

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



Fourteenth meeting of the Plants Committee  
Windhoek (Namibia), 16-20 February 2004

Regional reports and updated regional directories (Decisions 12.14 and 12.15)

Asia

REGIONAL REPORT

**Western Asia**

General information

- a) Regional representative (author of the report): N. P. Singh (India)
- b) Alternate regional representative: Jian Sheng Jia (China)
- c) Number of Parties in the Region: 16 in western Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates and Yemen)
- d) Number of Parties/Scientific Authorities responding to communications: One
- e) Name of other institutions or NGOs contacted for CITES work during the period: Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata (India) and Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (United Kingdom)

**Introduction**

1. The report pertains to the period from the 13th meeting of the Plants Committee (Geneva, August 2003) to this date.

**Regional directory**

2. Assisted the other Asian PC member in preparing it in electronic format.

**Communication with Parties in the region**

3. Efforts were made to contact the Parties by emails, wherever such addresses were available, so that they could exchange ideas and send suggestions for the meeting. But responses are awaited. Therefore, it is recommended that the Plants Committee look into the issue of the non-responses and difficulties in communications with the Parties in this region.

**Miscellaneous**

4. Correspondence and exchange of ideas were continuously maintained by email with the Chairman, members of the Plants Committee and the Secretariat, whenever needed throughout the above said period.

## Eastern Asia

### General information

- a) Regional representative: Irawati (Indonesia)
- b) Alternate regional representative: Zul Mukshar Md. Shaari (Malaysia)
- c) Number of Parties in the Region: 13 in Eastern Asia (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Vietnam)
- d) Number of Parties/Scientific Authorities responding to communications: Three

### **Introduction**

5. The report pertains to the period from the 13th meeting of the Plants Committee (Geneva, August 2003) to this date.

### **Regional directory**

6. Preparation of the Directory for Asia on the Management Authority, Scientific Authority, contact person and experts for CITES on Plants

### **Communication with Parties in the region**

7. Two countries gave response on the updating the directory: Pakistan and Viet Nam.

### **Miscellaneous**

8. In 2003, the Department of Forestry of Indonesia issued a new Wild Live Management regulation.
9. A workshop CITES plants was been conducted by the Scientific Authority of Indonesia and suggested full listing of agarwood. (*Aquilaria* spp.)