

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

Fifteenth meeting of the Plants Committee
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Regional reports

ASIA

General Information

- a) Name of the Member: Irawati (Indonesia) and W. Thitiprasert (Thailand).
- b) Name of alternate Member: Z. Mukshar Md. Shaari (Malaysia) and M. Sanjappa (India).
- c) Number of Parties in the region: 32 (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen).
- d) Number of Parties responding to communication: 5 (Singapore, Thailand, Brunei Darussalam, Myanmar, Indonesia).

Activities since the 14th meeting of the Plants Committee

1. Additional directory for Lao and revised directory for Singapore (see Attachment).
2. Cooperation between Myanmar Scientific Authority and China Management Authority on verification of permit for *Taxus*.
3. In accordance with the Significant Trade Review during 14th PC meeting in Windhoek, Namibia, Indonesia prepared "Procedure to make non-detriment findings for the trade in *Aquilaria malaccensis* and other agarwood-producing species in Indonesia".
4. "Indonesia-Singapore Agarwood consultation meeting" was host by Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA), a the Management Authority of Singapore, on 14 April 2005. The purpose of this meeting was to regulate production and trade of agarwood. This meeting is important for agarwood trade as 70% of agarwood from Indonesia is exported through Singapore. This meeting was initiated by TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, attended by more than 20 persons from Singapore Management Authority, Indonesian Management & Scientific Authority / Member of PC, member of Agarwood Trade Association from Indonesia and Singapore.

5. Special meeting of the "Asean Expert Group on the CITES" was hold in Jakarta from 2-3 May 2005. The Meeting was attended by delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and the ASEAN Secretariat. TRAFFIC Southeast Asia who attended this meeting as observer, assist and contributed rendered to member countries for attending the meeting. This meeting was discussed the "Asean regional action plan on trade in wild fauna and flora, 2005-2010".

The ASEAN Regional Action Plan focused on six main objectives:

- a) assist Asean Member Countries in adopting effective and enforceable legislation for CITES implementation;
 - b) promote networking amongst relevant law enforcement authorities in ASEAN countries to curb illegal trade in wild fauna and flora;
 - c) promote research, monitoring and information exchange on CITES related issues;
 - d) encourage industry groups, trade association/ traders and local communities to comply with legality and sustainable requirements of CITES and national regulations on trade in wild fauna and flora, and to support research and capacity building on sustainable management of wildlife trade;
 - e) encourage greater regional cooperation on specific issues; and
 - f) seek sufficient technical and financial assistance.
6. Similar to the previous years, Scientific Authority of Indonesia was conducting a CITES awareness programmes in some cities of Indonesia.

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