

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



Twentieth meeting of the Plants Committee
Dublin (Ireland), 22-30 March 2012

Periodic review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices

ASSESSMENT OF TRADE IN EPIPHYTIC CACTI AND
REVIEW OF LISTING OF CACTACEAE SPP. IN APPENDIX II (DECISION 15.89)

1. This introductory page has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 15th meeting (Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 15.89 as follows:

Assessment of trade in epiphytic cacti and review of listing of Cactaceae spp. in Appendix II

Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall assess trade in epiphytic cacti, considering the information of document CoP15 Doc. 55 and focusing especially on the genera Disocactus, Epiphyllum, Hattoria, Lepismium, Pseudorhipsalis, Rhipsalis and Schlumbergera. The Plants Committee shall consult with range States and if appropriate, encourage and support range States to submit proposals to exempt certain taxa of epiphytic cacti from Appendix II for consideration of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. If there are many range States for a certain taxon, rendering it difficult to allocate responsibilities, or if range States do not take action, the Plants Committee shall prepare such proposals.

3. At its 19th meeting (Geneva, April 2011), the Plants Committee instructed the Working Group on the Periodic Review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices to submit a report on this issue. Annex 1 to the present document contains the report of the Working Group.
4. Annex 2 has been prepared by Mr James Grogan, under contract with the Secretariat, to assist Parties with the implementation of Decision 15.89. The Secretariat would like to thank the European Commission for its generous contribution that has made possible the production of this report.
5. The Committee is invited to review the information in this document and to decide how best to implement Decision 15.89.