

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2023

39. Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations..... PC26 Doc. 39 / AC32 Doc. 44

The Committee noted the Secretariat's report on progress in the implementation of Decisions 19.266 and 19.267.

14. Country-wide Review of Significant Trade..... PC26 Doc. 14 / AC32 Doc. 13

The Committee established a joint intersessional working group on country-wide Review of Significant Trade with a mandate to:

- a) review the progress updates on the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) in document SC74 Doc. 29, document CoP19 Doc. 30 and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*; and capacity-building activities in documents SC74 Doc. 22, document CoP19 Doc. 16 and Resolution Conf. 19.2 on *Capacity-building*;
- b) consider whether scientific and management issues identified in the country-wide Review of Significant Trade for Madagascar and outlined in document AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3 are sufficiently addressed through existing mechanisms or, if appropriate, propose amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) or other existing resolutions, develop a new resolution, or propose a new mechanism to undertake such reviews; and
- c) present its findings and recommendations to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee in 2024.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair for PC: representative for Europe (Ms. Smyth);

Parties: Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Germany, Madagascar, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, ForestBased Solutions, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature.

The Committee noted that the final membership of the joint intersessional working group would be published in a Notification to the Parties after the meeting of the Animals Committee.

17. Non-detriment findings ..... PC26 Doc. 17 / AC32 Doc. 16

The Committee noted document PC26 Doc. 17 / AC32 Doc. 16.

19. Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species ..... PC26 Doc. 19 / AC32 Doc. 19.1

The Committee established a joint intersessional working group on materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species with a mandate to:

- a) review selected identification materials and assess the need for their revision and improvement, taking into account the materials that are being developed or have already been developed by Parties and materials requested in Decisions or Resolutions as well as materials received in response to the Notification to the Parties No. 2023/051, and other relevant information, such as that compiled during previous discussions of joint intersessional working groups established since CoP16 (Thailand, 2013);
- b) take into consideration other items on the agendas of the Animals and Plants Committees related to the development of identification material to support coordination and avoid duplication of effort;
- c) when assessing gaps in identification materials, take into account those taxa that have been included in the Appendices at higher taxon levels solely due to look-alike issues, as well as the need for frontline and forensic identification tools;
- d) consider ways to improve the accuracy and availability of identification materials on CITES-listed species, including considerations and implications of linking identification materials directly in the *Checklist of CITES Species* ([checklist.cites.org/#/en](http://checklist.cites.org/#/en)); and
- e) report on the progress with these activities to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair for PC: alternate representative for Asia (Mr. Chong);

Members: representative for Africa (Mr. Balama);

Parties: Canada, China, European Union, India, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, American Herbal Products Association, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, ForestBased Solutions, International Wood Products Association, Species Survival Network.

The Committee noted that the final membership of the joint intersessional working group would be published in a Notification to the Parties after the meeting of the Animals Committee.

21. Transport of live specimens ..... PC26 Doc. 21 / AC32 Doc. 20

The Committee requested the representative of Europe (Ms. Moser) and the representative for Oceania (Mr. Wrigley), in collaboration with the Secretariat, to develop the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the virtual workshop to share best practices related to live animal and plant transport and submit the ToR for consideration by the Standing Committee. The Committee furthermore requested the Secretariat to publish a Notification to the Parties to welcome feedback about the workshop content and to request expressions of interest from Parties and relevant experts in serving as workshop instructors.

22. Specimens produced through biotechnology ..... PC26 Doc. 22 / AC32 Doc. 22

The Committee noted document PC26 Doc. 22 / AC32 Doc. 22 and agreed to nominate the representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng) to participate in the Standing Committee's intersessional working group on specimens produced through biotechnology.

23. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source ..... PC26 Doc. 23 / AC32 Doc. 25

The Committee established a joint intersessional working group on trade in specimens not of wild source that will work separately and jointly with the mandate to:

- a) consider the key elements in the current implementation of Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 for animals and plants, respectively, in the current applicable Resolutions;
- b) determine if there is a need to implement Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5 differently for either animal specimens from species bred in captivity or plant specimens that are artificially propagated than what is outlined in existing Resolutions, and provide their recommendations to the Standing Committee in time for its 78th meeting;
- c) provide any other scientific advice and guidance on CITES provisions concerning trade in non-wild specimens of CITES-listed animal and plant species to the Standing Committee upon request and as appropriate; and
- d) report on progress to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair for PC: representative for Oceania (Mr. Wrigley);

Parties: Australia, Canada, European Union, Germany, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Euromed, TRAFFIC.

The Committee noted that the final membership of the joint intersessional working group would be published in a Notification to the Parties after the meeting of the Animals Committee.

The Committee agreed to nominate the Chair for PC of the joint intersessional working group to participate in the Standing Committee's intersessional working group and invited the co-Chairs of the Standing Committee's intersessional working group to work closely with the AC/PC joint intersessional working group in implementing their mandates.

24. Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated' ..... PC26 Doc. 24

The Committee noted the Secretariat's progress in the implementation of Decision 19.182 and requested the Secretariat to take into account the comments made in plenary when it prepares a revised version of the *Preliminary guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants* and *A Guide to the application of CITES source codes*.

25. Assessment of Appendix-I listed species ..... PC26 Doc. 25 / AC32 Doc. 26

The Committee established a joint intersessional working group on Appendix-I species to:

- a) review the results of the rapid assessment in information document AC31 Inf. 6/ PC25 Inf. 8 on Rapid assessment of Appendix-I taxa that could potentially benefit from further CITES action, the suggestions in document AC31/PC25 Com. 1 (Rev. by Sec.), the Annex to the present document, the case studies and responses from range States on the 10 species selected for detailed assessments;
- b) refine the methodology and its criteria for carrying out an assessment of species listed in Appendix I that might benefit from measures adopted by the Conference of the Parties; and
- c) formulate draft recommendations for consideration at the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair for PC: representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);

Members: representative for North America (Mr. Boles);

Parties: European Union, Germany, Madagascar, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nation Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, ForestBased Solutions, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature.

The Committee noted that the final membership of the joint intersessional working group would be published in a Notification to the Parties after the meeting of the Animals Committee.

26. Identifying species at risk of extinction affected by international trade..... PC26 Doc. 26 / AC32 Doc. 27

The Committee established a joint intersessional working group on species at risk of extinction with the mandate to develop draft recommendations on:

- a) a possible process or mechanism under Resolution Conf. 19.2 on *Capacity-building* to provide Parties with information to be considered in the preparation of listing proposals when Parties request information such as:
  - i) relevant studies, analyses or other sources of information on the identification of species at risk of extinction that are not yet regulated under CITES and may be affected by international trade, or
  - ii) relevant studies, analyses or other sources of information on the identification of species that may receive insufficient CITES regulation and may be affected by international trade;
- b) possible processes/ mechanisms for providing support or guidance to Parties in the development of listing proposals in addition to the process or mechanism referred to under a) above;
- c) coordination with the CITES Secretariat, CITES Parties, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, FAO, regional competent authorities, and relevant experts, as appropriate as part of a possible process/es or mechanism/s to provide Parties with information to be considered in the preparation of listing proposals when Parties request information; and
- d) report back with its recommendations to the joint session of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and 27th meeting of the Plants Committees.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair for PC: representative for North America (Mr. Boles);

Members: Chair of the Plants Committee (representative for Africa, Ms. Koumba Pambo) and the representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);

Parties: Canada, European Union, Mexico, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC.

The Committee noted that the final membership of the joint intersessional working group would be published in a Notification to the Parties after the meeting of the Animals Committee.

The Committee agreed to nominate its Chair (representative for Africa, Ms. Koumba Pambo), the representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng), the representative for Europe (Ms. Smyth) and the representative for North America (Mr. Boles) to participate in the Standing Committee's intersessional working group on species at risk of extinction.

35. Periodic review of species included in Appendices I and II..... PC26 Doc. 35 / AC32 Doc. 42

The Committee noted document PC26 Doc. 35 / AC32 Doc. 42.

40. Orchid specimens exempted through annotation #4 ..... PC26 Doc. 40

The Committee noted document PC26 Doc. 40 and the proposed timeframe for the publication of the Notification as per Decision 19.268.

41. Annotation of Cape aloe (*Aloe ferox*)..... PC26 Doc. 41

The Committee noted document PC26 Doc. 41.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to undertake the following activities, to the extent that it did not require external funding to do so:

- a) analyze updated trade data (including CITES annual report and illegal trade report data for 2022),
- b) issue another Notification to the Parties in early 2024,
- c) consult with Cactus and Succulent Plant Specialist Group of the Species Survival Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other relevant experts to assess the impact of the exemption on the conservation of the species; and
- d) prepare an updated report for the Plants Committee for its 27th meeting.

Intersessional working groups

The Committee agreed that the Plants Committee, through its Chair, should be consulted if the Animals Committee agrees any changes to the terms of reference of the joint intersessional working groups established by the Plants Committee at its 26th meeting.

32. African tree species ..... PC26 Doc. 32

The Committee agreed the recommendations in document PC26 Com. 1 amended by the United States of America as follows:

The Committee recommended to:

- a) prioritize *Azelia* spp. for non-detriment findings (NDFS);
- b) prioritize *Prunus africana* and *Pterocarpus erinaceus* and other *Pterocarpus* species; and
- c) prioritize *Khaya* spp. for aspects not affected by ongoing nomenclature work.

The Committee noted that, with legal and illegal sandalwood trade from Africa increasing, this calls for capacity building for appropriate monitoring technologies across different entities. Capacity-building for newly listed species, including sharing data across countries for NDFS, is needed for species identified as priorities.

Regarding the preliminary overview of African tree species listed in the Appendix II, the Committee noted and agreed the table with minor amendments to be implemented by the Secretariat after the Committee meetings:

- amend *Pterocarpus* spp. row: Nigeria is subject to recommendation to suspend trade for *P. erinaceus*;
- add the Notification numbers on trade suspensions; and
- give more information about contributions of CTSP, specifically when NDFS were done.

Regarding *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, a regional workshop might be considered to promote open dialogue among Management Authorities and Scientific Authorities to share experiences, management information and improve regional coordination with the aim to improve overall management concerning the international trade in the species.

Regarding the recommendations on the sustainable management of *Prunus africana*: The main issues are monitoring (resource assessment and trade), and governance. Some parts of the recommendations in Annex 2 of the document are extremely prescriptive, but specifics may vary between and within countries. Those specifics need to be determined at national or local level. The Committee recommended inviting a case study on *Prunus africana* for the NDF workshop to discuss NDF methodologies.

27. Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.) ..... PC26 Doc. 27

The Committee agreed the recommendations in document PC26 Com. 2 as follows:

The Committee agreed to:

- a) include the agarwood discussions in the context of the upcoming NDF workshop and revise the guidance in the light of workshop outcomes;
- b) note that available information suggests that little is known about wild agarwood populations and inventory data and more monitoring is needed;
- c) note that NDFs should be developed for specimens taken from the wild or originating from assisted production;
- d) note that further work is needed on agarwood taxonomy, as discussed in the working group on nomenclature matters; and
- e) note that Indonesia and the United States of America have some updates and observations on the Agarwood glossary, and that the workshop held in Kuala Lumpur in 2022 proposed some amendments to the glossary.

The Committee established an intersessional working group on agarwood with the mandate to, taking into account document PC26 Doc. 27 and its Annex:

- a) in accordance with paragraph b) of Decision 19.239, formulate recommendations regarding the Agarwood glossary, taking into account relevant information;
- b) in accordance with paragraph a) of Decision 19.239, consider potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*; taking into account other relevant resolutions, including Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, as appropriate;
- c) additionally consider consequential recommendations with respect to paragraph 3(b)iv of Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Control of trade in personal and household effects*; as appropriate; and
- d) report its recommendations to PC27.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);

Parties: Austria, China, European Union, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Tropical Timber Organization, World Wide Fund for Nature.

43. Report of the specialist on botanical nomenclature

43.1 Overview of flora nomenclature matters for the period CoP19-CoP20 ..... PC26 Doc. 43.1

43.2 Nomenclature for aloes (*Aloe* spp.)..... PC26 Doc. 43.2

43.3 <u>Cactaceae Checklist and its Supplement</u> .....	PC26 Doc. 43.3
43.4 <u>Nomenclature for ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) (populations of Madagascar)</u> .....	PC26 Doc. 43.4
43.7 <u>Nomenclature for pachypodiums (<i>Pachypodium</i> spp.)</u> .....	PC26 Doc. 43.7
43.9 <u>Nomenclature for yews (<i>Taxus</i> spp.)</u> .....	PC26 Doc. 43.9
43.5 <u>Standard nomenclature for cumarus (<i>Dipteryx</i> spp.)</u> .....	PC26 Doc. 43.5
43.6 <u>Standard nomenclature for African mahoganies (<i>Khaya</i> spp.)</u> .....	PC26 Doc. 43.6

and

43.8 <u>Standard nomenclature for roseroots (<i>Rhodiola</i> spp.)</u> .....	PC26 Doc. 43.8
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The Committee agreed the recommendations in document PC26 Com. 3 amended by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as follows:

Concerning the correct name for *Dipteryx oleifera*: Use the older name *Dipteryx oleifera* in accordance with the rules of the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants* following rejection of the name conservation proposal for the name *Dipteryx panamensis* by the Nomenclature Committee for Vascular Plants of the International Association for Plant Taxonomy; and remove this item from the nomenclature work programme of the Plants Committee.

Concerning the correct name for *Bulnesia sarmientoi*: Include both *Gonopterodendron sarmientoi* and *Plectrocarpa sarmientoi* as synonyms, while keeping *Bulnesia sarmientoi* as the accepted name; and update the Species+ database accordingly. The Secretariat should consult the four range States on which names are used by them, and the nomenclature specialist will provide an update regarding the responses at PC27.

Concerning the correct treatment and placement of *Turbinicarpus ×roeseiflorus* on the Appendices: Note that the genus *Turbinicarpus* is listed as a higher taxon listing under Appendix I; and include the natural hybrid in Appendix I as well.

Concerning the possibility of updating the standard nomenclature reference for the bulb genus *Cyclamen*: Update the CITES bulb checklist for all three genera, considering options to develop separate checklists for each genus; and consider the option of using time-stamped database extracts. The nomenclature specialist will propose draft decisions at PC27.

Concerning the problems caused by homonym names and how best to deal with them on Species+, using *Dracaena marginata* as an example: Add a note in the CITES Checklist and Species+ for *Dracaena marginata* Aiton, to alert users about the homonym name (*Dracaena marginata* Lam.) relating to a non-listed species. The wording of the note should be clear to end-users of the database, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will consult with its enforcement unit to assist in suggesting appropriate wording. A simple form of identification material should be developed to distinguish the two species. The United Kingdom agreed to share some materials already developed to that end.

Concerning the possibility of producing a standard nomenclature reference for the agarwood-producing genera *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops*: Support the development of a checklist for *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops*. A phylogenetic study might be ideal, but could have huge funding implications. Therefore, get a time-stamped database extract of the *Plants of the World Online* database as an immediate measure, and consider future decisions to produce an updated checklist that includes a phylogenetic study. These will be presented in the nomenclature report at PC27.

Concerning the *Standard nomenclature for cumarus (*Dipteryx* spp.)*: Download a time-stamped extract from the *Plants of the World Online* database.

Concerning the *Standard nomenclature for African mahoganies (*Khaya* spp.)*: Retain the existing time-stamped download for the time being while updates to the taxonomy of *Khaya* is ongoing. The issue should be reviewed at PC27.

Concerning the *Standard nomenclature for roseroots (Rhodiola spp.)*: Obtain a time-stamped download from *Plants of the World Online* and do a comparison to ensure that species listed in proposal CoP19 Prop. 45 are included in the extract. If needed, consult with the POWO editors whether any species not included can be included additionally.

Concerning the *Cactaceae checklist and its supplement*: Support the suggestions by Mexico, additional clarifications of names/taxa as proposed by the United Kingdom, and the proposed format as a fully electronic and machine-readable document; but hesitate to include additional information as proposed by the United Kingdom. The nomenclature specialist will present draft decisions at PC27.

Concerning Section 2 of Activity 2 of the draft terms of reference for the development of updated standard nomenclature references for aloes, Malagasy ebonies, pachypodiums, and yews: Add authorities in the lists of scientific names; include infraspecific taxa, natural hybrids, and species names that were previously accepted, but that are now regarded as insufficiently known and unplaced, where they exist.

Concerning Section 3 of Activity 2 of the draft terms of reference: Recommendation for the Secretariat: include instruction in the Notification on the *Dalbergia* checklist to invite feedback on the utility to end-users, specifically regarding the extended checklist format used in the *Dalbergia* checklist. Unless this extended format is supported by end-users, revert to a simplified checklist format, and retain from Section 3 only: Valid taxon name, synonyms, common names, range States, and CITES listing status. If the more extensive scope of Section 3 of Activity 2 is maintained: specify that only published Red List assessments be included; and be explicit about the source of the trade data. Have the species lists in a machine-readable format that can be imported into a database in addition to the pdf format.

Concerning the *Nomenclature of aloes*: Note that the information in paragraph 5 of Annex 3 to document PC26 Doc. 43.2 needs to be checked for correctness by the nomenclature specialist, as there might be a homonym issue and a wrong name indicated for removal.

Concerning the *Nomenclature for Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.)*: Accept the scope of the standard reference to include the 88 large tree species that were defined in recent taxonomic work in Madagascar. Produce a full checklist rather than a time-stamped database extract, in line with CoP Decisions. Eliminate range States section from Section 3 of Activity 2 of the draft terms of reference (Distribution), since all species except one are endemic to Madagascar; and include a note for the single species that also occurs on the Comoros Islands.

Concerning the *Nomenclature for pachypodiums*: The nomenclature specialist will contact the World Flora Online Taxonomic Expert Network for Apocynaceae to find guidance on who could lead the development of the checklist.

Concerning the *Nomenclature for yews (Taxus spp.)*: Ensure that the checklist encompass the entire genus, even though only some species are listed. Bear in mind that the number of listed species may increase since taxa previously considered subspecies are now accepted species. The working group notes that the United States of America and China have previously indicated they might collaborate on this checklist. China voiced its continued commitment to collaborate on the checklist. Delegates from the United States will consult with their colleagues and inform the nomenclature specialist and the Secretariat about any intentions to support the production of the checklist. The World Flora Online Taxonomic Expert Network for Conifers at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh should be considered a suitable contact to be involved in this work.

30. Products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids (Orchidaceae spp.)..... PC26 Doc. 30

The Committee noted that the alternate for Europe (Mr. De Boer) had also attended the in-session working group and agreed the recommendations in document PC26 Com. 4 amended by the United States of America as follows:

The Committee recommended to:

- a) develop identification manuals as all tuberous orchids are currently listed in CITES Appendices. The main challenge is to distinguish tubers, as a group, from other specimens.
- b) address needs for additional support for ongoing red list assessments for tuberous orchids; and



- c) understand the regional differences in trade of tuberous orchids and how they translate into actions to strengthen CITES compliance, considering in particular any livelihood elements of this trade.

The Committee recommended that the Standing Committee:

- a) emphasize the need for identification manuals and training;
- b) urge Parties and other donors to support red list assessments for tuberous orchid taxa in international trade;
- c) urge Parties to regulate the trade in tuberous orchids as is currently required under the Convention;
- d) request the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties inviting them to provide information on:
  - i) trade volumes;
  - ii) manuals and regulations relating to trade in tuberous orchid, including domestic trade;
  - iii) enforcement challenges; and
  - iv) other relevant information related to trade in tuberous orchids, including any capacity-building needs.
- e) consider the study on edible orchids and responses to the Notification to prioritize issues relating to trade in tuberous orchids to be addressed, and to propose recommendations to CoP20, including any draft decisions, as appropriate.

34. Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species ..... PC26 Doc. 34 /  
AC32 Doc. 41

The Committee agreed the recommendations in document PC26 Com. 5 as amended by the representative for North America (Mr. Boles) with the deletion of “(in orange)” in Annex 2 as follows:

The Committee agreed to make the following comments on the terms of reference of the analysis of e-commerce supply chains in products of CITES-listed medicinal and aromatic plant species:

- a) clarify the timescale of the analysis for activity 2;
- b) clarify the languages of the analysis for activity 3;
- c) select a subset of medicinal plants for activities 3 and 4 (such as those in demand, those endangered, those in compliance processes, or other criteria); and
- d) consider additional comments contained in Annex 1 to document PC26 Com. 5.

The Committee agreed to implement a cross-reference from CITES databases to the MPNS database with appropriate guidance, including a disclaimer that the MPNS database should be considered indicative for the need to verify CITES listing status of specimens in trade using appropriate CITES standard nomenclature references and identification materials [option b) in paragraph 8) of addendum PC26 Doc. 34 Add.]

The Committee requested the Secretariat to consider concerns voiced by Parties regarding a disclaimer to be published alongside the reference to the Medicinal Plant Names Service (MPNS) database.

The Committee noted that the Resolution on traditional medicines is on traditional medicines, but MAP materials are traded in quite different products (cosmetics, pharmaceutical products, aromatic products, etc.).

The Committee noted that there is preference for a new Resolution to be developed in an intersessional working group.

The Committee established an intersessional working group with the mandate to:

- a) in accordance with Decision 19.263 paragraph b), take into consideration the information in document PC25 Doc. 30 and its addendum, information document CoP18 Inf. 11; document PC26 Doc. 34 / AC32 Doc. 41, and other relevant information;
- b) consider paragraph 6 of document PC26 Doc. 34 / AC32 Doc. 41, the comments on those contained in Annex 2 of document PC26 Com. 5, and any report of the Secretariat as per Decision 19.261, that may become available to further inform the review;
- c) draft a new Resolution on medicinal and aromatic plant products; and
- d) report its findings to the Plants Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: representative for Europe (Ms. Moser);

Members: representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng), representative for North America (Mr. Boles);

Parties: Austria, Canada, China, European Union, Germany, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, American Herbal Products Association, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature.

The Committee agreed to submit the draft of the new Resolution, or draft decisions for the consideration of CoP20 to continue this work during the next intersessional cycle, as needed, to the Standing Committee.

#### Adoption of executive summary PC26 Sum. 1

The Committee adopted executive summary PC26 Sum. 1 with the following amendments:

- throughout the executive summary, correct the name of the representative for Asia to Ms. Zeng;
- under agenda item 10, add the representative for North America (Mr. Boles) as being nominated to participate in the Standing Committee’s intersessional working group on the role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade;
- under agenda items 16 and 20, replace the representative for Asia by the alternate representative for Asia (Mr. Chong) as members of the working groups;
- under agenda item 27, correct the name of the alternate representative for Asia to Ms. Tongdonae;
- in French, under agenda item 20, change “la Canada” to “le Canada”
- in Spanish, under agenda item 3, correct the sentence to read “El Comité toma nota de que su Reglamento, en su forma enmendada en su 24a reunión (Ginebra, julio de 2018), que figura en el Anexo del document PC26 Doc. 3, sigue siendo válido para esta reunion.”