

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



Twenty-seventh meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 8 – 13 July 2024

Strategic matters

Plants Committee strategic planning for 2023-2025 (CoP19-CoP20)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKPLAN FOR 2023-2025

1. This document has been submitted by the Chair of the Plants Committee.*
2. At its 26th meeting (PC26; Geneva, June 2023), the Plants Committee noted PC26 Doc. 8.1 and its two Annexes on Resolutions and Decisions in effect directed to the Plants Committee that require action from the Plants Committee or may need consultation with or assistance from the Animals Committee. The document also includes the overview of mandates directed to the Plants Committee with reporting requirements to the Standing Committee.
3. The Plants Committee last reported on progress in the implementation of its current workplan to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting (SC77; Geneva, November 2023) in document [SC77 Doc. 6](#), which the Standing Committee noted.
4. The present document serves as a reference point on the progress achieved since SC77 and next steps for each of the Resolutions (Annex 1) and Decisions (Annex 2) of the Plants Committee's current workplan, with emphasis on relevant agenda items or working documents of the present meeting, and in the case of joint mandates, of the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC33).
5. There are no agenda items for the present meeting for the following decisions listed in Annex 2:
 - Emerging operational issues of the committees [Decision 19.2]
 - Capacity-building [Decision 19.42]
 - Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa [Decision 18.90 (Rev. CoP19)]
 - Annotations [Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP19)]
 - Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another [Decision 18.151 (Rev. CoP19)]

These decisions will be reported on to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee and it is reflected as such in the column titled "Associated PC27 and/or AC33 agenda item, or next steps", including a justification where needed.

Recommendation

6. The Plants Committee is invited to take note of the present document.

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RESOLUTIONS WITH INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTED TO THE PLANTS COMMITTEE
OR THAT MAY REQUIRE ITS INPUTS OR ASSISTANCE*

**Modified from document PC26 Doc. 8.2 (Rev. 1) Annex 1.*

Resolution	Title	PC lead	Associated PC27 and/or AC33 agenda item, or next steps
Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties</i>	All members	N/A.
Conf. 9.19 (CoP15)	<i>Registration of nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I plant species for export purposes</i>	All members	N/A.
Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)	<i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i>	All members	See document PC27 Doc. 34
Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Implementation of the Convention for species in Appendix III</i>	B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	N/A.
Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Transport of live specimens</i>	All members	See Annex 2, Decision 19.158.
Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Use of annotations in Appendices I and II</i>	R. Boles, North America H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	See Annex 2, Decisions 16.162 and 18.321 (Rev. CoP19).
Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Standard nomenclature</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	See the updates on the following Decisions in Annex 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision 18.306 (Rev. CoP19) • Decision 18.308 (Rev. CoP19) • Decisions 19.279 and 19.280 • Decision 19.282 • Decision 19.283 • Decision 19.284 • Decision 19.286 • Decision 19.288 • Decision 19.289 • Decision 19.291
Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)	<i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i>	B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	See documents PC27 Doc. 15.1 to PC27 Doc. 15.4.

Resolution	Title	PC lead	Associated PC27 and/or AC33 agenda item, or next steps
Conf. 13.2 (Rev. CoP14)	<i>Sustainable use of biodiversity: Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines</i>	B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	N/A.
Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>CITES compliance procedures</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	See PC27 agenda item 15, and in particular documents PC27 Doc. 15.2 and PC27 Doc. 15.3 .
Conf. 14.4	<i>Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber</i>	B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	N/A
Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II</i>	B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC27 Doc. 33.1/AC33 Doc. 25.1 • PC27 Doc. 33.2/AC33 Doc. 45.2 and its Annex 2 (flora)
Conf. 16.5	<i>Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity</i>	D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair N. Smyth, Europe H. Benitez Díaz, Alt. North America	See Annex 2, Decision 19.22.
Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17)	<i>Non-detriment findings</i>	D. Wolf, Alt. Europe All members	See Annex 2, Decision 19.133.
Conf. 16.10	<i>Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa</i>	Z. Yan, Asia T.D. Atikah, Asia	See Annex 2, Decision 19.239.
Conf. 18.2	<i>Establishment of Committees</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	PC27 Doc. 2
Conf. 18.3	<i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair	See Annex 2, Decision 19.12.
Conf. 18.4	<i>Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i>	H. Benitez Díaz, Alt. North America All members	See Annex 2, Decision 19.28.
Conf. 18.6	<i>Designation and role of Management Authorities</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	N/A.

Resolution	Title	PC lead	Associated PC27 and/or AC33 agenda item, or next steps
Conf. 19.1	<i>Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2023-2025</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	PC26 SR reflects the terms of references for specific science-based projects and studies that the Plants Committee has provided feedback to.
Conf. 19.2	<i>Capacity-building</i>	D. Wolf, Alt. Europe Z. Yan, Asia B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	See Annex 2, Decision 19.42.
Conf. 19.4	<i>Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species</i>	H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	See Annex 2, Decision 19.142.

DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE PLANTS COMMITTEE
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**Modified from PC26 Doc. 8.2 (Rev. 1) Annex 2.*

Decisions	Title	PC lead	Associated PC27 and/or AC33 agenda item, or next steps
Administrative and financial matters			
Decision 19.2	<i>Emerging operational issues of the committees</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	The Plants Committee provided its inputs to the Secretariat on this Decision at PC26. Progress was last reported to the Standing Committee at SC77. Progress scheduled for reporting to the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting (SC78) or the Conference of the Parties.
Strategic matters			
Decision 19.12	<i>CITES Strategic Vision</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair R. Boles, North America	PC27 Doc. 7/AC33 Doc. 7
Decision 19.16	<i>Role of CITES in reducing risk of future zoonotic disease emergence associated with international wildlife trade</i>	Z. Yan, Asia R. Boles, North America	AC33 Doc. 8
Decision 19.20	<i>Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other international organizations</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	Progress to be reported via an oral update under PC27 agenda item 8.
Decision 19.22	<i>Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation</i>	D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair N. Smyth, Europe H. Benitez Díaz, Alt. North America	PC27 Doc. 9
Decision 19.28	<i>IPBES Report on the Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species</i>	H. Benitez Díaz, Alt. North America All members	PC27 Doc. 10/AC33 Doc. 11
Decision 19.31	<i>World Wildlife Trade Report</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	PC27 Doc. 11/AC33 Doc. 12

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Decision 19.33	<i>CITES and forests</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair All members	PC27 Doc. 12
Capacity building			
Decision 19.42	<i>Capacity-building</i>	D. Wolf, Alt. Europe Z. Yan, Asia	Progress scheduled for reporting to the Standing Committee at SC78. The Standing Committee is the lead in the implementation of the Decision, and it has consulted on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis with the Animals and Plants Committee.
Decision 19.47	<i>Country-wide Review of Significant Trade</i>	C.P. Balama, Africa N. Smyth, Europe	PC27 Doc. 13/AC33 Doc. 13
Decision 19.50	<i>CITES Tree Species Programme</i>	C.A. Beltetón Chacón, Central South America and the Caribbean F.R. Núñez Neyra, Central South America and the Caribbean A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	PC27 Doc. 14
Illegal trade and enforcement			
Decision 18.90 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa</i>	C.P. Balama, Africa D. Wolf, Alt. Europe B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	The Decision calls for Parties to raise any concerns about imports with, inter alia, the Plants Committee. There are no substantial updates to report on this and therefore progress is scheduled for reporting to the Standing Committee at SC78. The outcomes of the discussions on document PC27 Doc. 15.3 could be relevant for the implementation of this Decision.
Regulation of trade			
Decision 19.133	<i>Non-detriment findings</i>	D. Wolf, Alt. Europe All members	PC27 Doc. 16/AC33 Doc. 16

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Decision 19.142	<i>Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES-listed species</i>	C.P. Balama, Africa N. Smyth, Europe H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	PC27 Doc. 17/AC33 Doc. 19.1 (Rev. 1)
Decisions 19.145 and 19.147	<i>Identification of timber and other wood products</i>	C.P. Balama, Africa H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	PC27 Doc. 18.1 and PC27 Doc. 18.2
Decision 19.158	<i>Transport of live specimens</i>	U. Moser, Europe D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	PC27 Doc. 19/AC33 Doc. 20
Decision 19.162	<i>Specimens produced through biotechnology</i>	Z. Yan, Asia	Progress to be reported via an oral update under PC27 agenda item 20.
Exemptions and special trade provisions			
Decisions 19.179 and 19.180	<i>Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source</i>	D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair T.D. Atikah, Asia R. Boles, North America H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	PC27 Doc. 21/AC33 Doc. 25
Decision 19.183	<i>Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated'</i>	D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair T.D. Atikah, Asia	PC27 Doc. 22
Species conservation and trade			
Decision 19.185	<i>Assessment of Appendix-I listed species</i>	Z. Yan, Asia U. Moser, Europe	PC27 Doc. 23.2/AC33 Doc. 28.2
Decision 19.187	<i>Identifying information on species at risk of extinction affected by international trade</i>	Z. Yan, Asia N. Smyth, Europe R. Boles, North America	PC27 Doc. 24/AC33 Doc. 29
Flora			
Decision 19.239	<i>Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. and Gyrinops spp.)</i>	Z. Yan, Asia T.D. Atikah, Asia	PC27 Doc. 25
Decision 19.242	<i>Boswellia trees (Boswellia spp.)</i>	U. Moser, Europe N. Smyth, Europe B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa	PC27 Doc. 26
Decision 19.244	<i>Rosewood tree species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]</i>	D. Wolf, Alt. Europe U. Moser, Europe T.D. Atikah, Asia	PC27 Doc. 27

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Decision 19.247	<i>Products containing specimens of Appendix II orchids (Orchidaceae spp.)</i>	U. Moser, Europe N. Smyth, Europe Z. Yan, Asia H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	PC27 Doc. 28
Decision 19.250	<i>Brazil wood (Paubrasilia echinata)</i>	C.A. Beltetón Chacón, Central South America and the Caribbean	PC27 Doc. 29
Decision 19.254	<i>African tree species</i>	C.P. Balama, Africa B.J. Lagarde, Alt. Africa Z. Ouahid, Alt. Africa	PC27 Doc. 30
Decision 19.257	<i>Neotropical tree species</i>	F.R. Núñez Neyra, Central South America and the Caribbean C.A. Beltetón Chacón, Central South America and the Caribbean	PC27 Doc. 31
Decision 19.263	<i>Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species</i>	Z. Yan, Asia U. Moser, Europe N. Smyth, Europe R. Boles, North America Z. Ouahid, Alt. Africa	PC27 Doc. 32.2. See also the Secretariat's report on Decision 19.261 in document PC27 Doc. 32.1.
Appendices of the Convention			
<u>Annotations</u>			
Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Annotations</i>	R. Boles, North America H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	Progress scheduled for reporting to the Standing Committee at SC78. The Decision relates to the Standing Committee's intersessional working group on annotations. Members of the Plants Committee are also participating in the group and have contributed to the discussions accordingly.
Decision 18.321 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Annotation #15</i>	R. Boles, North America H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	PC27 Doc. 35

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Decision 18.151 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Implications of the transfer of a species from one Appendix to another</i>	U. Moser, Europe D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	The Standing Committee is the lead in the implementation of this Decision, and at the time of writing there are no substantial updates to report to the Plants Committee. Progress scheduled for reporting to the Standing Committee at SC78.
Decision 18.317 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Information system for trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	PC27 Doc. 36
Decision 19.267	<i>Informal review mechanism for existing and proposed annotations</i>	A.F. Koumba Pambo, Africa, PC Chair D. Wrigley, Oceania, PC Vice-Chair	PC27 Doc. 37/AC33 Doc. 46
Decision 19.270	<i>Orchid specimens exempted through annotation #4 g)</i>	U. Moser, Europe N. Smyth, Europe Z. Yan, Asia Z. Ouahid, Alt. Africa H. de Boer, Alt. Europe	PC27 Doc. 38
Decision 18.325 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Annotation of Cape aloe (Aloe ferox)</i>	U. Moser, Europe R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 39
<u>Nomenclature matters</u>			
Decision 18.313 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 40.1/AC33 Doc. 47.1
Decision 19.272	<i>Higher taxon listings in the Appendices</i>	Z. Yan, Asia U. Moser, Europe R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 40.2/AC33 Doc. 47.2
Decision 19.274	<i>Development of a standardized global checklist of species</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 40.3/AC33 Doc. 47.3
<u>Flora</u>			
Decisions 19.279 and 19.280	<i>Nomenclature for aloes (Aloe spp.)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.2 and Annex 2 on the CITES checklist of aloe species
Decision 18.306 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Cactaceae Checklist and its Supplement</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.1

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Decision 18.308 (Rev. CoP19)	<i>Production of a CITES Checklist for Dalbergia spp.</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.1
Decision 19.282	<i>Nomenclature for Ebonies (Diospyros spp.) (populations of Madagascar)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.4
Decision 19.283	<i>Standard nomenclature for Cumarus (Dipteryx spp.)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.5
Decision 19.284	<i>Standard nomenclature for African mahoganies (Khaya spp.)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.6
Decision 19.286	<i>Nomenclature of Appendix-II listed orchids (Orchidaceae spp.)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.3
Decision 19.288	<i>Nomenclature for pachypodiums (Pachypodium spp.)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.7 and Annex 2 on the CITES checklist of pachypodiums
Decision 19.289	<i>Standard nomenclature for roseroots (Rhodiola spp.)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.8
Decision 19.291	<i>Nomenclature for Yews (Taxus spp.)</i>	R.R. Klopper, Nomenclature Specialist	PC27 Doc. 41.1