

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



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Training initiatives

STANDARD SLIDE PACKAGE: PROGRESS REPORT

This document has been prepared by the Scientific Authority for plants of the United Kingdom, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

**1. Background**

The development of a standard CITES slide pack for plants, available in the three official languages of the Convention, for use by a wide range of 'stakeholders' in the CITES community was endorsed at PC 7. At PC 8, the first draft of a general pack outlining CITES with respect to plants was presented. This was further developed and produced, culminating in the production of '**CITES and Plants: a User's Guide**', by Marianner Syrylak Sandison, Margarita Clemente, Jan de Koning and Maurizio Sajeve. The finished pack was presented at PC9, in Darwin Australia. The guide includes 40 colour slides, speaker/student notes and information on aspects of CITES. Topics covered include aims, mechanisms and organisation of CITES, the main plant groups subject to CITES controls and an introduction to enforcement. The project was funded by the UK CITES Management Authority (the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions) and the CITES Secretariat.

**2. Update**

The slide pack was well received at PC9 and to date over 600 copies have been distributed by the CITES Secretariat and the UK Scientific Authority to both CITES Management Authorities and Scientific Authorities and other members of the CITES Community that would benefit from this training resource. The following figures summarise the distribution figures:

English – 360 packs

French – 120 packs

Spanish – 120 packs

The pack was recently advertised in 'CITES News – Plants', Issue 7, July 2000 which has led to more requests for the remaining packs. Due to the high demand, another set will be printed in the near future.

### **3. Future projects**

The UK Management Authority (DETR) has confirmed that it will fund the next stage of this project with a budget of £100,000 over four years. The original project team will continue to together and a proposal for the next step is currently being developed with DETR. Titles under consideration include:

- CITES and Orchids (wild vs Artificially propagated and potential detrimental trade.)
- CITES and Succulents (wild vs Artificially propagated and potential detrimental trade.)
- Training exercises to be used by the CITES parties.
- Once the packs have been developed, the next stage will be to produce a CD-Rom version of all packs, that will be made available to CITES Parties.

### **4. Request for help**

The UK Scientific Authority would like to ask for co-operation from all parties with the development and production of the slide packs and would welcome and suggestions for future packs.