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Draft Recommendation
on the European Code of Conduct for Zoological
Gardens and *Aquaria* on Invasive Alien Species

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Draft Recommendation No. ... (2012) of the Standing Committee, adopted on ... November 2012, on the European Code of Conduct for Zoological Gardens and *Aquaria* on Invasive Alien Species

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention,

Having regard to the aim of the Convention which is notably to ensure the conservation of wild flora and fauna, by giving particular attention to species, including migratory species, which are threatened with extinction and vulnerable;

Recalling that under Article 11, paragraph 2.b of the Convention, each Contracting Party undertakes to strictly control the introduction of non-native species;

Recalling Decision VI/23 of the 6th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species, and the definitions used in that text, as well as the conservation guidelines of the Africa-Eurasian Migratory Waterfowl Agreement;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 99 (2003) on the European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species;

Noting the need to co-operate with Zoological Gardens and *Aquaria* in the prevention on new invasive alien species into the territory of the Convention;

Referring to the European Code of Conduct for Zoological Gardens and *Aquaria* on Invasive Alien Species [document T-PVS/Inf (2011) 26 rev];

Recommends that Contracting Parties:

1. draw up national codes of conduct for zoological gardens and *aquaria* on invasive alien species taking into account the European Code of Conduct mentioned above;
2. collaborate as appropriate with the zoological gardens and *aquaria* in implementing and helping disseminate good practices and codes of conducts aimed at preventing release and proliferation of invasive alien species;
3. keep the Standing Committee informed of measures taken to implement this recommended.

Invites Observer States to take note of this recommendation and implement it as appropriate.