

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Eighteenth meeting of the Plants Committee
Buenos Aires (Argentina), 17-21 March 2009

NOMENCLATORIAL MATTERS
(PC18 Doc. 18.1 and PC18 Doc. 18.2)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the Specialist on botanical nomenclature (Mr McGough).

Members: the alternate representative for Europe (Mr Lüthy).

Party observers: Austria, Mozambique, South Africa and the United States of America.

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC.

Mandate

Review documents PC18 Doc. 18.1 and PC18 Doc. 18.2 and

1. Recommend relevant experts to review World Ferns (Hassler and Swale, 2001-) or consider whether it is necessary to adopt a standard reference at this time;
2. Consider whether it is necessary to adopt standard references for *Gonystylus*, *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* at this time;
3. Approve the update of A World List of Cycads;
4. Consider options for the format of Cactus Checklist 3 and make recommendations for experts whom the editor may contact for advice; and
5. Review how best and to what degree harmonization of nomenclature and taxonomy should take place across the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements.

Recommendations

With regard to PC18 Doc. 18.1

1. The Working Group recommends that any proposal to the Conference of the Parties to change a standard nomenclatural reference for CITES species should contain a list of the amendments that would have to be made to the Appendices if the proposal were adopted.
2. The Working Group recommends that the nomenclature Specialist of the Committee review possible changes to the Appendices that may result from proposals submitted to the Conference of the Parties.

With regard to PC18 Doc. 18.2

1. The nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee will review the suitability of Large and Braggins (2004) as a suitable reference.
2. The Working Group considered that it was not necessary to adopt standard references for *Gonystylus*, *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* at this time. However, major botanical institutions, researchers and networks working on these taxa should be contacted to encourage further research and potential development of a Checklist.
3. The nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee should liaise with the Chair of the IUCN Cycad Specialist Group with regards to amendments to the World List of Cycads which may be required to make it suitable for CITES purposes.
4. The nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee will further review the format of Cactus Checklist 3 based on comments supplied by the Working Group.
5. Regarding the harmonisation of nomenclature and taxonomy across the biodiversity MEAs, it should be noted that there are diverging objectives for Checklists in different MEAs. While Target 1 CBD-GSPC aims at collecting baseline data, CITES species lists or standard references are operational tools to facilitate the work of the Convention. Any harmonisation effort should take this into account and CITES should retain its ability to adopt independent standard references appropriate to the needs of the CITES Parties.