

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



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

PREPARATION OF THE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR COP16

1. This document has been submitted by the Chair of the Plants Committee.*
2. The Annex contains an initial draft of the Chair's report to be submitted at CoP16 on behalf of the Committee.
3. As in the past, this report will be prepared in collaboration with the Committee and the CITES Secretariat.
4. The Committee is invited to review the initial draft, confirm the people who are in charge of the various topics and prepare the texts that will make up the report during the meeting.
5. Lastly, in the event that one of the texts requires more preparation time, the Committee is asked to set a date for submission to the Chair.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Introduction

1. This report was prepared by Ms Margarita África Clemente-Muñoz, Chair of the Plants Committee, with the kind assistance of the members of the Committee and the CITES Secretariat, and covers the period from 15 October 2009 to XX XXXX 2012. During this period, the Committee held two meetings: the 19th (PC19), in Geneva, Switzerland, from 18 to 21 April 2011, and the 20th (PC20), in Dublin, Ireland, from 26 to 30 March 2012. The 19th meeting was attended by observers from XXX countries, X United Nations bodies, XX intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and XX non-governmental organizations (NGOs), for a total of 126 participants; the 20th meeting was attended by observers of XX countries, XX United Nations bodies, XX IGOs and XX NGOs, for a total of XXX participants.
2. The Committee would like to express its gratitude to the authorities of Ireland, which hosted PC20, for organizing and supporting it so effectively.
3. The Committee also wishes to express its appreciation to the Secretariat for the organization and preparation of the documentation for both meetings, and for all its intersessional support.
4. Before PC20, a joint meeting was held with the Animals Committee from 22 to 24 March in Dublin, Ireland, at which the topics that had been assigned to both Committees at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) were covered. This meeting was attended by observers from XXX countries, X United Nations bodies, XX IGOs and XX NGOs, for a total of XXX participants.
5. Listed below is the membership of the Plants Committee. On XX XXXX 2010, immediately after the closure of CoP15, the members and alternate members of the Plants Committee and the CITES Secretariat met unofficially in Doha (Qatar). Ms Margarita África Clemente-Muñoz (Spain) was designated interim Chair and Mr Hesiquio Benítez (Mexico) interim Vice-Chair. Both were formally elected at the beginning of PC19 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Region	Representative	Alternate
Africa	Ms Beatrice Khayota (Kenya) Mr David L.N. Hafashimana (Uganda)	Mr Koffi Akpagana (Togo) Mr Quentin Luke (Kenya)
Asia	Ms Zhihua Zhou (China)	Ms Shereefa Al-Salem (Kuwait)
Central and South America and the Caribbean	Ms Mariana de Jesús Mites Cadena (Ecuador) Ms Dora Ingrid Rivera (Costa Rica)	Ms Adriana Rivera Brusatin (Colombia) Mr Kenneth Richardson (Bahamas)
Europe	Ms Margarita África Clemente Muñoz (Spain) Chair Mr Maurizio Sajeve (Italy)	Mr David Kikodze (Georgia) Mr Paulo J.L. Carmo (Portugal)
North America	Mr Hesiquio Benítez Dias (Mexico) (Vice-Chair)	Ms Adrienne Sinclair (Canada)
Oceania	Mr Greg Leach (Australia)	Mr Marika Vuli Tuiwawa (Fiji)
Nomenclature specialist		
Mr Noel McGough (United Kingdom)		

6. All representatives attended both meetings, except for the representatives of the African region, who were unable to attend the 19th meeting and were replaced by their alternates (Mr Koffi Akpagana and

Mr Quentin Luke). The required regional reports were presented at the two meetings, listing in detail the activities undertaken in the various regions.

7. The Chair of the Plants Committee took part in the meetings listed below:
 - a) 59th, 60th and 62nd meetings of the Standing Committee (SC);
 - b) Eighth European regional CITES plants meeting, held in Tbilisi, Georgia, from 19 to 22 September 2011;
 - c) Meeting of the Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species, held in Petén, Guatemala, from 7 to 11 November 2011; and
 - d) XX meeting of the chairs of the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions, held in Dublin on XXXXX.

Main topics covered

8. The Secretariat prepared document PC19 Doc. 7.1, which was submitted for consideration by the Committee at its first meeting after CoP15. Annexes 1 and 2 to this document present all the instructions directed to the Plants Committee or that may require consulting or informing the Committee. These instructions are contained in the Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties currently in effect.
9. Some of the topics that were covered at the Committee's joint meeting with the Animals Committee are simply listed in this report, and the recommendations that emerged from the discussions are recorded in various documents prepared jointly by the Chairs of the two Committees (see documents CoP16 Doc. XX, CoP16 Doc. XX, CoP16 Doc. XX, and CoP16 Doc. XX. Add any documents produced here).
10. Listed below are the Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Plants Committee and the results achieved. The documents cited are available on the CITES website. The specific measures that are recommended are contained in separate documents (see document CoP16 Doc. XX, etc. Add any documents produced here).

Resolutions containing instructions directed to the Plants Committee or that may involve it

Registration of nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I plant species for export purposes [Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 3]

Person in charge: alternate representative of Africa (Quentin Luke)

Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II [Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15)]

Person in charge: Chair of the Plants Committee

Inclusion of species in Appendix III [Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP15)]

Person in charge: representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Dora Rivera)

Transport of live specimens [Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP14)]

People in charge: Austria (Michael Kiehn), Chair

Regulation of trade in plants [Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15)]

Person in charge: representative of Oceania (Greg Leach)

Establishment of committees [Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15)]

Person in charge: Chair

Identification Manual (Conf. 11.19)

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species [Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)]

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)

Standard nomenclature [Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP15)]

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)

CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013 (Conf. 14.2, Annex)

Person in charge: Chair

CITES compliance procedures (Conf. 14.3, Annex)

Person in charge: representative of Oceania (Greg Leach)

Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber (Conf. 14.4)

Person in charge: representative of Asia (Zhihua Zhou)

Periodic Review of the Appendices (Conf. 14.8)

Chair of WGPR (Patricia Dávila)

Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the biennium 2012-2013 (Conf. 15.1)

Person in charge: Chair

Decisions directed to the Plants Committee or instructions that may involve it

Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (Decision 15.11)

Person in charge: Vice-Chair

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (Decision 15.12)

Person in charge: Chair

Climate change (Decision 15.15)

Person in charge: alternate representative of Europe (Paulo Carmo)

Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Decision 15.19)

Person in charge: Vice-Chair

Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species (Decision 12.91)

Person in charge: United Kingdom (Madelaine Groves)

Non-detriment findings (Decision 15.23; Decision 15.24)

Person in charge: Chair

Annotations to the Appendices for plants (Decision 15.31)

Person in charge: Vice-Chair

Review of annotations for Cactaceae and Orchidaceae: evaluation of trade in finished products (Decision 15.34)

Person in charge: Vice-Chair

Orchids: annotation for species included in Appendix II [(Decision 14.133; Decision 14.134 (Rev. CoP15))]

Person in charge: representative of Europe (Maurizio Sajeve)

Tree species: annotations for species included in Appendices II and III [Decision 15.35; Decision 14.148 (Rev. CoP15)]

Person in charge: Canada (Ken Far)

Review of Significant Trade [Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP14)]

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)

Review of Significant Trade in *Cistanche deserticola*, *Dioscorea deltoidea*, *Nardostachys grandiflora*, *Picrorhiza kurroo*, *Pterocarpus santalinus*, *Rauvolfia serpentina* and *Taxus wallichiana* (Decision 15.36, Decision 15.37)

Person in charge: representative of Asia (Zhihua Zhou)

Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants [Decision 14.39 (Rev. CoP15); Decision 14.40 (Rev. CoP15)]

Person in charge: representative of Europe (Maurizio Sajeve)

Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species (Decision 15.52; Decision 15.53)

Person in charge: Chair

Transport of live specimens (Decision 15.59)

Person in charge: Austria (Michael Kiehn)

Standard nomenclature (Decision 15.63)

Person in charge: nomenclature specialist (Noel McGough)

Use of taxonomic serial numbers (Decision 15.68)

Person in charge: Canada (Ken Far)

Assessment of trade in epiphytic cacti and review of listing of Cactaceae spp. in Appendix II (Decision 15.89)

Person in charge: WGPR Chair (Patricia Dávila)

***Euphorbia* spp. [Decision 14.131 (Rev. CoP15)]**

Person in charge: WGPR Chair (Patricia Dávila)

***Aniba roseaodora* (Decision 15.90)**

Person in charge: Representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Dora Rivera)

Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species (Decision 15.91; Decision 15.92)

Person in charge: WG Chair (Cesar Belteton)

***Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* [Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15)]**

Person in charge: representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Dora Rivera)

Agarwood-producing taxa (Decision 15.94; Decision 15.95)

Person in charge: representative of Oceania (Greg Leach)

***Bulnesia sarmientoi* (Decision 15.96)**

Person in charge: representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Dora Rivera)

Madagascar (Decision 15.97; Decision 15.98)

Person in charge: alternate representative of Africa (Quentin Luke)