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Compliance

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

OVERVIEW OF THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

- 1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
- 2. In Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species, the Conference of the Parties:
 - 5. DIRECTS the Secretariat, for the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of this Resolution and the relevant paragraphs of Article IV:
 - a) to report at each meeting of the Animals or Plants Committee on the implementation by the range States concerned of the recommendations made by the Committee; and
 - b) to maintain a database of species/country combinations that are included in the review process set out in this Resolution including a record of progress with the implementation of recommendations:
- 3. The last update of the status of the Review of Significant Trade (RST) for flora species was reported to the Plants Committee at its 25th meeting (PC25; online, June 2021), see document PC25 Doc. 15.1 and its Addendum.

Implementation by range States of recommendations made by the Plants Committee

Recommendations at PC25

- 4. At PC25, the Chair of the Plants Committee provided an oral update regarding ongoing cases for species selected following CoP16 and CoP17, which the Plants Committee noted (see <u>PC25 SR</u>). Regarding species selected following CoP18, the Committee also noted document <u>PC25 Doc. 15.4</u> and further noted that the selection of new species/country combinations for review would be postponed until the first regular meeting of the Committee after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (i.e. PC26).
- 5. The Plants Committee also considered the inclusion of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from all range States in the RST as an exceptional case, in accordance with paragraph 1 c) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) (see document PC25 Doc. 15.5 and its Addendum). The Committee agreed to categorise eight Pterocarpus erinaceus country combinations as 'action is needed', and therefore included these cases in Stage 2 of the RST (see also PC25 SR). The exceptional selection of Pterocarpus erinaceus in the RST process, including further background and developments since PC25 to the time of writing, is detailed in document PC26 Doc. 16.4 for consideration at the present meeting.

Recommendations at SC74

- 6. At its 74th meeting (SC74; Lyon, March 2022), the Standing Committee reviewed and retained within the RST nine cases of flora selected for review that were ongoing but not subject to a recommendation to suspend trade (see document SC74 Doc. 30.1 and its Addendum, and SC74 SR).
- 7. In addition, in compliance with paragraph 1 p) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), five flora cases where a trade suspension had been in place for more than two years were reviewed by the Standing Committee at SC74 (see document SC74 Doc. 30.2). These species/range State combinations were: Belize/Myrmecophila tibicinis; Côte d'Ivoire/Pericopsis elata; Equatorial Guinea/Prunus africana; Lao People's Democratic Republic/Dendrobium nobile; and Mozambique/Cycas thouarsii. The Standing Committee withdrew its recommendation to suspend trade for Cycas thouarsii from Mozambique, noting a report produced by the Scientific Authority of Mozambique and the Secretariat that concluded the species did not naturally occur in the country, and requested that the botanical nomenclature expert look into whether Mozambique is a range State for that species and, if appropriate, recommend updates to relevant databases. These updates were deemed warranted and reflected in CITES databases as of 21 March 2022. The remaining four flora cases for which a trade suspension had been in place for more than two years were retained in the review.

Recommendations at SC75

- At its 75th meeting (SC75, Panama City, November 2022), the Standing Committee reviewed three cases
 of flora (see document SC75 Doc. 8). As a result, India/Pterocarpus santalinus was retained in the review,
 and Nepal/Nardostachys grandiflora and Paraguay/Bulnesia sarmientoi were removed from the review (see
 SC75 SR).
- 9. The most recent list of range States under a recommendation to suspend trade for certain species selected for the Review of Significant Trade, and following non-compliance with Article IV of the Convention, was published in Notification to the Parties No. 2023/034 of 23 March 2023. The recommendations and decisions were made in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), or Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), or its predecessor Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.). The cases involving a suspension of trade are kept under regular review by the Standing Committee in line with paragraph 1 p) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).
- 10. Annex 1 to the present document provides an updated overview of the status of all RST cases (flora species/range State combinations) that were selected since CoP11 (2000), with an indication of their status under the review process, and the reference documents that provide detailed information for the cases in question. It also indicates the reviews that were completed since PC25. This annex comprises seven tables, showing the species selected by the Plants Committee for the RST following CoP11 up to CoP18.
- 11. Annex 2 presents a summary table of all flora species/country combinations currently in the RST as of March 2023. Further information on the review process for flora species selected between the 11th and 18th meetings of the Conference is provided in documents PC26 Doc. 16.2 and PC26 Doc. 16.4.

Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) on Review of Significant Trade

12. At its 19th meeting (CoP19, Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties revised Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) on the Review of Significant Trade, as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and building on the work done to date, shall develop, test and establish a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database as an essential tool for the effective implementation and transparency of the process.
- **17.109 (Rev. CoP19)** The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States.

- **17.110 (Rev. CoP19)** The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within nine months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade (including case studies as appropriate).
- 13. At the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee (AC31, online, June 2021) and 25th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC25, online, June 2021), the Secretariat informed the Committees that the United Nations International Computing Centre had finalised the Review of Significant Trade (RST) Tracking and Management System in October 2020 and had been contracted to undertake the system's maintenance. The Secretariat further informed that the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) had been contracted to populate the RST Tracking and Management System with the relevant documentation for all current RST cases (i.e., ongoing cases and those species/country combinations subject to a recommendation to suspend trade).
- 14. At a side event during CoP19, the Secretariat launched the RST Tracking and Management System making it publicly available to all CITES Parties and interested stakeholders. Accordingly, Decision 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) has been fully implemented.
- 15. In parallel, the Secretariat has worked with UNEP-WCMC to implement Decisions 17.109 (Rev. CoP19) and 17.110 (Rev. CoP19). In implementation of Decision 17.109 (Rev.CoP19), the Secretariat has made available a draft user-friendly guide for all public users of the RST Tracking and Management System, through Notification to the Parties No. 2023/022 of 2 March 2023. The Notification invited Parties to provide feedback on the Tracking and Management System and the draft user manual by 30 April 2023. A comprehensive training module in the form of a video tutorial is expected to be soon made available to all Parties and interested stakeholders in implementation of Decision 17.109 (Rev. CoP19).

Recommendation

16. The Plants Committee is invited to take note of this document.

STATUS OF RST CASES FOR FLORA: COP11 TO COP18

Key: PC = Plants Committee; SC = Standing Committee.

Table 1: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP11 (2000)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Aloe spp.	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	Removed from the review for Kenya .
Aquilaria malaccensis	SC54 Doc. 42	Removed from the review for India , Indonesia , and Malaysia .
Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC66 Doc. 31.2 SC70 Doc. 29.2 SC70 SR Notification to the Parties No. 2020/006 SC74 SR	Removed from the review for <i>Cycas</i> thouarsii/Mozambique. SC70 decided to remove the trade suspension for Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae for Mozambique and replace the suspension for Cycadaceae from Mozambique with the species <i>Cycas</i> thouarsii only.
Pericopsis elata	SC54 Doc. 42	Removed from the review for Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Selected again after CoP14 (see Table 4 below)
Prunus africana	SC66 Doc. 31.2 SC70 Doc. 29.2 SC70 SR Notification to the Parties No. 2020/006 SC74 SR	Ongoing for Equatorial Guinea . Action with range State as per paragraph 1 o) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18); trade suspension under review by SC as per paragraph 1, p). SC70 decided to remove from review for the United Republic of Tanzania subject to the publication of a zero export quota.

Total: 3 species, 1 genus and 3 families.

Table 2: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP12 (2002)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Cibotium barometz	SC58 Doc. 21.1	Removed from the review for Viet Nam.
Cyathea contaminans	SC59 Doc. 14.1	Removed from the review for Indonesia .
Dendrobium nobile	SC66 Doc. 31.2	Ongoing for the Lao People's
	SC70 Doc. 29.2	Democratic Republic.
	SC70 SR	Action with range State as per paragraph
	Notification to the Parties	1 o) of Resolution Conf. 12.8
	No. 2020/006	(Rev. CoP18); trade suspension under
	SC74 SR	review by SC as per paragraph 1, p).
Galanthus woronowii	SC59 Doc. 14.1	Removed from the review for Georgia .

Total: 4 species.

Table 3: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP13 (2004)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Christensonia vietnamica	SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)	Removed from the review for Viet Nam.
Myrmecophila tibicinis	SC66 Doc. 31.2	Ongoing for Belize .
	SC70 Doc. 29.2	Action with range State as per paragraph
	<u>SC70 SR</u>	1 o) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev.
	Notification to the Parties	CoP18); trade suspension under review by
	No. 2020/006	SC as per paragraph 1, p).
	SC74 SR	
Pachypodium bispinosum	SC59 Doc. 14.1	Removed from the review for South
	SC59 SR	Africa.
Pachypodium succulentum	SC59 Doc. 14.1	Removed from the review for South
	<u>SC59 SR</u>	Africa.
Pterocarpus santalinus	SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)	Removed from the review for India.
	SC62 SR	Selected again following CoP16 (see
		Table 6 below).
Rauvolfia serpentina	SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)	Removed from the review for Myanmar .
Taxus wallichiana	SC61 SR	Removed from the review for India .

Total: 7 species.

Table 4: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP14 (2007)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Aloe capitata	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Aloe conifera	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Aloe deltoideodonta	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Aloe erythrophylla	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Aloe guillaumetii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Aloe humbertii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Aloe imalotensis	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Beccariophoenix madagascariensis	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Calanthe aleizettii	PC19 Doc. 12.3 PC19 SR	Removed from the review for Viet Nam .
Cistanche deserticola	PC19 Doc. 12.3 PC19 SR	Removed from the review for China and Mongolia .
Cymbidium erythrostylum	PC19 Doc. 12.3 PC19 SR	Removed from the review for Viet Nam .
Euphorbia alfredii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia aureoviridiflora	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia banae	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia berorohae	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia biaculeata	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia bulbispina	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia capmanambatoensis	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia capuronii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia denisiana	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia didiereoides	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia elliotii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Euphorbia herman- schwartzii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia hofstaetteri	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia horombensis	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia iharanae	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia leuconeura	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia mahabobokensis	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia mangokyensis	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia neobosseri	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia pachypodioides	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia paulianii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia primulifolia	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia robivelonae	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Euphorbia rossii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Lemurophoenix halleuxii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Marojejya darianii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Pericopsis elata	SC66 Doc. 31.2 SC70 Doc. 29.2 Notification to the Parties No. 2020/006 SC74 SR	Ongoing for Côte d'Ivoire – action required from the Party. Action with range State as per paragraph 1 o) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18); trade suspension under review by SC as per paragraph 1, p).
Renanthera annamensis	PC19 Doc. 12.3 PC19 SR	Removed from the review for Myanmar and Viet Nam .
Ravenea rivularis	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Satranala decussilvae	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Swietenia macrophylla	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Belize , Ecuador and Nicaragua .
Voanioala gerardii	SC63 Doc.14	Removed from the review for Madagascar .

Total: 43 species.

Table 5: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP15 (2010)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Alluaudia ascendens	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Removed from the review for
		Madagascar.
Alluaudiopsis fiherenensis	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Removed from the review for
		Madagascar.
Dendrobium eriiflorum	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Removed from the review for Nepal .
Euphorbia itremensis	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Removed from the review for
	PC21 SR	Madagascar.
	SC66 Doc. 31.1	
Pachypodium namaquanum	PC20 Doc. 14.2	Removed from the review for the review
		for Namibia and South Africa.

Total: 5 species.

Table 6: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP16 (2013)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Bulnesia sarmientoi	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.) PC23 Com.5 (Rev. by Sec.) SC70 SR SC74 SR SC75 SR	Removed from the review for Argentina at PC23 and for Paraguay at SC75.
Carnegiea gigantea	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Excluded.
Dendrobium chrysotoxum	PC23 Com 5 (Rev. by Sec.)	Removed from the review for Lao People's Democratic Republic.
Dendrobium moschatum	PC23 Com 5 (Rev. by Sec.)	Removed from the review for Lao People's Democratic Republic.
Euphorbia abdelkuri	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Removed from the review for Yemen .
Euphorbia globosa	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Removed from the review for South Africa .
Euphorbia labatii	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Removed from the review for Madagascar .
Galanthus elwesii	PC23 Com 5 (Rev. by Sec.)	Removed from the review for Turkey .
Hoodia gordonii	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.) PC23 Com 5 (Rev. by Sec.) SC70 SR	Removed from review for Namibia and South Africa .
Nardostachys grandiflora	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.) PC23 Com 5 (Rev. by Sec.) SC70 SR SC71 SR SC74 SR SC75 SR	Removed from the review for Nepal at SC75.
Prunus africana	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.) PC23 Com 5 (Rev. by Sec.) SC70 SR SC71 SR SC74 SR	Ongoing for Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Pterocarpus santalinus	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.) PC23 Com 5 (Rev. by Sec.) SC70 SR SC71 SR SC74 SR SC75 SR	Ongoing for India .
Taxus cuspidata	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Removed from the review for China, Japan, Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

Total: 13 species

Table 7: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP17 (2016)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
Dalbergia retusa	PC23 Com. 5 (Rev. by Sec.) PC24 Com. 4 (Rev. by Sec.) SC74 SR	Ongoing for Nicaragua and Panama . Action required from the PC.
Pericopsis elata	PC23 Com. 5 (Rev. by Sec.) PC24 Com. 4 (Rev. by Sec.) SC74 SR	Ongoing for Republic of Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Action required from the PC. Cameroon removed from review at PC24.

Total: 2 species

Table 8: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP18 (2019) as an exceptional case in accordance with paragraph 1 c) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)

Taxon selected	Reference documents	Status of review
Pterocarpus erinaceus	PC25 Doc. 15.5 PC25 Doc. 15.5 Add. PC25 SR SC74 Doc. 35.1.1	Ongoing for Benin, Burkina Faso, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.
	Notification No. 2022/050 SC75 Doc. 7.2.1 (Rev. 1) PC26 Doc. 16.4	

Total: 1 species

Species/country combinations currently in the Review of Significant Trade (as of March 2023)

Countries are arranged in alphabetical order, with the relevant species in the second column. Cases where a recommendation to suspend trade is in place for a particular species/country combination are highlighted in green and the date of validation is indicated in the third column. The final column indicates when the species/range States combination was last discussed.

Country	Species	Date of validation of recommendation to suspend trade, where relevant (all other cases are ongoing)	Comments
Belize	1) Myrmecophila tibicinis	15 June 2010	Retained at SC74
Benin	2) Pterocarpus erinaceus	Ongoing	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)
Burkina Faso	3) Pterocarpus erinaceus	Ongoing	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)
Cameroon	4) Prunus africana	Ongoing	Retained at SC74
Congo	5) Pericopsis elata	Ongoing	Retained at SC74
Côte d'Ivoire	6) Pericopsis elata	7 September 2012	Retained at SC74
Democratic Republic	7) Prunus africana	Ongoing	Retained at SC74
of the Congo	8) Pericopsis elata	Ongoing	Retained at SC74
Equatorial Guinea	9) Prunus africana	3 February 2009	Retained at SC74
Gambia	10) Pterocarpus erinaceus	8 June 2022* *On the basis of Article XIII, see also Notification No. 2022/045	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)
Ghana	11) Pterocarpus erinaceus	Ongoing	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)
Guinea Bissau	12) Pterocarpus erinaceus	8 June 2022* *On the basis of Article XIII, see also Notification No. 2022/045	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)
India	13) Pterocarpus santalinus	Ongoing	Retained at SC75
Lao People's Democratic Republic	14) Dendrobium nobile	3 February 2009	Retained at SC74
Mali	15) Pterocarpus erinaceus	8 June 2022* *On the basis of Article XIII, see also Notification No. 2022/045	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)
Nicaragua	16) Dalbergia retusa	Ongoing	Retained at SC74
Nigeria	17) Pterocarpus erinaceus	5 October 2018* *On the basis of Article XIII, see also Notification No. 2018/048	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)
Panama	18) Dalbergia retusa	Ongoing	Retained at SC74

Country	Species	Date of validation of recommendation to suspend trade, where relevant (all other cases are ongoing)	Comments
Sierra Leone	19) Pterocarpus erinaceus	Ongoing	Retained through intersessional decision making (PC25-PC26)