

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



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

ORCHID ANNOTATIONS
(Agenda item 13.2)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairman: Thailand and the Netherlands;

Parties: Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico; United States of America.

Mandate

Regarding Decision 14.133

1. Prepare a method to promote collaboration between exporting and importing countries for the making of recommendations and preparing identification material on possible further exemptions for artificially propagated hybrids of Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II, taking into consideration the capacities of countries to implement and control such exemptions effectively; and
2. Establish who will compile the results to be submitted at the next meeting of the Plants Committee and how.

Regarding Decision 14.134

Taking account of the work previously undertaken to implement Decision 13.99 on Annotation for Orchidaceae included in Appendix II found in document PC15 Doc. 19, Notification to the Parties No. 2005/047 and document PC16 Doc. 17.2:

1. Prepare a questionnaire to be sent to Parties;
2. Prepare a Notification to the Parties to be issued by the Secretariat; and
3. Determine who will analyse and compile the results to be submitted at the next meeting of the Plants Committee.

Recommendations

1. **Exporting and Importing** countries are requested to send to the Secretariat **identification material** (ID material) and technical information including a pictorial guide on artificially propagated orchid specimens exempted from the CITES Appendices as well as on specimens from the wild.

2. This, and other available information, to be put on the CITES website by the CITES Secretariat for the use by any Party interested. This will provide assistance for differentiation of wild with artificially propagated orchids. **Exporting and importing countries should consult with the Chair of Nomenclature Committee (Plants) for validation and accuracy of the information, before sending the ID material to the Secretariat to be publicised on the CITES website.**
3. Any new exemption proposals **which are submitted to the Conference of the Parties** should include **sufficient** ID materials.

To monitor and assess possible conservation problems arising from the implementation of the annotation to Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II the working group proposes to request the Secretariat to send a notification to the Parties **with the deadline for the submission to the Secretariat within a fixed date before the following PC meeting.** And raise the following questions:

1. Have you encountered any problems concerning the exemption annotation of Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II as exporting or importing country or for both?
2. Please do describe the problems that have been arising.
3. What is your recommendation to resolve the problems?
4. **Do you observe positive effects or do you have any other comments?**

Any new or additional information arising on problems concerning the exemption of orchid species should be lead towards the Chair of the Plants Committee. **The compilation and preparation of the document will be conducted by the Chair and the Co-Chair of the working group (Thailand and the Netherlands) in time before the 18th meeting of the PC.**

Analysis and compilation of the Parties responses and any new or additional **information** arising on the problems will be conducted towards by a working group established by **the 18th meeting of the PC.**