

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
MONDAY 8 JULY 2024

Opening remarks of the Chair ..... *No document*

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the Members of the Committee, Party Observers, intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to the meeting.

Opening remarks of the Secretary-General..... *No document*

The Secretary-General gave an opening address.

1. Declaration of conflict of interest..... *No document*

The Plants Committee noted that no Member declared a financial interest that he or she considers calls into question his or her impartiality, objectivity or independence regarding any subject on the agenda for the meeting.

2. Rules of Procedure..... PC27 Doc. 2

The Plants Committee noted that its Rules of Procedure, as amended at its 24th meeting (Geneva, July 2018) and set out in the Annex to document PC27 Doc. 2, remain valid for this meeting.

3. Agenda..... PC27 Doc. 3

The Plants Committee adopted its agenda as set out in document PC27 Doc. 3.

4. Working programme .....PC27 Doc. 4 (Rev. 1)

The Plants Committee adopted its working programme as set out in document PC27 Doc. 4 (Rev. 1).

5. Admission of observers..... PC27 Doc. 5

The Plants Committee noted the list of observer organizations that had been accepted to participate in the meeting as set out in document PC27 Doc. 5.

6. Plants Committee strategic planning for 2023–2025 (CoP19–CoP20)

6.1 Implementation of the workplan for 2023-2025 ..... PC27 Doc. 6.1

The Plants Committee noted the progress made with the implementation of the Committee's workplan for 2023-2025 as outlined in document PC27 Doc. 6.1 amended to indicate that Mr. Chong Kwek Yan is the PC lead for Materials for the identification of specimens of CITES listed species under Resolution Conf. 19.4 and Decision 19.142.

6.2 Preparation of the report of the Chair of the Plants Committee ..... *No document for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties*

The Plants Committee noted that the Chair of the Plants Committee is responsible for preparing a report for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and that she will seek the input from all Committee members in compiling this report.

32. Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species

32.1 Report of the Secretariat [Decision 19.261] .....PC27 Doc. 32.1

The Plants Committee noted progress made with the implementation of the study on medicinal and aromatic plant species in international trade and the comments made on the floor.

The Plants Committee agreed to circulate the completed study for the consideration of the Plants Committee ahead of the documentation deadline for the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC78) allowing for sufficient time for comments, taking into consideration the draft resolution on *Medicinal and aromatic plant species* that will be submitted by the Plants Committee to the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting. The Plants Committee agreed that, with the feedback received from the Plants Committee, the Secretariat would then finalize the report and present it for consideration of the Standing Committee at SC78

The Plants Committee requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties after sharing the results of the study with the Members of the Committee in order to invite Parties to provide their comments on the study through their regional representatives.

The Plants Committee agreed to submit the following draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**20.AA** *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *work with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee and the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to identify any corrections or improvements to the nomenclature in CITES databases, based on the findings of the study on international trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species (MAPs);*
- b) *subject to external funding, implement cross-references between CITES databases and the Medicinal Plant Names database for CITES-listed MAPs, taking into account the technical advice of the Plants Committee agreed at its 26th meeting (see summary record [PC26 SR](#)); and*
- c) *report to the Plants Committee.*

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

**20.BB** *The Plants Committee shall review the report submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 20.AA; and report to the Conference of the Parties.*

32.2 Report of the intersessional working group [Decision 19.263] .....PC27 Doc. 32.2

The Plants Committee:

- a) noted the text of the draft resolution on *Medicinal and aromatic plant species* proposed by the working group and the comments made during the discussion;
- b) also noted that one working group member considers that this text could benefit from additional streamlining and precisions;

- c) agreed to establish an in-session working group on medicinal and aromatic plant species with the mandate to:
- i) further improve the draft resolution on *Medicinal and aromatic plant species* in the Annex to document PC27 Doc. 32.2 in line with Decision 19.263, paragraph b); and
  - ii) formulate recommendations for consideration of the Committee in line with Decision 19.263, paragraph c).

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: representative for Europe (Ms. Moser);

Members: representatives for Africa (Mr. Balama and Mr. Lagarde), representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);

Parties: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, 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 (UNEP-WCMC); American Herbal Products Association, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Species Survival Network, Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature.

33. Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II  
 [Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17)]

33.2 Selection of species for the periodic review\*..... PC27 Doc. 33.2 / AC33 Doc. 45.2

The Plants Committee agreed to establish an in-session working group on the periodic review with the mandate to:

- a) establish a schedule for the Periodic Review of the Appendices, and based on outputs indicated in paragraph 8 of document PC27 Doc. 33.2, identify a list of plant taxa to review during the next intersessional period until CoP21(2028); and
- b) report its recommendations to the Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: alternate representative for North America (Mr. Benítez Díaz);

Members: representative for Europe (Ms. Smyth);

Parties: China, European Union, Germany, Ghana, India, Kenya, Mexico, Portugal, 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 (UNEP-WCMC); International Union for Conservation of Nature; Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature.

41. Report of the specialist on botanical nomenclature  
 [Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) and Decision listed below]

41.1 Overview of flora nomenclature matters for the period CoP19-CoP20  
 [Decision 18.306 (Rev. CoP19), Decision 19.291] ..... PC27 Doc. 41.1

41.2 Nomenclature for aloes (Aloe spp.) [Decisions 19.279 and 18.208] ..... PC27 Doc. 41.2

- 41.3 Nomenclature of Appendix-II listed orchids (*Orchidaceae* spp.)  
[Decision 19.285] .....PC27 Doc. 41.3
- 41.4 Nomenclature for ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) (populations of Madagascar)  
[Decision 19.282] .....PC27 Doc. 41.4
- 41.5 Standard nomenclature for cumarus (*Dipteryx* spp.)  
[Decision 19.283] .....PC27 Doc. 41.5
- 41.6 Standard nomenclature for African mahoganies (*Khaya* spp.)  
[Decision 19.284] .....PC27 Doc. 41.6
- 41.7 Nomenclature for pachypodiums (*Pachypodium* spp.)  
[Decision 19.288] .....PC27 Doc. 41.7
- and
- 41.8 Standard nomenclature for roseroots (*Rhodiola* spp.)  
[Decision 19.289] .....PC27 Doc. 41.8

The Plants Committee agreed to establish an in-session working group on nomenclature with the mandate to take into consideration the comments made by the specialist on botanical nomenclature, the regional representative for Africa (Mr. Balama), Brazil, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre on documents PC27 Doc. 41.1 to Doc. 41.8 and :

- a) consider the proposed recommendations for all the flora nomenclature matters addressed in document PC27 Doc. 41.1 as contained in paragraph 19 of document PC27 Doc. 41.1.
- b) consider the recommendations contained in the following documents:
  - i) document PC27 Doc. 41.2 on *Nomenclature for Aloes (Aloe spp.)*,
  - ii) document PC27 Doc. 41.3 on *Nomenclature for Appendix-II listed orchids (Orchidaceae spp.)*,
  - iii) document PC27 Doc. 41.4 on *Nomenclature for ebonies (Diospyros spp.) (Populations of Madagascar)*,
  - iv) document PC27 Doc. 41.5 on *Standard nomenclature for cumarus (Dipteryx spp.)*,
  - v) document PC27 Doc. 41.6 on *Standard nomenclature for African mahoganies (Khaya spp.)*,
  - vi) document PC27 Doc 41.7 on *Nomenclature for Pachypodium spp.*,
  - vii) document PC27 Doc. 41.8 on *Standard nomenclature for roseroots (Rhodiola spp.)*; and
  - viii) addendum PC27 Doc. 32.1 Add on *Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species*, Annexes 2 to 4; and
- c) report its recommendations to the Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

- Chair: Nomenclature specialist (Ms. Klopper);
- Members: representative for Africa (Mr. Balama), representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Núñez Neyra), representative for Europe (Ms. Moser);
- Parties: Brazil, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Russian Federation, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America;

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC); Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, World Wide Fund for Nature.