

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



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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

8. Cooperation with advisory bodies of other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements

8.4 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Decision 15.19) PC19 Doc. 8.4

Document PC19 Doc. 8.4 was introduced by the Vice-Chair of the Plants Committee, who drew attention to the recommendations in paragraphs 20a), b) and c). The list of CITES activities in Annex 1 of the document was agreed and it was agreed to incorporate Annex 2 into a draft resolution to be discussed at PC20. It was agreed that preparation of the draft resolution mentioned in paragraph 20c) would be undertaken by an intersessional working group, under the chairmanship of the Vice Chair of the Plants Committee, and comprising the representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera), the alternate representative of Europe (Mr Carmo), Austria, Brazil, Chile, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, IUCN and TRAFFIC International.

15. Transport of live specimens (Decision 15.59) PC19 Doc. 15

The Secretariat introduced document PC19 Doc. 15. The Committee agreed with the suggestions in paragraphs 16 and 17 of the document and nominated Austria to serve as co-chair of the proposed intersessional transport working group and Chile to be a member of the group. The Committee further agreed that the PC Chair would be the Committee's point of liaison with the working group. The Secretariat's report on the implementation of Decisions 15.59 and 15.60. was noted.

18. Nomenclatural matters - Overview PC19 Doc. 18

Document PC19 Doc. 18 was presented by the Nomenclature Specialist, who reported on the need for funding to complete the checklists for Orchidaceae and Cactaceae. The Committee noted the interest of the United States of America to help provide extra funding and that it would work with the Nomenclature Specialist on the issue. The Committee agreed that there was no need to produce a supplement to the CITES Carnivorous Plants Checklist and charged the Nomenclature Specialist to work intersessionally with his counterpart in the Animals Committee regarding Decision 15.68. The Committee noted that it would be necessary to provide advice to the Secretariat regarding formation of a working group at SC61.

19. Progress report on the Identification Manual PC19 Doc. 19

The Secretariat presented document PC19 Doc. 19 and drew attention to the teething problems of the new Wiki-style Identification Manual. Problem areas, for example with hybrids, were being rectified although there was currently insufficient funding for this. The Secretariat requested greater input from Plants Committee members. Several interventions were made suggesting ways in which the Manual could be improved and made more user-friendly, including the use of pdf files and links to national databases such

as were available in Mexico and Peru. The Committee noted the report and agreed to the suggestions for improvement.

7. Strategic planning PC19 WG01 Doc. 1

The chair of WG01 presented document PC19 WG01 Doc. 1. After some discussion, the Plants Committee work programme for 2011-2013 was agreed as follows.

PLANTS COMMITTEE PLANNING 2010-2013

PC PLANNING		H	M	L	People in charge
Resolution/ Decision	Title	Priority			
Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15) Annex 3	Registration of nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I plant species for export purposes	L			Africa Alternate Rep. (Quentin Luke)
Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15)	Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II	H			Chair
Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP15)	Inclusion of species in Appendix III	M			Central and South America and the Caribbean Rep. (Dora Rivera)
Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP14)	Transport of live specimens	L			Austria (Michael Kiehn), Chair
Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15)	Regulation of trade in plants	H			Oceania Rep. (Greg Leach)
Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15)	Establishment of Committees	L			Chair
Conf. 11.19	Identification Manual	H			Nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)
Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)	Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species	H			Nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)
Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP13)	Standard nomenclature	H			Nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)
Conf. 14.2 Annex	CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013	H			Chair
Conf. 14.3 Annex	CITES compliance procedures	M			Oceania Rep. (Greg Leach)
Conf. 14.4	Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber	H			Asia Rep. (Zhihua Zhou)
Conf. 14.8	Periodic Review of the Appendices	H			Chair WGPR (Patricia Dávila)
Conf. 15.1	Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the biennium 2012-2013	H			Chair
Decision 15.11	Biodiversity Indicators Partnership	M			Vice-Chair
Decision 15.12	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	H			Chair
Decision 15.15	Climate change	H			Europe Alternate Rep. (Paulo Carmo)
Decision 15.19	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity	H			Vice-Chair

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Resolution/ Decision	Title	Priority			
Decision 12.91	Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species	H			UK (Madelaine Groves)
Decision 15.23; Decision 15.24	Non-detriment findings	H			Chair
Decision 15.31	Annotations to the Appendices for plants	H			Vice-Chair
Decision 15.34	Review of annotations for Cactaceae and Orchidaceae: evaluation of trade in finished products	H			Vice-Chair
Decision 14.133; Decision 14.134	Orchids: annotation for species included in Appendix II	H			Europe Rep. (Maurizio Sajevo)
Decision 15.35.1; Decision 14.148 (Rev. CoP15)	Tree species: annotations for species included in Appendices II and III	H			Canada (Ken Far)
Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP14)	Review of Significant Trade	H			Nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)
Decision 15.36, Decision 15.37	Review of Significant Trade in <i>Cistanche deserticola</i> , <i>Dioscorea deltoidea</i> , <i>Nardostachys grandiflora</i> , <i>Picrorhiza kurrooa</i> , <i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i> , <i>Rauvolfia serpentina</i> and <i>Taxus wallichiana</i>	M			Asia Rep. (Zhihua Zhou)
Decision 14.39 (Rev. CoP15); Decision 14.40 (Rev. CoP15)	Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants	L			Europe Rep. (Maurizio Sajevo)
Decision 15.52; Decision 15.53	Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species	L			Chair
Decision 15.59	Transport of Live Specimens	M			Austria (Michael Kiehn)
Decision 15.63	Standard nomenclature	M			Nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)
Decision 15.68	Use of taxonomic serial numbers	M			Canada (Ken Far)
Decision 15.89	Assessment of trade in epiphytic cacti and review of listing of Cactaceae spp. in Appendix II	H			Chair WGPR (Patricia Dávila)
Decision 14.131 (Rev. CoP15)	<i>Euphorbia</i> spp.	H			Chair WGPR (Patricia Dávila)
Decision 15.90	<i>Aniba roseaodora</i>	H			Central and South America and the Caribbean Rep. (Dora Rivera)
Decision 15.91; Decision 15.92	Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species	H			Chair WG (Cesar Belteton)
Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15)	<i>Cedrela odorata</i> , <i>Dalbergia retusa</i> , <i>Dalbergia granadillo</i> and <i>Dalbergia stevensonii</i>	H			Central and South America and the Caribbean Rep. (Dora Rivera)

PC PLANNING		H	M	L	People in charge
Resolution/ Decision	Title	Priority			
Decision 15.94; Decision 15.95	Agarwood-producing taxa	H			Oceania Rep. (Greg Leach)
Decision 15.96	<i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i>	H			Central and South America and the Caribbean Rep. (Dora Rivera)
Decision 15.97; Decision 15.98	Madagascar	H			Africa Alternate Rep. (Quentin Luke)

12. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species PC19 WG08 Doc. 1 (Rev. 1)

The chair of WG08 presented the report of the working group and, after some discussion, the following recommendations were agreed.

Species selected following CoP14, were categorized as follows:

Urgent concern:

Euphorbias: *Euphorbia alfredi*, *E. aureoviridiflora*, *E. berorohae*, *E. bulbispina*, *E. capmanambatoensis*, *E. hofstaetteri*, *E. horombensis*, *E. iharanae*, *E. leuconeura*, *E. mahabobokensis*, *E. mangokyensis*, *E. pachypodioides*, *E. paulianii*, *E. primulifolia*, *E. robivelonae* and *E. rossii* (all from Madagascar)
Palms: *Marojejya darianii* and *Voianola gerardii* (both from Madagascar)
Trees: *Pericopsis elata* (Côte d'Ivoire) and *Swietenia macrophylla* (Bolivia)

Possible concern:

Euphorbias: *Euphorbia banae*, *E. biaculeata*, *E. capuronii*, *E. denisiana*, *E. didiereoides*, *E. elliotii*, *E. herman-schwartzii* and *E. neobosseri* (all from Madagascar)
Aloes: *Aloe capitata*, *A. confiera*, *A. deltoideodonta*, *A. erythrophylla*, *A. guillaumetii*, *A. humbertii* and *A. imalotensis* (all from Madagascar)
Palms: *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis*, *Lemurophoenix halleuxii*, *Ravenea rivularis* and *Satranala decussilvae* (all from Madagascar)
Trees: *Pericopsis elata* (from the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and *Swietenia macrophylla* (from Belize, Ecuador, Honduras and Nicaragua)

Least concern:

Euphorbias: *Euphorbia famatamboay* and *E. genoudiana*.
Aloes: *Aloe acutissima*, *A. antandroi*, *A. betsileensis*, *A. bosseri*, *A. bulbillifera*, *A. isaloensis*, *A. itremensis*, *A. macroclada*, *A. prostrata* and *A. suarezensis* (all from Madagascar) and *A. pratensis* (from Lesotho and South Africa).
Trees: *Pericopsis elata* (from Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ghana and, Nigeria) and *Swietenia macrophylla* (from Colombia and Venezuela).
Orchids: *Calanthe alleizettii* and *Cymbidium erythrostylum* (both from Viet Nam), *Renanthera annamensis* (from Myanmar and Viet Nam) and *Cistanche deserticola* (from China and Mongolia),

Recommendations for *Euphorbia* and *Aloe* species

For Species of Possible Concern

Within 6 months

The Management Authority should inform the Secretariat of the methodology currently being used for making non-detriment assessments.

Review the available information on the conservation, cultivation and trade status of the species concerned and, based on this review and in association with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, put in place a conservative export quota.

Inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website.

For Species of Urgent Concern

Within 3 months

Establish a voluntary export quota system, put in place a zero export quota for wild specimens, and inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website. Before trade may be reopened the Secretariat should be informed of the process under which the non-detriment finding was made.

Problems identified that are not related to implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 or 6 (a)

The CITES Authorities should review their collection, management and analysis of trade data for species of *Aloe* and *Euphorbia*, identify reasons for inaccuracies and incomplete data and put in place mechanisms to correct the same and report to the Secretariat on these actions by PC20.

The CITES Authorities should review the application of the CITES definition of 'artificial propagation' to cultivated material in plant nurseries and inform the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee of the results of this review by PC20.

Review the application of non-detriment findings for parental stock of cultivated material in plant nurseries and inform the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee of the results of this review.

Recommendations for Palms

For Species of Possible Concern

Within 6 months

The Management Authority should inform the Secretariat of the methodology currently being used for making non-detriment assessments.

Establish a voluntary export quota system and put in place a conservative export quota for wild live specimens of plants. Inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website.

Review the available information on the productivity, viability and generation of seeds of wild plants and, based on this review and in association with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, put in place a conservative export quota for wild seeds. Inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website.

Within 9 months

Prepare a draft management plan for trade in wild seeds of palms under review and present it at the 20th Meeting of the CITES Plants Committee for review.

For Species of Urgent Concern

Within 3 months

Establish a voluntary export quota system and put in place a zero export quota for wild live specimens of plants. Inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website. Before trade may be reopened the Secretariat should be informed of the process under which the non-detriment finding was made.

Review the available information on the productivity, viability and generation of seeds of wild specimens and, based on this review and in association with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, put in place a conservative export quota for wild seeds. Inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website.

Within 9 months

Prepare a draft management plan for trade in wild seeds of palms under review and present it at the 20th meeting of the CITES Plants Committee for review.

Recommendations for *Pericopsis elata*

For Species of Possible Concern

Within 6 months

The Management Authority should inform the Secretariat of the methodology currently being used for making non-detriment assessments.

The Management Authority should establish a conservative harvest and export quota and inform the CITES Secretariat of the quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website.

Problems identified that are not related to implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 or 6 (a)

With regard to the Congo, it is recommended further that the Management Authority should work with the CITES Secretariat in fulfilling their annual reporting requirement.

For Species of Urgent Concern

Within 3 months

The Management Authority should set a zero quota and inform the CITES Secretariat so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website. Before trade resumes the Management Authority should clarify with the Secretariat how it determines that the level of trade is not detrimental to wild populations.

Recommendations for *Swietenia macrophylla*

For Species of Possible Concern

Within 6 months

The Management Authority should inform the Secretariat of the methodology currently being used for making non-detriment assessments.

The Management Authority should establish a conservative harvest and export quota and inform the CITES Secretariat of the quota so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website.

In addition, Ecuador should clarify with the Secretariat whether the prohibition on export of this species remains in place, and Nicaragua should provide the Secretariat with information on the types of *Swietenia macrophylla* products being exported.

For Species of Urgent Concern

Within 3 months

The Management Authority should set a zero quota and inform the CITES Secretariat so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website. Before trade resumes the Management Authority should clarify with the Secretariat how it determines that the level of trade is not detrimental to wild populations.

Furthermore, Bolivia should report on the results, recommendations and actions carried out under the ITTO/CITES cooperation project.

Species of priority concern selected for review following CoP15: *Pachypodium namaquanum*, *Dendrobium eriiflorum*, *Euphorbia itremensis*, *Alluaudiopsis fiherenensis* and *Alluaudia ascendens*.

10. Non-detriment findingsPC19 WG03 Doc.1

The Plants Committee Chair presented the recommendations of WG03, namely:

1. A joint intersessional working group should be established between the Animals and Plants Committees after AC25. The mandate for the group is as per Decision 15.24 (a, b and d) to:
 - a) produce a summary based on the responses to Notification to Parties No. 2011/004, paragraph 1 f) of Notifications to the Parties No. 2010/027 and No. 2009/023, which should offer a generic summary of experiences and lessons learned (without identifying individual responses) by the Parties;
 - b) draft guidelines referred to in paragraph d) ii) of Decision 15.24. These need to be produced in August/ September 2011 and circulated to the Parties for comment. Based on responses from the Parties a revised document should be produced; and
 - c) prepare a discussion paper on NDFs (using the results from Cancun workshop, Parties' experiences and other efforts) as background to the draft guidelines, which are intended for orientation for the Scientific Authorities.

Results of the intersessional working group should be submitted to the Animals and Plants Committees. All information should be prepared by the end of 2011.

2. The Plants Committee should propose to Animals Committee that the intersessional joint working group should be chaired jointly by the Chairs of the Committees and comprise:
 - a) all regional representatives of both Committees, who should reflect the concerns and perceptions of their region and keep their alternate representatives informed. Parties are encouraged to provide input through their regional representative;
 - b) a maximum of four IGOS and four NGOs with relevant expertise on NDFs for animals and plants to be selected by c.v. by the Committee Chairs; and
 - c) the Secretariat.
3. The Plants Committee should make a recommendation to the Secretariat to make the section on NDFs in the CITES website more prominent and include all information from the Cancun workshop; experiences of Parties in making NDFs (and responses to all notifications on NDFs); other NDF workshop results; and other materials relevant to NDFs. The template for Parties to respond on application of Cancun workshop outputs should be available on the CITES website and the opportunity to complete this application online could be explored.
4. A Notification should be sent to the Parties with a letter from the PC and AC Chairs, encouraging them to inform the Committees of methodologies, tools, information, expertise and other resources needed to formulate non-detriment findings. This letter should include the link to the reporting template on the CITES website but also suggest that Parties can respond in other different ways. Once the Notification is sent, regional representatives should follow up with Scientific Authorities in their regions and encourage them to respond. Replies should be considered by the Committees at their meetings in 2012.
5. The Plants Committee should agree that a resolution on NDFs is warranted for the following reasons:
 - a) According to Articles II, III, and IV of the Convention, Parties shall only allow trade in specimens of species included in Appendices I and II in accordance with its provisions. It is required that an export permit shall only be granted when a Scientific Authority of the State of export has advised that such export will not be detrimental to the survival of the species being traded (i.e. non-

detriment finding or NDF), which shall be considered an essential requirement for CITES implementation;

- b) In Resolution Conf. 10.3 (*Designation and role of the Scientific Authorities*), the Conference of the Parties recommends that:
 - c) *Management Authorities not issue any export or import permit, or certificate of introduction from the sea, for species listed in the Appendices without first obtaining the appropriate Scientific Authority findings or advice [NDF]; and*
 - h) *the findings and advice of the Scientific Authority of the country of export be based on the scientific review of available information on the population status, distribution, population trend, harvest and other biological and ecological factors, as appropriate, and trade information relating to the species concerned;*
- c) Scientific Authorities of exporting countries, and sometimes also of importing countries, are continually challenged to define whether a particular export will be detrimental to the survival of a species and therefore it is important to have non-legally binding guidelines, methodologies and other documents to assist in making non-detriment findings to improve the implementation of the Convention;
- d) NDFs are at the core of the role of CITES in ensuring the sustainability of trade in wild species and safeguarding their resources for the future and they are a valuable tool to help Parties effectively and sustainably manage and trade their wild resources;
- e) Parties need support and guidance in making NDFs; and
- f) A diversity of methodologies for NDFs exist, including the outputs of the Cancun workshop and the experience of the Parties. Parties can choose the most appropriate way to make their NDFs.

The Committee agreed these recommendations for submission to the Animals Committee.

11. Annotations

11.2 Preparation of clarification and guidance on the meaning of “packaged and ready for retail trade” and other terms used in the annotations PC19 WG04 Doc. 1

The Vice-Chair of the Plants Committee reported on the discussions in WG04 and presented their report:

The Committee noted the recommendations of the working group and recognized that further work was needed. It was agreed that this would be undertaken by an intersessional working group.

16. Timber issues PC19 WG12 Doc. 1

The chair of WG12 presented the working group’s recommendations regarding *Aniba rosaeodora* and *Bulnesia sarmientoi*.

The Committee noted the recommendations of WG12, which will be used by the intersessional working group on annotations. It was agreed that paragraph e) of Decision 15.90 would be considered at PC20 in the light of a report to be received from Brazil.

11. Annotations

11.5 Tree species: annotations for species included in Appendices II and III [Decision 14.149, 15.35 and 14.148 (Rev. CoP15)] PC19 WG06 Doc. 1

The chair of WG06 presented the working group’s recommendations..

The Committee noted the recommendations.

11. Annotations

11.1 Overview [Decisions 15.31, 15.34, 14.133, 14.134 (Rev. CoP15), 14.149, 15.35 and 14.148 (Rev. CoP15)],.....PC19 Doc. 11.1

and

11.6 Development and application of annotations to the listings of plant taxa in the Appendices.....PC19 Doc. 11.6

The Committee noted documents PC19 Doc. 11.1 and PC19 Doc. 11.6 and invited the North American region to submit the latter document to the Standing Committee.

The Committee agreed to form an intersessional working group on annotations to comply with all CoP15 Decisions on this matter directed to the Plants Committee. It was agreed that the general coordinator of this working group will be the Vice-Chair of the Committee and the working group will be co-chaired by the chairs of three sub-working groups as follows:

- a) Meaning of 'packaged and ready for retail trade' and other terms used in the annotations. (Vice-Chair of the Committee).
- b) *Aniba rosaeodora* and *Bulnesia sarmientoi* (European Union - Mr Valentini).
- c) Tree species: annotations for species included in Appendices II and III (Canada – Mr Farr).

It was agreed that the mandate of the group would be the mandates of the working groups on annotations at PC19 and that the group would have the following members: the alternate representative of Asia (Ms Al Salem), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Mites), Oceania (Mr Leach), Brazil, France, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Mexico, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States, American Herbal Products Association and, the International Fragrance Association.

The Chair encouraged the group to seek input from a former member of the Plants Committee, who had experience with the Committee's work on plant annotations (Mr Roddy Gabel from the United States).

14. Amendments to the Appendices

14.3 Madagascar (Decision 15.97).....PC19 WG10 Doc. 1

The chair of WG10 presented the working group's recommendations:

- a) Madagascar and the Plants Committee should carry out a review, for consideration at its 20th meeting, of the trade and conservation status of the succulent species proposed for listing at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties but not agreed. This review should be coordinated by the Plants Committee representative for Europe (Prof. M. Sajeva) and a representative of the CITES Authorities of Madagascar (Mr Aro Vonjy Ramarosandratana).
- b) Species of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* endemic to Madagascar are a priority for inclusion in Appendix II of the Convention at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Madagascar and the Plants Committee should prepare appropriate proposals to amend the Appendices. Consideration should be given as to whether or not the proposal listing should include an annotation such as "*Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. endemic to or originating from the state of Madagascar". Consideration should also be given to what parts and derivatives should be regulated.
- c) The Secretariat, interested Parties and Observers (including ITTO) should urgently seek funds to support the preparation of such proposals (if necessary by a consultant), the research required to develop practical identification techniques and a species checklist to support any potential listings in Appendix II of the Convention.

- d) Recommendations on identification techniques and draft proposals should be prepared for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Committee. This work should be co-ordinated by the Plants Committee's Nomenclature Specialist (Mr N. McGough) and a representative of the CITES Authorities of Madagascar (Mr Aro Vonjy Ramarosandratana).
- e) The Secretariat, interested Parties and observers (including ITTO) should urgently seek funds to support an *in-situ* workshop, including field exercises, on non-detriment findings for succulent Malagasy plants and palms. Preparation for the workshop should include the development of a draft NDF manual and database for finalization and approval at the workshop.
- f) Activities to be undertaken in Madagascar under Decision 15.97 should be considered as a country case study of CITES-related activities that support implementation of the GSPC and furthermore discussions should be held with the Secretariat of the CBD to secure GEF funds to implement further compatible work in Madagascar and other priority African countries particularly in relation to tree species.

The Secretariat noted that it already had an instruction under Decision 15.98 to raise funds for this type of activity. UNEP-WCMC suggested that paragraph f) be amended to read "discussions should be held in conjunction with UNEP-WCMC and with the Secretariat". The working group recommendations were agreed with this amendment and the Committee invited the Secretariat to discuss this matter with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity..

16. Timber issues

16.3 Agarwood producing taxa (Decision 15.94)..... PC19 WG11 Doc. 1

The chair of WG11 presented their recommendations.

The Committee noted the recommendations and welcomed the assurances from Kuwait and Indonesia that they would work closely together over the subjects to be covered in agarwood workshops planned for Kuwait (first week of October 2011) and Sumatra, Indonesia (fourth week of November 2011).

13. Periodic review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices

and

14. Amendments to the Appendices PC19 WG09 Doc. 1

The chair of WG09 presented the recommendations of the group and the Committee agreed the following:

With regard to agenda item 13.1

- a) that range States should volunteer to review:
 - i) the following species listed in Annex 4: *Tillandsia kammii* (Honduras), *Tillandsia mauryana* (Mexico), *Dioscorea deltoidea* (Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal and Viet Nam), *Hedychium philippinense* (Philippines); and
 - ii) *Cycas beddomei* (India) from Annex 3.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to send a Notification to the range States listed above.

- b) concerning species for which a periodic review report already exists:
 - *Agave victoriae-reginae*: Maintain in Appendix II on the basis of document PC19 Inf. 15;
 - *Saussurea costus*: Maintain in Appendix I on the basis of document PC19 Inf. 7;
 - *Balmea stormae*: Request Costa Rica and Guatemala to provide a status update of the review;

- *Platymiscium pleiostachyum* and *Peristeria elata*: Request Costa Rica to provide a status update of the reviews;
 - *Tillandsia kautskyi*, *T. sprengeliana*, and *T. sucrei*: Request Brazil to provide a status update of the reviews; and
 - *Welwitschia mirabilis*: Request Namibia to provide a status update of the review.
- c) the following five species that remain from the previous review cycle (terminated at CoP15) should be subject to the Periodic Review of Appendices between CoP15 and CoP17: *Tillandsia kammii* (Honduras), *Tillandsia mauryana* (Mexico), *Dioscorea deltoidea* (Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, Thailand and Viet Nam), *Hedychium philippinense* (Philippines); and *Cycas beddomei* (India). In addition, the United States will review *Sclerocactus*.

With regard to agenda item 13.2

- a) The Secretariat is requested to send a notification to the four range States, regarding the trade status of the following species in Appendix I (document PC19 Doc. 13.2, Annex 2): *Encephalartos* spp. (Zimbabwe), *Aloe polyphylla* (Lesotho and South Africa), *Fitzroya cupressoides* (Chile), in compliance with Article IV of the Convention.
- b) Concerning document PC19 Doc. 13.2 Annexes 1, 3 and 4:
- i) The 15 species in Annex 1 are not to be included in the next review because the Appendix-I listing is appropriate.
 - ii) From the 26 genera listed in Annex 3, 15 were not considered for various reasons (e.g; deleted from the Appendices, listed within the last 10 years, look-alike concerns). Two taxa were selected for consideration: *Dudleya stolonifera* and *Lewisia serrata* (United States of America). The remaining genera are not proposed for consideration for this review.
 - iii) From the 27 species listed in Annex 4, 10 were not considered for various reasons (e.g. deleted from the Appendices, listed within the last 10 years, included in the significant trade review). For the remaining species, the Committee asks the range States to take note of the information in the Annex and, if appropriate, to consider reviewing their native species for potential deletion from Appendix II.
- c) *Pachypodium brevicaulis* (Madagascar) will be considered for the Periodic Review.

With regard to agenda item 14.1

- a) The Secretariat is requested to send a Notification to range States, regarding the possibility of exempting certain taxa of Appendix-II epiphytic cacti included in Annex 1, and request information about the conservation status and possible look-alike concerns of the taxa.
- b) A Notification will be prepared in conjunction with the Secretariat.
- c) The intersessional working group will provide an update of the consultation with range States at PC20.
- d) The Committee noted that, given the number of range States, the number of taxa involved and the complexity of the task mandated in Dec. 15.89, it will be difficult to accomplish the work during this intersessional period.
- e) Due consideration should also be given to the implications of exempting such taxa through an annotation which most likely would result in implementation challenges (e.g. laundering of wild specimens).

With regard to agenda item 14.2 (Rev. 1)

Considering paragraph 13:

- a) The species included in document PC19 Doc 14.2 (Rev. 1) (Annexes 1 and 4) are not being proposed for consideration in the Periodic Review.
- b) The Secretariat is requested to send a notification to range States, regarding the possibility of deleting certain taxa of Appendix-II succulent *Euphorbia* included in Annex 3, and request information about the conservation status and possible look-alike concerns regarding these taxa.
- c) A Notification will be prepared in conjunction with the Secretariat.
- d) The intersessional working group will provide an update of the consultation with range States at PC20.
- e) The Committee noted that given the number of range States, the number of taxa involved and the complexity of the task mandated in Decision 14.131, it will be extremely difficult to accomplish the work during this inter-sessional period. Deleting such species will require the preparation of numerous proposals for consideration at CoP16. If range States are unable to prepare such proposals for the CoP, according to the Decision, the Plants Committee is expected to prepare proposals for consideration and this will be difficult to accomplish during the intersessional period.
- f) Due consideration should also be given to the implications of deleting individual species which most likely would result in implementation challenges (e.g. laundering of wild specimens, trade in listed species as non-listed ones).

In addition to the persons listed in document PC19 Doc. 13.1 (Rev. 1) Annex 5, the Committee agreed to include the following members of the intersessional working group on the periodic review chaired by Mexico (Ms Davila): Chile, UNEP-WCMC and the American Herbal Products Association.

Adoption of executive summary.....PC19 Sum. 2

The Secretariat read the contents of document PC19 Sum. 2 into the record and it was adopted, subject to possible non-substantive and linguistic comments to be passed to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat read the list of intersessional working groups and chairmanships agreed by the Committee as follows:

1. NDF – Implementation of Decision 15.24 (PC19 WG03 Doc. 1). Co-Chairs: AC and PC Chairs
2. NDF – PC19 Doc 10.4. Co-Chairs: the Alternate Representative of Asia (Ms Salem), the representative of Asia (Ms Zhou). The observer of the American Herbal Products Association requested to be included in the membership of this working group, this was agreed.
3. Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species (Decision 12.91). Co-Chairs: United Kingdom (Ms Groves) and an Animals Committee focal point to be designated at AC25.
4. Global Strategy for Plants Conservation. Chair: Vice-Chair of the Plants Committee.
5. Transport of live specimens. Co-Chairs: Austria (Mr Kiehn) and an Animals Committee focal point to be designated at AC25.
6. Climate change. Co-Chairs: the United States and an Animals Committee focal point to be designated at AC25.
7. Annotations. Co-Chairs: Vice-Chair of the Plants Committee, European Union (Mr Valentini), Canada (Mr Farr).
8. Periodic Review. Chair: Mexico (Ms Davila)

It was agreed to include the Secretariat in all working groups.

20. Time and venue of the 20th meeting of the Plants Committee No document

Ireland offered to host both Plants and Animals Committee meetings in Dublin in early 2012. Full details would be arranged with the Secretariat. The Committee welcomed this offer.

21. Any other business No document

The Committee noted that the Secretariat had made some progress with Decision 15.32 c) with regard to an information brochure that will illustrate the importance of registering scientific institutions under Article VII, paragraph 6, of the Convention and demonstrate how the registration procedures can be applied in a simplified manner.

22. Closing remarks No document

The Chair noted that four days was insufficient time for a full meeting of the Plants Committee. She thanked the Chairs of the Animals and Standing Committees, Plants Committee members and observers, the Secretariat, the rapporteur, the interpreters and the staff of Earth Negotiations Bulletin. The Secretary-General congratulated the Committee for the enormous work done in dealing with 49 documents in only four days and then declared the 19th meeting of the Plants Committee closed.