

CSG STEERING COMMITTEE

At the 9th Working Meeting of the CSG in Lae, Papua New Guinea, in October 1988, the CSG members approved the establishment of a Steering Committee to aid the chairman and advise on all aspects of the work of the group. The Steering Committee is composed of a representative from each of the five producing regions, Africa, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Central and South America, and North America and the Caribbean, a representative of a trade monitoring organization, and a representative of the hide and meat trade, plus the chairman and deputy chairman of the CSG. In addition, a member of the CITES Secretariat serves as an *ex officio* member of the committee. In order to respond more rapidly to requests from the interested public, from governmental agencies, and from intergovernmental bodies, the Steering Committee will meet at least once, and preferably twice a year. Communications between meetings will be maintained by fax, telephone, and post.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee was convened at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, on 20 and 21 February 1989. Three of the nine members could not attend because of scheduling conflicts and/or funding difficulties. To overcome the latter problem, a fundraising effort is being launched to provide committee members with the resources needed to fulfill their new duties.

In so far as possible, regional concerns have been delegated to the regional representatives, and trade monitoring and trade concerns, respectively, to those representatives on the Steering Committee. If you have questions, please refer them to the appropriate member of the Steering Committee:

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