

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



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Committee I

Report of the Chairman of the Plants Committee

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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

Directed to the range States of Cistanche deserticola; Dioscorea deltoidea; Nardostachys grandiflora, Picrorhiza kurroa; Pterocarpus santalinus; Rauvolfia serpentina and Taxus wallichiana, to the regional representatives for Asia on the Plants Committee, and to the Secretariat:

- 14.XX a) Implementation of regionally coordinated actions to improve the management of and prevent illegal trade in the seven species, including inter alia: measures to combat illegal trade, regional capacity-building workshops and harmonization of regulations and legislation.
- b) Submission of progress reports at the 17th and 18th meetings of the Plants Committee.

Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), of CBD (Decision 13.8)

Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat

- 14.XX The Plants Committee shall collaborate with the CBD Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), especially regarding Target xi 'No species of wild flora endangered by international trade' and other issues related to flora species included in the CITES Appendices, and the Secretariat shall communicate the results of its work in the context of its Memorandum of Understanding with the CBD Secretariat.

Non detriment findings for tree species and medicinal plants

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 14.XX The Plants Committee shall develop principles, criteria and indicators on the formulation of non-detriment findings for those taxa of high priority as timber species, *Prunus africana* and other medicinal plants.

Tree species

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 14.XX The Plants Committee shall, during the period between the 14th and 15th meetings of the Conference of the Parties, consider the opportunity to develop proposals to amend the

Appendices on the basis of the *Contribution to an Evaluation of Tree Species* using the new CITES-listing criteria, and the results of regional workshops on sustainable management of timber species in 2007 and 2008.

Annotation for Orchidaceae included in Appendix II (Decision 13.99)

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 14.XX The Plants Committee shall monitor and assess possible conservation problems arising from the implementation of the annotation for Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II and shall report on the issue at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Parties and to Plants Committee

- 14.XX Countries of export and import should make recommendations and prepare identification material on further exemptions for artificially propagated hybrids of Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II, taking into consideration the capacities of countries to implement and control such exemptions effectively. The results shall be sent to the Plants Committee, which shall evaluate them and adopt the appropriate measures.

Agarwood-producing taxa [Decision 13.65, paragraph d)]

Directed to the Secretariat

- 14.XX The Secretariat shall assist in obtaining funding from Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, exporters, importers and other stakeholders to support a workshop aimed at strengthening the capacity of Parties to implement agarwood-related Decisions before the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties involved in agarwood trade and to the Secretariat

- 14.XX Parties involved in trade of agarwood should, in consultation with the Secretariat, identify funds and produce identification materials for all forms of traded products under CITES control.
- 14.XX Parties concerned should identify and agree on which agarwood products and quantities should be exempted from CITES controls. Once agreed, Parties concerned should agree which range State will prepare and submit a proposal for amendment of the current annotation for agarwood producing species to be considered at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 14.XX Draft standardized units of reporting to be considered at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 14.XX Parties involved in agarwood trade shall prepare a glossary with definitions that illustrate the content of the amended annotations, the terms used and their practical application during enforcement and border controls. The Secretariat should facilitate the preparation and production of these materials, and strategies for incorporating them in ongoing training material.

Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat

- 14.XX In consultation with relevant intergovernmental organizations such as FAO, the Plants Committee in consultation with the Secretariat should draft a definition of non-timber forest products to be considered at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 14.XX On the basis of the work on non-detriment findings for agarwood-producing species, that has been developed by TRAFFIC Southeast Asia and the Secretariat, the Plants Committee, in consultation with range States and the Secretariat, shall develop principles, criteria and indicators on the formulation of non-detriment findings for agarwood-producing species.

Directed to Parties and the Secretariat

14.XX Parties and the CITES Secretariat will work with the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to seek ways to share information through the establishment of networks, organization of regional workshops, capacity-building programs, the exchange of experiences and the identification of financial resources.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL OF RESOLUTION CONF. 10.13 (COP13) ON TIMBER SPECIES

To amend the current definition of 'artificially propagated' for timber species as stated in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (CoP13) so as to read:

timber and non-timber products derived from trees grown in monospecific plantations be considered as being artificially propagated in accordance with the definition contained in Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP13);

To add the following paragraph under '*Regarding the establishment of export quotas for timber species*':

whilst fully respecting the requirements of paragraphs 2 (a) and 3 of Article IV of the Convention, Parties exporting timber specimens from species listed in Appendix II consider establishing voluntary fixed national export quotas for such exports.