

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

Seventeenth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-19 April 2008

HYBRIDS AND CULTIVARS
(Agenda item 19)Membership

Chairman: The representative of North America (Mr Gabel);

Parties: Austria, Canada, China;

IGOs and NGOs: IWMC.

Mandate

Discuss hybrids and cultivars, and other entities recognized in horticulture (e.g. forms and varieties), and draft recommendations regarding their treatment under the Convention, particularly with regard to Article I, paragraph (b).

Recommendations

1. Regarding hybrids: The Parties should continue to follow the guidance of Res. Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP14).
2. Regarding cultivars: The WG recommends adoption of the definition of the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants for Cultivars: *"an assemblage of plants that has been selected for a particular attribute or combination of attributes and that is clearly distinct, uniform, and stable in these characteristics and that when propagated by appropriate means retains those characteristics"*.
3. The WG further recommends that

Cultivars shall be subject to the provisions of the Convention even though not specifically included in the Appendices, but may be excluded from CITES controls by a specific annotation in Appendix I, II or III, if meeting the definition of the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants

4. The WG recommends that the PC, if the above recommendations are agreed, requests that the Secretariat, on behalf of the PC, submits a proposal to CoP15 to amend Res. Conf. 11.11. (Rev. CoP14) accordingly.
5. Finally, the WG sees no need for further actions regarding other entities recognized in horticulture (e.g. forms and varieties), because they all can be subsumed under other valid definitions.