

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



Nineteenth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 18-21 April 2011

Non-detriment findings

PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PARTIES (DECISION 15.23)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 15th meeting (Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 15.23 where it encourages Parties to:
 - a) *to consider the outputs of the International Expert Workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (Cancun, November 2008) to enhance CITES Scientific Authorities' capacities, particularly those related to the methodologies, tools, information, expertise and other resources needed to formulate non-detriment findings;*
 - b) *taking into account Resolution Conf. 10.3, to prioritize activities such as workshops on capacity building to better understand what non-detriment findings are and how to enhance the ways to formulate them; and*
 - c) *to report their findings regarding paragraphs a) and b) above at the 25th and 26th meetings of the Animals Committee and 19th and 20th meetings of the Plants Committee.*

The Secretariat sent Notification to Parties No. 2010/027 of 24 August 2010, requesting Parties to send such findings in time for consideration at the present meeting. At the request of the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees, it further issued Notification to Parties No. 2011/004 of 6 January 2011, providing a standard form which could be used as a template for submitting information to the committees. The responses received are included in the Annex to the present document in the language in which they were submitted.

3. In Decision 15.24 paragraph a), the Animals and Plants Committee are directed to *inter alia*:
 - a) *review feedback received from Parties on the outputs from the international expert workshop on non-detriment findings and advise on a path forward on how best to use the outputs to assist Scientific Authorities in the making of non-detriment findings*
4. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2009/023 of 8 June 2009, Parties were already requested to complete a questionnaire, in consultation with their Scientific Authorities, on the outcomes of the international workshop on the making of non-detriment findings hosted by Mexico in 2008. A summary of the responses can be found in Annex B of document CoP15 Doc. 16.2.2.
5. The Committee is invited to review the feedback received from Parties and, in the context of consideration of document PC19 Doc. 10.3, advise on a path forward on how best to use this information to assist Scientific Authorities in the making of non-detriment findings.