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EU policy updates on international wildlife trade

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CITES - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

- International trade worth **billions of dollars**
- To ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the **survival of the species**
- **184** parties, including EU and EU MS
- 3 appendices, system of permits and certificates, verification of **legality and sustainability**
- Conference of Parties every 3 years
- Robust **compliance** mechanism
- EU Wildlife Trade Regulations

THE OUTCOMES FROM **CITES COP19** (Panama City, Nov.2022)



3409
participants



367 New
Decisions,
5 New
Resolutions



268 News items
140 journalists

45 out of 52
proposals adopted
for amendment to
CITES Appendices

562
species
Added to App.II


4 species
uplisted;
6 species
downlisted

100 sharks & rays
4 birds
50 turtles & tortoises
160 amphibians
150 trees



Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

CITES CoP 19 – detailed outcomes (1/2)

- 100 additional species of **sharks and rays**, and 3 species of sea cucumbers were added to the CITES appendices
- More than 150 **tree species** were included under CITES control
- CITES protection was extended to a range of reptiles and amphibians, in particular turtles
- Consensus reached on **Pernambuco** (*Paubrasilia echinata*) 
- Proposal to list **hippopotamus** in Appendix I rejected
- Inclusion of 150 species of **glass frogs** in Appendix II

CITES CoP 19 – detailed outcomes (2/2)

- **Trade in live elephants:** dialogue amongst African range States and moratorium until next CoP
- Proposals to re-authorise trade in **ivory** rejected
- Decisions and resolutions to strengthen action against trafficking
- Framework for **capacity building**
- Discussions on issues related to **sustainable use, livelihoods, indigenous people and local communities**
- Progress towards a resolution on reducing the risk of emerging **zoonotic diseases**

Revised EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking (COM(2022)581 final)

2022-2027

- 4 priorities, 17 objectives, 69 actions
- Evolution and not a revolution
- Comprehensive approach, updating and responding to new challenges and trends
- In line with all relevant strategies and coherent and complementary to other instruments
- Increased focus on online crime, transparency, cooperation with stakeholders and actions along the entire enforcement chain

Preventing wildlife trafficking and addressing its root causes

Strengthening the legal and policy framework

Enforcing regulations and policies to fight wildlife trafficking effectively

Strengthening the global partnership of source, consumer and transit countries

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Thank you



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