

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



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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of executive summary PC20 Sum. 3

The Committee adopted executive summary PC20 Sum. 3, with the following amendment under "Adoption of executive summary PC20 Sum. 2", item 19.1: the name should read "(Mr Beltetón Chacón)", rather than "(Mr Chacón Beltetón)".

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17.1.2 Annotations

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

and

17.1.2.4 Tree species: annotations for species included in Appendices II and III [Decisions 14.149, 15.35 and 14.148 (Rev. CoP15)] – Report of the working group.....(PC20 WG5 Doc. 1)

The Committee agreed on the following amendments to document PC20 WG5 Doc. 1 under *Recommendations*:

- a) Paragraph 2: replace "it was unable to agree to exclude" with "did not reach a consensus regarding the exclusion of";
- b) Paragraph 4: add the words "if necessary, following review of the trade study referred to in an updated version of Decision 14.148 (Rev. CoP15) if adopted at CoP17" at the end of the last sentence; and
- c) Paragraph 6: remove the strikethrough of paragraph c) of the proposed revised Decision and replace "16th" in this paragraph with "17th";

With these amendments, the Committee adopted the recommendations in document PC20 WG5 Doc. 1, except that concerning "Extract" and "Root" in recommendation 1. It also agreed that, in the absence of a consensus on the definition of the term "Root" and on the matter referred to in the second paragraph of recommendation 2, these issues would be referred to the 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee for its consideration. In this regard, the Committee noted the request of the chair, for PC20 participants to send written comments on these issues to her, so that she may take them into account in presenting the matter to the Standing Committee.

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 WG7 Doc. 1, PC20 DG1 Doc. 1 and PC20 Com. 3)

The Committee agreed the following changes to document PC20 WG7 Doc. 1:

- a) Paragraphs 1, 2 a) and 4 a): delete the words “and may qualify for Appendix-II listing under Annex 2a, Criterion B”;
- b) Paragraph 5 a): change the text to “As it does not seem that a proposal from Parties to include these species in Appendix II is going to be presented, the work of the Plants Committee in relation to Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15) is considered to be completed”;
- c) Paragraph 5 c): add the sentence “WG7 also noted the difficulty of implementation and enforcement.” at the end; and
- d) Add new paragraph 5 e) “WG7 also encourages Parties listing these species in Appendix III to facilitate and contribute on permit confirmation requests from importing Parties”.

With these amendments, the Committee noted document PC20 WG7 Doc. 1.

The Committee adopted the recommendations in paragraphs 10 and 11 of document PC20 DG1 Doc. 1, with the replacement of “as well as” with “and from” in paragraph 11.

Concerning the recommendation in paragraph 31 in PC20 DG1 Doc. 1, the Committee agreed that the terms of reference and membership of the proposed working group could be decided at its 21st meeting in the light of decisions taken at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16). The Committee further agreed that the other parts of document PC20 DG1 Doc. 1 would be incorporated into the report for CoP16 required under paragraph 1 e) of Annex 3 to the CoP15 Decisions.

The Committee congratulated the Chair (Mr Beltetón Chacón), Vice-Chair (Ms Nuñez Neyra) and the members of the Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Timber Species for the work they had undertaken under Decision 15.91.

The Committee adopted document PC20 Com. 3 with the following amendments:

- a) In the first draft decision:
 - Add “and the Secretariat” after “Directed to the Plants and Animals Committees”;
 - Delete the square brackets in the first paragraph;
 - Replace the word “Party”, with the word “representative” in the first paragraph;
 - Delete the words “the Secretariat and” in paragraph a);
 - Add a new paragraph after paragraph b) with the wording “compile a list of outstanding Decisions directing the Parties, the Animals and Plants Committees, and the Secretariat to produce identification and guidance material for CITES-listed taxa;” and renumber the following paragraphs; and
- b) Delete the draft decision directed to the Secretariat.

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 WG6 Doc. 1 and PC20 Com. 1)

and

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17.2 Other proposals

17.2.1 Agarwood-producing taxa (Decision 15.94)..... (PC20 Com. 1)

The Committee agreed the following amendments to document PC20 WG6 Doc. 1:

- a) Paragraph 9: replace the three dots with “paragraph 3 of the present document”;
- b) Paragraph 10: add “and paragraph 1 in Annex 1 of document PC20 Doc. 17.2.1” after “Doc. 15.1”;
- c) Paragraph 14: add “but recommended that the words “or mixed” be added after the word “monospecific” in paragraph g) of Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15)”;
- d) Paragraph 14, proposed new draft decision:
 - delete “tropical”;
 - add “of artificial propagation” after “definitions”; and
 - add “respectively,” after “Resolution Conf. 11.11”; and
- e) In paragraph 17, replace “PC20 WGXX” with “PC20 WG5”.

With these changes, the Committee adopted the recommendations in paragraphs 1 to 14 of document PC20 WG6 Doc. 1.

With respect to paragraphs 15 to 18 of document PC20 WG6 Doc. 1 and to document PC20 Com. 1, the Committee noted that Parties would consider submitting these proposals at CoP16.

17. Proposals for possible consideration at CoP16

17.1 Proposals to amend the Appendices

17.1.1 Madagascar (Decision 15.97).....(PC20 WG4 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted document PC20 WG4 Doc. 1 and congratulated Madagascar on progress made in implementing Decision 15.97.

17.1.2 Annotations

17.1.2.3 Cactaceae and Orchidaceae: review of annotations (Decision 15.34)(PC20 Com. 2)

The Committee agreed that it would propose the draft decision in PC20 Com. 2 for adoption at CoP16.

23. Regional reports

23.4 Europe.....(PC20 Doc. 23.4)

The Committee noted the report in document PC20 Doc. 23.4.

23.5 North America.....(PC20 Doc. 23.5)

The Committee noted the report in document PC20 Doc. 23.5.

23.6 Oceania.....(PC20 Doc. 23.6)

The Committee noted the report in document PC20 Doc. 23.6.

Adoption of executive summary PC20 Sum. 4

The Committee adopted executive summary PC20 Sum. 4.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to comply with the Rules of Procedure with regard to the time frame for the production of executive summary 5 and the summary record.

24. Time and venue of the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee *No document*

The Committee welcomed the offer of Mexico to host its 21st meeting, possibly in conjunction with the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee, in 2014.

25. Any other business *No document*

The Committee noted a statement from South Africa that they were considering proposing at CoP16, with Botswana and Namibia, a revision to annotation # 9 concerning *Hoodia* spp.

26. Closing remarks *No document*

The Chair thanked Ireland, the Committee members and observers, the interpreters and the Secretariat and closed the meeting.