

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



Twentieth meeting of the Plants Committee
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Adoption of the agenda and working programme

3.2 Working programme [PC20 Doc. 3.2 (Rev. 1)]

The Committee agreed to discuss document PC20 Doc. 15.1 (*Timber species, medicinal plants and agarwood-producing species (Decisions 15.26 and 15.27) – Report of the working group*) in the afternoon of 26 March, in conjunction with document PC20 Doc. 17.2.1 [*Agarwood-producing taxa (Decision 15.94)*].

4. Admission of observers (PC20 Doc. 4)

The Committee noted the inclusion of Ajmal Perfumes under National organizations in paragraph 2 of document PC19 Doc. 4.

14. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

14.1 Overview of the species-based Review of Significant Trade (PC20 Doc. 14.1)

The Committee noted document PC20 Doc. 14.1.

14.2 Species selected following CoP15 (PC20 Doc. 14.2)

The Committee established a working group (WG2), to be chaired by the PC nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough), with the following mandate:

- a) In accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), review the available information to determine whether it is satisfied that Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, are being implemented; and
- b) Propose which species should be eliminated from the review with respect to the range State concerned, and which should be kept in the review.

16. Periodic Review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices

The Committee designated the representative of North America (Mr Benítez Díaz) as chair of the working group on the Periodic Review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices.

16.1 Overview

16.1.1 Report of Mexico [PC20 Doc. 16.1.1 (Rev.1)]

16.2 Report of the working group (PC20 Doc. 16.2)

and

16.3 Assessment of trade in epiphytic cacti and review of listing of Cactaceae spp. in Appendix II (Decision 15.89) (PC20 Doc. 16.3)

The Committee established a working group (WG3), to be chaired by the representative of North America (Mr Benítez Dias) with the following mandate:

- a) Consider and draft recommendations on the basis of the reports submitted by Brazil and Namibia in document PC20 Doc. 16.1.1 (Rev. 1), Annexes 1 and 2;
- b) Consider and draft recommendations on the basis of the report submitted by the Netherlands in document PC20 Doc. 16.2, Annex 1;
- c) On the basis of document PC20 Doc. 16.3, Annex 2, consider the relevance of drafting a proposal to delete from Appendix II the following seven genera of epiphytic cacti: *Disocactus*, *Epiphyllum*, *Hatiora*, *Lepismium*, *Pseudorhipsalis*, *Rhipsalis* and *Schlumbergera*, for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16). If such a proposal is drafted, include therein identification material to distinguish these genera from other non-epiphytic cacti;
- d) Identify proponents for any proposals to amend the Appendices to be made at CoP16;
- e) Contribute to the work on the revision of Resolution 14.8 on *Periodic Review of the Appendices* (item 10) commenced during the joint session of the 26th meeting of the Animals Committee and 20th meeting of the Plants Committee; and
- f) Consider additional information supplied in relation to the reviews of *Balmea stormiae*, *Platymiscium pleiostachyum*, *Peristeria elata* and *Sclerocactus* spp.

16.1.2 Report of the Secretariat (PC20 Doc. 16.1.2)

The Committee noted document PC20 Doc. 16.1.2 and requested the Secretariat to liaise with Mexico to ensure that references to certain species correctly reflect the previous decisions of the Committee.

16.4 Euphorbia spp. [Decision 14.131 (Rev. CoP15)] (PC20 Doc. 16.4)

The Committee agreed that no changes to the listing of succulent *Euphorbia* species included in Appendix II were required. It requested its nomenclature specialist to address the issue of new *Euphorbia* species as well as taxonomic changes that had been proposed for genera that phylogenetically belonged within *Euphorbia*, including *Elaeophorbium*, *Endadenium*, *Monadenium*, *Synadenium* and *Pedilanthus*.

17. Proposals for possible consideration at CoP16

17.1 Proposals to amend the Appendices

17.1.1 Madagascar (Decision 15.97) (PC20 Doc.17.1.1)

The Committee established a working group (WG4), to be co-chaired by the PC nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough) and the observer for Madagascar, with the following mandate:

- a) Prepare a work plan to facilitate the submission of amendment proposals at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

- b) Identify issues related to the identification of species that will need to be addressed to ensure that any potential listings can be adequately implemented and enforced;
- c) Identify mechanisms to support the preparation of such amendment proposals; and
- d) Consider any other items that it finds appropriate.

17.1.2 Annotations

- 17.1.2.1 Overview [Decisions 15.31, 15.34, 14.133, 14.134 (Rev. CoP15), 14.149, 15.35 and 14.148 (Rev. CoP15)] – Report of the working group [PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.1 (Rev. 1)]

The Committee noted document PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.1 (Rev. 1).

- 17.1.2.3 Cactaceae and Orchidaceae: review of annotations (Decision 15.34) *No document*

The Committee requested the United States of America to prepare a proposal for a revision of Decision 15.34 which would continue the work after CoP16 for a more limited number of taxa, for later consideration by the Committee.

- 17.1.2.5 Aniba rosaeodora (Decision 15.90) – Report of Brazil (PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.5)

The Committee noted document PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.5 and an oral presentation by the observer from Brazil.

- 17.1.2.6 Bulnesia sarmientoi (Decision 15.96) – Report of Argentina (PC20 Doc.17.1.2.6)

The Committee noted document PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.6.

- 17.1.2.2 Preparation of clarification of and guidance on the meaning of "packaged and ready for retail trade" and other terms used in the Annotations – Report of the working group (PC20 Doc.17.1.2.2)

and

- 17.1.2.4 Tree species: annotations for species included in Appendices II and III [Decision 14.149, 15.35 and 14.148 (Rev. CoP15)] – Report of the working group (PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.4)

The Committee established a working group (WG5), to be co-chaired by the PC Chair, Canada and the European Union with the following mandate:

Regarding document PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.2:

- a) Reconsider and simplify the definitions in paragraph 11 document PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.2 so that an informed non-expert may be able to make a firm identification of specimens; and
- b) Draft a definition of 'finished products' that can be applicable to all CITES plant products.

Regarding document PC20 Doc. 17.1.2.4:

- a) Consider the conclusions of the intersessional working group with respect to the need to amend annotations for tree species;
- b) Consider whether annotations #2, #7, #11 and #12 require specific clarification given the apparent range of interpretations by Parties;

- c) Identify the conclusions of this working group and of previous timber annotation working groups as potentially useful guidance for amending tree species annotations (see the PC19 summary record);
- d) Suggest ways to encourage participation at the Plants Committee by enforcement officers and other regulatory experts in the evaluation of any new listings and annotations for timber species; and
- e) Consider and discuss the terms in the glossary of agarwood products in Annex 3 of document PC20 Doc. 17.2.1 Annex 3, and recommend the best way to make this available to the CITES community.

17.2 Other proposals

17.2.1 Agarwood producing taxa (Decision 15.94)(PC20 Doc. 17.2.1)

and

15. Non-detriment findings

15.1 Timber species, medicinal plants and agarwood-producing species (Decisions 15.26 and 15.27) – Report of the working group..... PC20 Doc.15.1

The Committee established a working group (WG6), to be co-chaired by the representatives of Asia (Ms Zhihua) and Oceania (Mr Leach), and the alternate representative of Asia (Ms Al-Salem), with the following mandate:

Consider the recommendations in documents PC20 Doc.15.1 and PC20 Doc. 17.2.1.

19. Timber issues

19.1 Progress report of the Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species [Decisions 15.91, 15.92 and 14.146 (Rev. CoP15)](PC20 Doc. 19.1)

The Committee established a drafting group (DG1), to be chaired by the observer from Guatemala (Mr Beltetón Chacón), in his role as Chair of the Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species, with the following mandate:

Propose recommendations for the Plants Committee to consider presenting to CoP16 based on the recommendations in document PC20 Doc.19.1.

The Committee also established another working group (WG7), to be co-chaired by the representatives of Oceania (Mr Leach) and the observer from Guatemala, in his role as chair of the Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species, which would be comprised only of members of the Committee and have the following mandate:

Taking account of all available information, the working group shall test the criteria for inclusion of species in Appendix II for *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*, and evaluate whether the genera meet the criteria or not.

13. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Decision 15.19) – Report of the working group.....(PC20 Doc.13)

With the addition of the words “and the effect upon CITES if the GSPC is successfully implemented” at the end of the last preambular sentence, the Committee agreed to submit the draft Resolution in paragraph 7 of document PC20 Doc. 13 for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

20. Nomenclature matters(PC20 Doc. 20)

The Committee established a working group (WG8) to be chaired by the PC nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough), with the following mandate:

- a) Identify mechanisms that may be available to support the completion of outstanding revisions of key plant checklists;
- b) Consider whether it is useful to bring together all available information on the taxonomy and nomenclature of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp.;
- c) Express a view on the status and use of the name "*Aloe capensis*"; and
- d) Consider other nomenclature matters referred to the Committee by Parties and the Secretariat.

14. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

14.3 Review of Significant Trade in *Cistanche deserticola*, *Dioscorea deltoidea*, *Nardostachys grandiflora*, *Picrorhiza kurrooa*, *Pterocarpus santalinus*, *Rauvolfia serpentina* and *Taxus wallichiana* (PC20 Doc. 14.3)

The Committee noted document PC20 Doc. 14.3. The Committee requested the United States of America and TRAFFIC to send their detailed comments on organization of the workshop referred to in paragraph 4 of the document, in writing to the Secretariat.

15. Non-detriment findings

15.2 *Aniba rosaeodora* [Decision 15.90, par. e)] – Report of Brazil (PC20 Doc. 15.2)

The Committee noted document PC20 Doc. 15.2 and agreed that it would be used to help prepare the Committee's report for the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties under Decision 15.90 f).

19. Timber issues

19.2 Progress report on the joint CITES-ITTO timber programme (PC20 Doc. 19.2)

The Committee congratulated the International Tropical Timber Organization and the Secretariat for the progress on their joint programme and thanked the donors that had supported it financially.