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Executive Summary

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Requests for Action
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Agenda

*Provide meeting information from the past year in the space below. If additional supporting documents are needed, please combine into a single PDF and use the space below to document what is attached. Before final submission to the MAFWA Executive Secretary. *4000 Character Limit*

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Samarkand (Uzbekistan), 24 November – 5 December 2025

Administrative and financial matters

AGENDA
(provisional)

Opening of the meeting

Opening ceremony.....	(no document)
Welcoming addresses.....	[SC Chair, UNEP Executive Director or representative, CITES Secretary-General, Host Country]

Administrative and financial matters

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II	(no document)
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- Annex 8: Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserve and fund balance for the period 2022-2023
- Annex 9: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2025
- Annex 10: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 30 September 2025
- Annex 11: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 30 September 2025
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- Annex 13: Statement of income and expenditure for the year 2024

- 7.4 Budget and work programme for 2026 to 2028 CoP20 Doc. 7.4
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- 7.5 Arrangements for meetings of the Conference of the Parties CoP20 Doc. 7.5
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- 9. Emerging operational issues of the Committees CoP20 Doc. 9
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 - 12.2 Animals Committee
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 - 12.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members.....(no document)
 - 12.3 Plants Committee
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 - 12.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members.....(no document)
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- 14. Enhancing the work and efficiency of the Convention through the permanent committees CoP20 Doc. 14
- 15. Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade
 - 15.1 Report of the Standing Committee CoP20 Doc. 15.1
 - 15.2 One Health and CITES: Reducing risks to human and animal health associated with trade in CITES-listed species CoP20 Doc. 15.2
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