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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposals to be submitted by the EU with a view to the 18th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES COP 18) (Colombo, Sri Lanka, 23 May - 3 June 2019)  
- Establishment of the EU position

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1. The 18th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 18) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is scheduled to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 23 May until 3 June 2019. The deadline for submission of proposals by the Parties to the CITES Convention on possible amendments to its Appendixes I and II to be considered at COP 18 is 24 December 2018.
2. On 10 December the Commission submitted to the Council a draft list of proposals to be submitted on behalf of the Union, as well as of proposals by third countries asking for the Union's co-sponsorship to amend Appendixes I and II of the CITES Convention for consideration by the WPIEI (CITES) on 11 December 2018.

3. Following the discussions at the WPIEI meeting on 11 December, an informal silence procedure was launched until 14 December c.o.b. and resulted in one delegation opposing the proposal to co-sponsor Mexico's proposal to include the species *shortfin maco shark* in Appendix II of the CITES Convention.
  
  4. It is suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives recommends that the Council, at its session on 20 December, approves, as an 'A' item, the Union position as regards the draft list of Union proposals and proposals by third countries asking for Union's co-sponsorship to amend Appendixes I and II of the CITES Convention, attached to this note.
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**Draft proposals to be submitted with a view to the  
18th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered  
Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES COP 18)  
(Colombo, Sri Lanka, 23 May - 3 June 2019)**

**A. EU PROPOSALS TO AMEND APPENDIX I OR II OF THE CITES CONVENTION**

1. Inclusion in Appendix II of all species of the genus *Tylototriton* (crocodile newts)
2. Inclusion in Appendix II of all species of the genus *Paramesotriton* (warty newts) (with the exception of *P. hongkongensis*, already included in CITES Appendix II at COP17)
3. Inclusion in Appendix II of the **Tokay gecko** (*Gekko gekko*)
4. Inclusion in Appendix II of all species of the gecko genus *Goniurosaurus* from the People's Republic of China and the Social Republic of Viet Nam (*G. lichtenfelderi*, *G. luii*, *G. yingdeensis* groups, as well as any other as yet undescribed species occurring within those two states)
5. Inclusion in Appendix II of the gecko *Paroedura androyensis*
6. Inclusion in Appendix II of three species of teatfish, namely *Holothuria (Microthele) fuscogilva*, *H. (Microthele) nobilis* and *H. (Microthele) whitmaei*
7. Amendment of **Annotation # 5** applying to the listing of *Pericopsis elata* ("African teak")
8. Amendment of **Annotation # 15** applying to the listing of all *Dalbergia* rosewood species (with the exception of those in Appendix I), as well as *Guibourtia demeusei*, *Guibourtia pellegriniana* and *Guibourtia tessmannii*

**B. PROPOSALS BY THIRD COUNTRIES, WITH A REQUEST FOR THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES TO CO-SPONSOR THEIR PROPOSALS**

1. Inclusion in Appendix II of **guitarfish** (*Glaucostegus* spp.) – Senegal
2. Inclusion in Appendix II of **wedgefish** (Rhinidae) – Sri Lanka
3. Inclusion in Appendix II of **shortfin mako** (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) and **longfin mako** (*Isurus paucus*) sharks – Mexico
4. Draft COP 18 Decisions on conservation impacts of international trade in **marine ornamental fish** (expert workshop and recommendations by Animals and Standing Committees to COP 19) – Switzerland.