

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



Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Panama City (Panama), 14 – 25 November 2022

Strategic matters

Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements

COOPERATION WITH THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

1. This document has been submitted by the Plants Committee.\*
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18; Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.49 to 18.51 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* as follows:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**18.49** *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *publish and maintain updated on its website the summary of the Periodic Review proposals submitted to Conference of the Parties for amendments to Appendices I and II, taxa selected for Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II, and Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix II species, with relevant updates derived from the 23rd and 24th meetings of the Plants Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;*
- b) *in collaboration with the Plants Committee, update the report on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) [see document CoP17 Doc. 14.6 (Rev. 1)], taking into account the analysis contained in information document PC24 Inf. 6, as well as the relevant outcomes of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and provide it to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) for further consideration by the CBD at the 15th meeting of its Conference of the Parties;*
- c) *consult the Secretariat of CBD concerning the post-2020 future of the GSPC, and collaborate with the Plants Committee in drafting any required revision of Resolution Conf. 16.5 on Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020; and*
- d) *report on progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) to c) to the Plants Committee.*

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

**18.50** *The Plants Committee shall:*

- a) *consider the Secretariat's updated report as per Decision 18.49 above;*
- b) *in collaboration with the Secretariat and if considered appropriate, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5, taking into account the discussions under CBD regarding the post-2020 future of*

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*the GSPC, with a view to ensure that a two-way collaboration between both Conventions is reflected; and*

- c) *present its recommendations to the Standing Committee or the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.*

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

**18.51** *The Standing Committee shall consider any report prepared in response to Decision 18.50, and in coordination with the Plants Committee, convey its recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

3. The Secretariat submitted documents [PC25 Comp.](#) and [PC25 Doc. 13 Add.](#) to the Plants Committee at its 25th meeting (PC25, online, June 2021), the latter document in collaboration with the regional representative of Oceania (Mr. Damian Wrigley), as the Plants Committee's co-lead for Decision 18.50.
4. These documents outlined progress achieved in the implementation of Decision 18.50, including updates related to the GSPC itself, in particular with regard to the future of this initiative in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD. The Secretariat drew the Plants Committee's attention to Target 4 of the *Preliminary draft global strategy for plant conservation* that would be a natural link for CITES.
5. In its recommendations, the Secretariat invited the Plants Committee to agree to postpone further consideration on the GSPC until there is clarity on the future of the GSPC with a draft decision to replace the Decisions 18.49 to 18.51 with a view to extend the work beyond the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Plants Committee agreed to this way forward and agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties the submission of draft decision 19.AA as contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

Recommendations

6. The Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt draft Decision 19.AA as contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties adopt the draft decision, with revisions proposed in paragraph D. The Secretariat furthermore recommends the deletion of Decisions 18.49 to 18.51 as they have been carried forward in the new draft decision.
- B. The future of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) relies on the outcomes of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (7 to 19 December 2022, Montreal, Canada) regarding the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The Secretariat notes that draft decision 19.AA allows for consideration of any outcomes of CBD COP15 during the upcoming CITES CoP19-CoP20 intersessional period.
- C. The Secretariat further notes that, as the draft decision on GSPC is a strategic matter, it is also relevant to the recommendations the Standing Committee has submitted to the Conference of the Parties through documents CoP19 Doc. 10 on *CITES Strategic Vision* and CoP19 Doc. 17.1 on *Cooperation with other biodiversity-related Conventions*.
- D. To ensure that the reporting of the cooperation between CITES and the GSPC is consistent with the broader strategic and collaborative framework, the Secretariat proposes the inclusion of an additional decision directed to the Standing Committee and some editorial revisions, as follows:

Proposed new text is underlined, proposed deletions are indicated in ~~strike through~~.

**Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat**

**19.AA** The Plants Committee shall, in collaboration with the Secretariat:

- a) taking into account the relevant outcomes under the *Convention on Biological Diversity* (CBD) regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC, consider the need to revise Resolution Conf. 16.5 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation*;
- b) if considered appropriate, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5 with a view to ensure that a two-way collaboration between both Conventions is reflected; and
- c) present its recommendations to the Standing Committee or the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

**19.BB** The Standing Committee shall consider any report prepared in response to Decision 19.AA, and in coordination with the Plants Committee and the Secretariat, convey its recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISION ON  
*COOPERATION WITH THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION*

***Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat***

**19.AA** The Plants Committee shall, in collaboration with the Secretariat:

- a) taking into account the relevant outcomes under CBD regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC, consider the need to revise Resolution Conf. 16.5 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation*;
- b) if considered appropriate, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5 with a view to ensure that a two-way collaboration between both Conventions is reflected; and
- c) present its recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SOURCE OF FUNDING  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR DECISIONS

According to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the Conference of the Parties decided that any draft resolutions or decisions submitted for consideration at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties that have budgetary and workload implications for the Secretariat or permanent committees must contain or be accompanied by a budget for the work involved and an indication of the source of funding. The Secretariat proposes the following tentative budget and source of funding.

The draft decisions will have workload implications for the Plants Committee, the Secretariat, and possibly the Standing Committee, but it is expected that these can be delivered using existing resources.