

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



Fourteenth meeting of the Plants Committee
Windhoek (Namibia), 16-20 February 2004

Significant trade in plants

Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.8

PROGRESS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIES REVIEWS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 10th meeting (Shepherdstown, December 2000), the Plants Committee agreed that a review of trade in cycads (Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae) should be undertaken and at its 11th meeting (Langkawi, September 2001) a programme of work was agreed on to carry this out. The Secretariat has contracted TRAFFIC East/Southern Africa (TESA) to compile information on the biology and management of and trade in cycads, and to provide a preliminary categorization of cycads in compliance with paragraphs h) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 on the Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. A progress report was presented at the 13th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC13, Geneva, 2003; see document PC13 Doc. 12.2.2). The final report of the consultant, and the responses from the range States concerned, are included in Annex 1 to this document.
3. Decision 12.74 directed to the Plants Committee calls for a review of *Prunus africana*, *Aquilaria malaccensis*, *Pericopsis elata* and *Aloe* species from East Africa used as extracts.
4. The Secretariat has contracted TRAFFIC Southeast Asia (TSEA) to compile information about the biology and management of and trade in *Aquilaria malaccensis*, and to provide a preliminary categorization of *A. malaccensis* in compliance with paragraphs h) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8. The report of the consultant, and the responses from the range States concerned, are included in Annex 2 to this document.
5. The Secretariat has contracted Fauna & Flora International (FFI) to compile information about the biology and management of *Pericopsis elata*, and to provide a preliminary categorization of *P. elata* in compliance with paragraphs h) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8. The report of the consultant, and the responses from the range States concerned, are included in Annex 3 to this document.
6. The Secretariat has contracted Fauna & Flora International (FFI) to compile information about the biology and management of and trade in *Aloe* species from East Africa used as extracts, and to provide a preliminary categorization of *Aloe* species from East Africa used as extracts in compliance with paragraphs h) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8. The report of the consultant, and the responses from the range States concerned, are included in Annex 4 to this document.
7. The Secretariat has contracted TRAFFIC to compile information about the biology and management of and trade in *Prunus africana*. Research will be initiated in February 2004, and a final report will be presented for consideration by the Plants Committee at its next meeting (PC15).
8. The reports referred to in paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6 above summarize conclusions about the effects of international trade on the selected species, the basis on which such conclusions are made, and

problems concerning the implementation of Article IV of the Convention. The reports provide provisional categorizations of the selected species into three categories as outlined in Resolution Conf. 12.8 as follows:

- i) 'species of urgent concern' shall include species for which the available information indicates that the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) of the Convention are not being implemented;*
- ii) 'species of possible concern' shall include species for which it is not clear whether or not these provisions are being implemented; and*
- iii) 'species of least concern' shall include species for which the available information appears to indicate that these provisions are being met.*

9. The consultants have also indicated in their reports problems identified in the course of the reviews, that are not directly related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) but that are to be addressed by the Secretariat in accordance with other provisions of the Convention and relevant Resolutions.
10. In accordance with paragraphs k) and m) to o) of Resolution Conf. 12.8, the Plants Committee is requested to review the reports and the responses received from range States and, if appropriate, to revise the preliminary categorizations proposed. Species in category i) are eliminated from the review. The Plants Committee is requested to formulate recommendations for species in categories ii) and iii). Such recommendations should differentiate between short-term and long-term actions, and be directed to the range States concerned.