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Committee supports migratory species amendments

The Treaties Committee today tabled a report supporting recent amendments to the Bonn Convention on Migratory Species.

The Bonn Convention protects migratory species that cross national boundaries. Species listed in the Bonn Convention have the same levels of protection regardless of where they are.

Five Australian species were added to the Bonn Convention in 2017.

Committee Chair, [the Hon Stuart Robert MP](#), said that Australia had lodged a reservation for three species of fish so that commercial and recreational fishers could continue to take the species.

“These species are sustainably managed in Australia, and we already apply the Bonn Convention conservation measures to these species,” Mr Robert said.

Australia has not lodged a reservation to the listing of the Christmas Island frigatebird or the whale shark, which are endangered and have the highest levels of protection.

Report 178 also contains the Committee’s views on amendments to the rules and constitution of the Universal Postal Union.

The Postal Union regulates the international postal service.

Australia’s continued participation in the Postal Union supports the international postal system, which plays an important part in international commerce.

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