

Agenda og referat

For møte i faggruppen for CITES

Dato: 25.01.2023, kl. 11.00-16.00

Sted: Cultivate food/VKM

Møteleder: Hugo de Boer

Deltagere: Katrine Eldegard, Eli K. Rueness, Mathew Grainger, Alexander Kopatz, Berit Gehrke, Joost Raeymaekers (Faggruppen for CITES)

Maria Asmyhr (prosjektleder, Faggruppen for CITES, referent), Jo Skeie Hermansen (VKMs sekretariat), Sagnik Sengupta (Intern, VKM sekretariat)

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1 11.00-13.00	Lunsj (inkludert gåtur opp til VKMs lokaler på Torshov, ca 15 min	Cultivate Food, avdeling Grunerløkka https://cultivatefood.no/grunerlokka/		
2	Velkommen, fravær, habilitet og godtgjøring			No conflict of interest noted for this meeting. Sagnik Sengupta is an intern with VKM until end of May and will be participating in the python project. Maria has resigned and is starting a new job on March 1. Jo Skeie Hermansen from VKMs sekretariat will be responsible for the CITES Panel and the SA portfolio for the time being.

<p>3</p>	<p>Oppsummering fra CoP19</p>	<p>Saker av interesse (Rhodiola, hai)</p> <p>VKMs rolle</p> <p>Merk at dokumentene til denne saken kun er til orientering, det er ikke forventet at møtedeltagerne har lest disse fra perm til perm.</p>	<p><u>Summary from CoP19</u></p> <p>VKM report CoP19</p>	<p>Hugo, Eli, and Maria presented some of the highlights from CoP19, including the outcome for the proposals for elephants, hippo, sharks and rays and Rhodiola. There was a discussion about the Panel on CITES and their role as part of VKMs role as an independent scientific authority for CITES in Norway. For example, how should the management authority and the scientific authority collaborate and divide tasks between them before, during, and after international CITES-meetings. There are clear differences between the CoP, the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committee. The Animals and Plants Committees are scientific committees and thus highly relevant to the scientific authorities work.</p> <p>Specific topics that were briefly discussed:</p> <p>CoP: Assessment of proposals and other meeting documents before the meeting. The format of these, should SA focus solely on the conclusion of the proposal in its original form or should it also provide conclusions/ recommendations on what to do in case of possible amendments at the actual meeting? Should these possible amendments be discussed with other SAs such as that of the US or UK or EU? Should there be more of a transparent discussion about why the Norwegian mandate sometimes differ from the advice given by the SA?</p>
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				AC/PC: SAs role in preparing for these meetings.
4	Rhodiola NDF	Prosjektgruppe: Hugo de Boer og Berit Gehrke	Terms of Reference <u>Rhodiola spp. CITES CoP19 proposal</u>	Following the Appendix II listing of Rhodiola spp. at CoP19, any export of Rhodiola (with some exceptions stated in Annotation 2) from Norway needs to be based on a Non-detriment Finding. MDir requested VKM to prepare an NDF for Rhodiola in Norway, and Hugo and Berit are responsible for this report. The report is currently at the draft stage and the next step is to talk to Mette Thomsen at NIBIO about cultivation of Rhodiola in Norway. The report is due in the beginning of March and will be circulated to the Panel members before it is submitted to MDir.

5	Pytonslanger	Prosjektgruppe: Hugo de Boer, Berit Gehrke, Alexander Kopatz, Matthew Grainger, Maria G. Asmyhr, Sagnip Sengupta	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>Import and export to Norway</p> <p>NDF guidance for pythons</p> <p>Assessments</p>	<p>The members of the project group are currently making draft assessments for each species and will spend a couple of more months finalizing these drafts, as well as a general introduction to the python snake trade. The report will be sent out for external review by the end of April (see project plan for specific dates). Reviewers are not yet decided. Sagnip is preparing trade data tables for each species.</p> <p>The Panel on CITES is responsible for assessing and approving the final report.</p> <p>There is a need to harmonize the use of scientific synonyms used in this project. It was suggested that only CITES approved synonyms be included. As the IUCN also have their own way of using species synonyms, this matter will be discussed further to make sure that we don't miss out on important data based on synonyms.</p> <p>There is also a general lack of data for many of the python species. How the project group should deal with that when attempting to make conclusions about trade will have to be discussed further in the scheduled project group meetings in February.</p> <p>The Panel has access to the project room and can follow the process closely. They will, however, also be specifically requested to give their comments at a later stage.</p>
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6	Godkjenning av VKM-rapporter	En rask gjennomgang av hvordan godkjenningsprosessen (assessed and approved) for VKM-rapporter fungerer og hvordan dette gjøres innenfor CITES-porteføljen.	Rutiner for godkjenning av risikovurderinger i VKM	The process for the CITES panel is slightly different to some of the other panels in VKM, because many of the assignments on CITES have a very short deadline (10 days). It is thus almost only the multi-species NDFs (like the python report) that are formally assessed and approved by the Panel. The NDFs related to specific import/export permit applications are circulated amongst the panel members, however there is no formal approval process.
	Faggruppens deltagelse på internasjonale møter/workshops i 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals Committee 19 – 23.06.23 Plants Committee 5 – 9.06.23 NDF workshop tidspunkt ikke bestemt. Trolig et sted i Afrika 		The CITES animals and plants committee (AC and PC) are meeting in Geneva in June. Hugo (who is the stand in-representative for Europe in the Plants Committee) will be participating at the PC meeting. Members of the CITES panel are encouraged to have a think about whether they would be interested in participating at either the AC or PC meeting. Based on the budget situation it is unlikely that VKM is able to send more than 1 (maybe 2) people to each meeting. Hugo recommended participating over the full duration of the meeting in order to gain a thorough understanding of how these meetings work.
5	Eventuelt			