

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

4th – 7th October

OCEANIA REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES)

DAY ONE: Tuesday 4th October

Time	Session
08:30-9:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Official Opening Prayer Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks: <i>Stuart Chape, IOE Director, SPREP</i> • Welcome remarks: <i>Samoa Director of Environment Frances Reupena</i> • Statement: <i>CITES Secretariat (HJ)</i> Official photograph
09:30-10:00	Session 1: Introduction and overview of the workshop agenda, meeting objectives and outcomes (facilitated by SPREP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the agenda, meeting objectives and expected outcomes, workshop format and structure • Introduction of participants and expectations. (Icebreaker)
10:00	Morning tea
10:30-11:00	Session 2: Overview of CITES CoP 19 and processes (Facilitated by CITES Secretariat (HJ)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CITES CoP19 and COP processes. • How the meeting operates, document flow • How to participate: rules of procedure, credentials, interventions, consensus and voting, regional meetings, sponsor delegate funding support; potential for joint statements. • CITES Standing Committee (75,76) Animals Committee and Plants Committee; Any agenda items that need discussing. (HR & Australia)
11:00-12:00	Session 3: CITES CoP 19 Agenda and identification of priority items (Facilitated by Oceania SC and SPREP and supported by CITES Secretariat. (Will be based on submissions by Parties on registration forms for this meeting)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the CITES CoP19 agenda items CITES COP19 Agenda and documents • Participants to discuss priority agenda items relevant to Oceania to be reviewed and discussed in detail in session 4.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Session 4: Group discussions on priority agenda items (all participants) Discuss in groups and review in detail agenda items identified in Session 3 , before lunch.
14:00-15:00	Session 5: Plenary (Facilitated by SPREP)

	Group presentations and discussion
15:00-15:30	Afternoon tea
15:30-16:30	Session 6: Proposals to amend Appendices of relevance to Pacific (Facilitated by CITES Secretariat/AC - HR/SPREP) sharks and rays CoP19-65 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to relevant species proposals to amend Appendices I and II. AC/NZ HR/Australia) plants • Overview of CITES Secretariat recommendations to Appendix listings relevant to the Pacific. CITES Secretariat (HJ)
16:30-16:45	Wrap up of Day 1 (facilitated by SPREP)

DAY TWO: Wednesday 5th October

Time	Session
08:30-9:00	Coffee available
09:00-09:30	Session 7: Recap on Day 1 key outcomes Overview of Day 2 Agenda (Facilitated by SPREP)
09:30-10:00	Session 8: Proposals to amend the Appendices (continued from yesterday) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on CITES Appendices amendment proposals for sharks of the family Carcharhinidae by GS from TRAFFIC Carcharhinidae proposal
10:00-10:30	Morning tea
10:30-12:00	Session 8 cont'd: Proposals to amend the Appendices (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on hammerhead sharks – a global review by James Cook University (CR. MG, AC) Sphyrnidae proposal • All about guitarfishes MG Rhinobatidae proposal • Discussion on relevant proposed shark listings data/stock assessments by SPC (GP) and FFA (TBC) • Presentation on sea cucumber proposals listings by SPC (GS, TBC) Thelenota proposal
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Session 9: NDFs and other obligations following listing of species on Appendix II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITES Party obligations following listings of new species for trade; also lifting self-imposed trade bans. (SC/AC/PC reps) • BIEM overview of NDF capacity work in the Pacific (SPREP, AL) • NDF development experience including challenges faced by countries Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, others TBC. • Implementation tools available for currently listed sharks and rays and capacity building opportunities. LW. Wildlife Conservation Society.
14:00-15:00	Session 10: Group discussions on proposed listings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussions of proposed listings (discuss tactics: reducing scope – e.g. removing some listings proposed, delayed implementation and potential capacity support on offer, asks)
15:00-15:30	Afternoon tea

15:30-16:30	Session 11: Plenary (Facilitated by SPREP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group presentations and discussion • Discussion of proposed listings. Regional synergies and joint intervention suggestions.
16:30-16:45	Wrap up of Day 2 (facilitated by SPREP)
18:00	Meeting dinner

DAY THREE: Thursday 6th October

Time	Session
08:30-9:00	Coffee time
09:00-09:39	Session 12: Recap on Day 2 outcomes (Facilitated by SPREP)
09:30-10:00	Session 13: Non-priority/contentious issues (Facilitated by Oceania SC) Session on non-priority agenda items and contentious issues
10:00-10:30	Morning tea
10:30-11:00	Session 13: cont'd: non-priority/contentious issues (Facilitated by Oceania SC)
11:00-12:00	Session 14: Turtle decisions and proposed resolution. (Facilitated by SPREP with WWF (CH), AC (HR)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on turtle decisions from COP 18 and next steps. (CoP19 64-01) (turtle implementation tables to be completed by Parties prior to this Pre-COP) • Discussion on proposed turtle resolution (CoP19 64-02) including potential for a unified view to take to CITES COP, particularly around capacity building support and needs from the region.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-15:00	Session 15: CITES databases and Overview of Illegal wildlife trade – Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ CITES database system (CT) • Australia's system, and permit structures (TBC) • eCITES (JS)
15:00-15:30	Afternoon tea
15:00-16:30	Session 15 cont'd: CITES databases and Overview of Illegal wildlife trade – Pacific (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation updates. Samoa, Tonga, PNG, Vanuatu • Illegal wildlife trade risks in Oceania – Sharks/giant clams, introduction from sea, obligations in relation to flagged vessels (GS) • Trade suspensions. <i>'What are they and how do you get into and out of them'</i>. (HR) • Illegal trade in other species (SW)
16:30-16:45	Wrap up of Day 3 (facilitated by SPREP)

DAY four: Friday 7th October

Time	Session
08:30-9:00	Coffee time
09:00-09:30	Session 16: Recap on Day 3 outcomes (Facilitated by SPREP)
09:30-10:00	<p>Session 17: Strategic and implementation matters (Facilitated by Oceania SC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of procedure; budget; review of the Convention; cooperation with other biodiversity conventions; capacity building; engagement of indigenous peoples; livelihoods; towards a resolution on CITES and forests; role of CITES in reducing zoonotic diseases; compliance matters; country wide significant trade reviews; definition of the term appropriate and acceptable destinations; Introduction from the Sea. • Summary reports for SC, AC and PC • Credentials committee (Oceania rep?) • Discussion on Oceania representatives for committees.
10:00-10:30	Morning tea
10:30-11:00	Session 18: Communication and visibility at CoP19 (facilitated by SPREP, NW e.g Mana kit)
11:00-12:00	<p>Session 19: Plenary (facilitated by SPREP and NZ)</p> <p>Oceania preparations and engagement at CoP19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission statement or how we work together. Draft MS • Oceania coordination meetings • Any side events proposed (BIEM event?) • Pacific compass and communication and visibility and the Mana kit (NW) • Survival tips • Credentials • Visa/accommodation • Funding support for travel
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Any unfinished discussions including development of shared interventions and who will prepare on behalf and who will intervene.
14:00	Meeting close

Presenters

SPREP Participants. Stuart Chape (SC) Karen Baird (KB), Juney Ward (JW), Nan Woonton (NW) Jamie Davies (JD), Anissa Lawrence (AL)

CITES Secretariat: Hyeon Jeong Kim (HJ)

Oceania reps: Standing Committee Sarah Bagnall (SB); Animals Committee Hugh Robertson (HR); Plants Committee Damian Wrigley (DW)

Australia CITES Management Authority: Harriet Simes (HS)

NZ Ministry of Primary Industries Senior Compliance Investigator: Stuart Williamson (SW)

NZ Department of Conservation: Clinton Turner (CT)

SPC: George Shedrawi (GS); Graham Pilling (GP)

Traffic: Glenn Sant (GS) Senior Advisor, Fisheries Trade and Traceability

UNCTAD Jayvee Santos

James Cook University Cassie Rigby(CR); Mick Grant (MG) and Andrew Chin (AC)

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Luke Warwick (LW) Director, Shark and Ray Conservation.

WWF: Christine Hoff (CH) Global Marine Turtle Conservation Lead, Marine Turtle Use & Trade Asia-Pacific Initiative Lead