

Report from the working group on selection of new species for inclusion in the Significant Trade Review

The working group comprised the regional representatives of Africa (J. Donaldson, Chairman, Q. Luke), Asia (Irawati, N.P. Singh), North America (P. Davila), the Chairman of the Animals Committee, observers from Austria, Germany, the United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, the European Commission, TRAFFIC, Fauna and Flora International (FFI), Species Survival Network (SSN), UNEP-WCMC and the Secretariat.

The working group was given two tasks.

1. To discuss the methodology proposed by UNEP-WCMC and the complementary process proposed by TRAFFIC; and
2. To provide a list of species for the next round of Significant Trade Review process.

Methodology

The working group felt that the UNEP-WCMC analysis provided a sounded basis for selecting species. To overcome potential problems WCMC should also include:

- The inclusion of the significance of the regression analyses; and
- An analysis of specimens traded as artificially propagated to identify species for review where there may be a problem with reporting.

The proposal by TRAFFIC to include an initial expert review of taxa identified by UNEP-WCMC provided important additional information. However members of the working group felt that aspects of the proposal by TRAFFIC include work that should be done by the Plants Committee or that would form part of the Significant Trade Review process once species had been selected. As a result the decision was that the process should be as follows: the UNEP-WCMC analysis is distributed to members of the Plants Committee and the PC members should then solicit information for species in their area. This information could then be brought to the PC meeting where the selection would be made.

UNEP-WCMC requested the Plants Committee to consider the time frames. At present, the Secretariat is required to request information 90 days after the CoP. A more Suitable arrangement could be to request UNEP-WCMC to supply their analysis 90 days before the meeting of the Plants Committee where a selection would be made.

Species selected for review

Species were selected based on information provided by UNEP-WCMC and TRAFFIC. A decision was made not to focus on a specific country until the out comes from the review of Madagascar were further advanced. However, the working group decided to include Species from Viet Nam (*Cibotium barometz* and *Dendrobium nobile*) and Belize (an orchid species still to be decided on) as way of getting preliminary information for countries where a country-based review may be necessary.

- *Galanthus woronowii*
- *Podophyllum hexandrum*
- *Cyathea contaminans*
- *Cibotium barometz*
- *Dendrobium nobile*
- An orchid species from Belize (to be selected)