

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



Sixty-second meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 23-27 July 2012

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REPORTING ON TRADE IN ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED PLANTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 15th meeting (Qatar, 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following revisions of decisions regarding *Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants*:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

14.39

*(Rev. CoP15) The Secretariat shall, subject to available funding, in consultation with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre:*

- a) conduct a survey of reporting practices of Parties relating to trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II, e.g. regarding the degree of completeness and detail;*
- b) identify cases where the compilation of trade data pertaining to artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II has contributed to a significant extent to the detection of illegal trade or to any other analysis related to the conservation of wild flora;*
- c) taking into consideration the results of paragraphs a) and b) above, analyse the Convention text and Resolutions in order to identify binding and non-binding elements of reporting, with special emphasis on artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II. The Secretariat shall list options for streamlining such reporting; and*
- d) report on its findings to the Plants Committee prior to its 20th meeting.*

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

14.40

*(Rev. CoP15) The Plants Committee shall, after considering the report of the Secretariat:*

- a) determine whether there are any taxa of Appendix-II plants artificially propagated for which detailed reporting is less valuable; and*
- b) report its findings to the Standing Committee at its 62nd meeting.*

### **Directed to the Standing Committee**

14.41

(Rev. CoP15) *The Standing Committee shall:*

- a) *taking into consideration the findings of the Plants Committee, determine whether it is possible to streamline the reporting of trade in artificially propagated Appendix-II plants; and*
- b) *report on its findings at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and submit draft wording to amend Resolutions concerned, where appropriate.*

3. The funds required for the implementation of the study called for in Decision 14.39 (Rev. CoP15) were obtained in February 2012, thanks to a generous contribution from the CITES Management Authority of Switzerland.
4. In the same month, the Secretariat contracted the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to conduct the study. However, the earliest time that it could be completed was the end of May 2012. Unfortunately, this meant that it could not be available for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Plants Committee (Dublin, March 2012).
5. At that meeting, the Secretariat reported on the timing of the study and noted that, when the final report was completed, the Secretariat would draw its own conclusions and transmit these with the report to the Plants Committee for consideration through correspondence. UNEP-WCMC used the opportunity of the meeting to collect information for the study through a questionnaire, which was also circulated with Notification to the Parties No. 2012/032 of 28 March 2012.

### Recommendations

6. In order to allow time for the Plants Committee to consider the report of the study and to formulate its own findings in accordance with Decision 14.40 (Rev. CoP15), the Secretariat requests that this document be noted and that the item be included in the agenda for the 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee.
7. It should be noted, however, that this timing will not allow the preparation of a document for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. However, the Chair of the Standing Committee will be able to report on progress at that meeting.