

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



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Plants Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 5 – 9 June 2023

Regulation of trade

Exemptions and special trade provisions

GUIDANCE ON THE TERM 'ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED'

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 19.182 and 19.183 on *Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated'* as follows:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**19.182** *The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:*

- a) *revise, also considering recommendations made at the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee, the Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants to cover plant specimens derived from artificial propagation (source code 'A') or assisted production (source code 'Y');*
- b) *review the existing guidance materials, specifically A guide to the application of CITES source codes to ensure alignment with a finalized version of the Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants and report its findings to the Plants Committee for consideration;*
- c) *submit the draft revised guidance to the Plants Committee; and*
- d) *subject to approval by the Plants Committee, make it available to Parties in all working languages of the Convention.*

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**19.183** *The Plants Committee shall:*

- a) *consider and, if appropriate, approve, the revised Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants submitted by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.182; and*
- b) *consider the report from the Secretariat on the revision of the existing guidance materials to ensure alignment with the updated Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants, and if appropriate, approve the update to the Guide to the application of CITES source codes.*

3. The *Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants* was published on the CITES website in February 2022 and is available at this [link](#). The Secretariat commissioned the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) for its development, using external funding provided by Switzerland.
4. The Secretariat originally estimated the cost of developing the draft revised guidance called for in paragraph c) of Decision 19.182 at USD 65,000 (see [Notification to the Parties No. 2023/024](#) on *Status of funding for the implementation of valid Decisions after CoP19*), but now considers this an over-estimation. At the time of writing, Switzerland has pledged USD 30,000 for the implementation of Decision 19.182; which the Secretariat will allocate to the development of a draft of the revised guidance. The Secretariat invites Parties to provide further funding needed to ensure the translation of the revised guidance in the official languages of the Convention (approximate cost USD5,000).
5. The Secretariat will present a draft of the revised guidance for consideration by the Plants Committee at its 27th meeting, in accordance with paragraph d) of Decision 19.182 and Decision 19.183.

#### Recommendations

6. The Plants Committee is invited to take note of the Secretariat's progress in the implementation of Decision 19.182.