21. The comments shall be made available for consideration by the Working Group.
- 16.25 Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with interested Parties and relevant international and regional organizations, facilitate the organization of workshops and side-events to showcase successful livelihood experiences, and create a section on the CITES website to publish experiences and case studies related to CITES and livelihoods submitted by Parties, stakeholders and interested organizations.