

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



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**Committee II**

Identification Manual – Report of the Plants Committee

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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***Directed to the Plants and Animals Committees and the Secretariat***

16.XX The Plants and Animals Committees shall:

- a) form an intersessional working group comprising at least one representative from each region of both Committees to assist in identifying CITES-listed taxa, taking account of existing CITES identification and guidance material as well as other material produced by Parties, non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations;
- b) determine, in collaboration with Parties, the current availability of identification and guidance material (print and electronic) to increase accessibility to Parties;
- c) consult with Parties to assess the need for additional identification material, including material under production by Parties and directed by Decisions;
- d) compile a list of outstanding Decisions directing the Parties, the Animals and Plants Committees, and the Secretariat to produce identification and guidance material for CITES-listed taxa
- e) review, in collaboration with the Secretariat, and, taking into account new web-based technologies, make recommendations, including amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.19 – Identification Manual, taking into account new web-based technologies, to promote accuracy and availability of identification and guidance material; and
- f) report progress at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Parties***

16.XX The Parties are encouraged to support the efforts of the Working Group by:

- a) providing to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance material that is used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspections officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention;
- b) evaluating the status of pending identification material and identify difficulties associated with the completion of this material; and

- c) consulting with enforcement and inspection officials to assess current needs with regard to identification materials and guidance needs and possible improvements to meet those needs thereof.

**Directed to the Secretariat**

16.XX The Secretariat is directed to issue a Notification to the Parties within six months of the close of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties requesting information on available identification and guidance materials for compilation by the Secretariat and report on its contents at the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee to assist in the establish of the Working Group and in the implementation of this Decision.