

STURGEON ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP

To combat illegal trade in caviar

27-29 June 2006 in Brussels

DRAFT AGENDA

The workshop focuses on combating illegal trade in caviar and will consist of the following 3 parts:

PART 1: Description of the current situation and identification of the main problems.

PART 2: Search for solutions for the identified problems.

PART 3: Summarising learning points and identifying actions to combat illegal trade.

DAY ONE Tuesday, 27 June 2006

CLOSED SESSION

09.30 **Registration and coffee**

10.30 **Welcoming/Opening remarks**

Soledad Blanco, Director DG ENV.E, European Commission

11.00 **Introduction to the workshop**

Hugo Schally, DG ENV, European Commission

John M. Sellar, CITES Secretariat

11.15 **Sturgeons – an introduction to the species, its reproductive cycles, and a history of its management and exploitation around the world.**

Mohammad Pourkazemi, Chairman, IUCN Sturgeon Specialist Group

12.00 **Management of sturgeon harvesting, including aquaculture operations, and managing caviar production, domestic markets and exports.**

Brief introductions (five minutes each) by Azerbaijan, China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Romania, Bulgaria and the Russian Federation, followed by a question-and-answer and panel discussion session with the presenters serving as the panel members.

13.00 **The CITES caviar trade database**

UNEP-WCMC

13.30 **Lunch break**

15.00 **The illegal trade in caviar – the CITES Secretariat perspective, incorporating the results of enforcement-assessment missions, observations regarding patterns and methods of illegal trade and the work that remains to be done.**

John M. Sellar, CITES Secretariat

16.00 **Coffee break**

16.15 **Regulating domestic caviar markets and traders – the non-range State perspective.**

United Arab Emirates and Switzerland (15 minutes each)

16.45 **Lessons learned from caviar investigations – *modus operandi*, useful investigation techniques, difficulties faced and legislative inadequacies.**

Presentations by Canada (10 minutes), France (10 minutes), Germany (10 minutes), the Russian Federation (10 Minutes) and the United States of America (20 minutes), followed by a question-and-answer and panel discussion session with the presenters serving as the panel members.

18.30 **Cocktail buffet**

DAY TWO Wednesday 28 June 2006

09.00 **Summary of day one and coffee**

09.20 **The implications of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP13) – registration and labelling**

TRAFFIC

09.40 **Molecular genetic profiling and other identification and marking systems**

IUCN and CITES Secretariat

10.00 **Caviar – a trader's perspective**

Armen Petrossian (and others if present)

10.20 **International law enforcement – sources of assistance**

Interpol and the World Customs Organization

10.45 **Coffee break**

11.00 **Caviar – the NGO perspective**

TRAFFIC, (IWMC)

11.30 **Introduction to part two of the workshop. Finding solutions to problems. Preparation for working groups. Working groups to discuss the following subjects:**

- **Control of domestic markets, aquaculture operations, re-exports, airlines and cruise ships**

- **Registration, marking, identification of caviar and distinguishing legal from illegal**
- **Current legislative weaknesses, national and international**
- **Combating the caviar criminals; information exchange and international cooperation**

11.45 **Participants divide into four working groups**

13.00 **Lunch break**

14.30 **Working groups continue**

15.15 **Working groups report back in plenary**

16.00 **Coffee break**

16.15 **Discussions and questions regarding working group outputs and identification of commitments and actions to combat illegal trade.**

18.00 **End of day two**

19.15 **Departure for the Dinner**

DAY THREE Thursday, 29 June 2006

9.00 **Introduction to day three, part three: Final conclusions summarizing the results of the workshop**
Final discussions summarising learning points and identifying actions to combat illegal trade.

10.30 **Coffee break**

12.30 **Closing speeches**
CITES Secretariat
DG ENV, European Commission

13.00 **End of workshop**