

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



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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANNOTATION FOR ORCHIDACEAE SPP. INCLUDED IN APPENDIX II

The working group comprised the regional representatives of Asia [W. Thitprasert (Chairman), Irawati], Oceania (G. Leach), observers from China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico, Slovakia, Switzerland, Thailand and IWMC-World Conservation Trust and TRAFFIC.

Draft questionnaire

1. Is the annotation implemented?  
If yes, when and how (by what legislation)?
2. Do you consider that the application of the annotation is effective?
3. Do you consider that the annotation is useful? (Please explain why?)
4. Have you observed any increase in illegal activities resulting from the implementation of the annotation (if so, in what manner?)
5. Do you find the current annotation easily applicable? If not, would you prefer the attached version?

Draft annotation for artificially propagated orchid hybrids, for consideration at PC15

Artificially propagated hybrids of the genera *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, *Phalaenopsis* and *Vanda* are not subject to the provisions of the Convention if:

- a) Specimens are readily recognizable as artificially propagated and do not show any signs of having been collected in the wild such as mechanical damage or strong dehydration resulting from collection, irregular growth and heterogeneous size and shape within a taxon and shipment, algae or other epiphyllous organisms adhering to leaves, or damage by insects or other pest; and
- b)
  - i) when shipped in non flowering state, the specimens must be traded in shipments consisting of individual containers (such as cartons, boxes, crates or individual shelves of CC-containers) each containing 20 or more plants of the same hybrid; the plants within each container must exhibit a high degree of uniformity and healthiness; and the shipment must be accompanied by documentation, such as an invoice, which clearly states the number of plants of each hybrid; or
  - ii) when shipped in flowering state, with at least one fully open flower per specimen, no minimum number of specimens per shipment is required but specimens must be professionally processed for commercial retail sale, e.g. labelled with printed labels and packaged with printed packages; and labels or packages indicate the name of the hybrid and the country of final processing, and allow easy verification of appropriate use of these labels or packages.

Plants not clearly qualifying for the exemption must be accompanied by appropriate CITES documents.