

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



Seventeenth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-19 April 2008

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

PROGRESS REPORT OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON SEVEN ASIAN SPECIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Background

2. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 14.20 as follows:

Directed to the range States of Cistanche deserticola, Dioscorea deltoidea, Nardostachys grandiflora, Picrorhiza kurrooa, Pterocarpus santalinus, Rauvolfia serpentina and Taxus wallichiana, to the regional representatives for Asia on the Plants Committee and to the Secretariat

The bodies to which this Decision is directed should ensure:

- a) *implementation of regionally coordinated actions to improve the management of and prevent illegal trade in the seven species, including, inter alia, measures to combat illegal trade, regional capacity-building workshops and harmonization of regulations and legislation; and*
- b) *submission of progress reports at the 17th and 18th meetings of the Plants Committee.*

Related activities

3. On 5 October 2007, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2007/033. This drew the attention of Parties to the information to be submitted for consideration at the forthcoming meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees, including the information referred to in Decision 14.20.
4. At the time of writing (December 2007), no information had been received from any of the range States or regional representatives for Asia on the Plants Committee. The Secretariat is not aware of any activities that had been conducted in relation to sub-paragraph a) of the Decision and is unclear as to what is expected of it in relation to this subject.
5. Should any information be received prior to the meeting of the Plants Committee, the Secretariat will report on developments orally at the present meeting.