

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



Twenty-fourth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 20, 21 and 23-26 July 2018

ANNOTATIONS FOR ORCHIDS

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the acting representative of Europe (Ms. Moser);

Parties: Australia, China, Germany, Peru, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, TRAFFIC, American Herbal Products Association and Fédération des Entreprises de la Beauté.

Mandate

The in-session working group shall review and make recommendations on the draft revisions to Decisions 17.318 to 17.319 on *Annotations for Appendix II orchids* contained in Annex 1 of document PC24 Doc. 28, with a view to retain the action elements as needed, rewrite the Decisions consistent with the standard format for decisions, and include views in plenary.

Recommendations

The working group discussed Decisions 17.318 to 17.319, taking into consideration the discussions on these issues in the plenary. In light of the importance of having terms of reference for the Plants Committee to continue this work during the CoP18/CoP19 intersessional period, and noting that numerous existing Decisions also contain specific terms of reference, the working group recommends that the Decisions be submitted to CoP18 in a format similar to how they currently appear.

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee endorse the following revisions to Decisions 17.318 to 17.319, as well two new draft Decisions, and submit them for consideration to CoP18. Based on discussions within the working group, we also recommend that the title of the Decisions be changed when they are submitted to CoP18. We seek the guidance of the Plants Committee and the Secretariat on whether they should appear as revised CoP17 Decisions, since they represent a continuation of the working initiated at CoP17, or whether they should be renumbered as new draft Decisions of CoP18.

Decisions 17.318 to 17.319, and 18.AA to 18.BB on Products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids

17.318 (Rev. CoP18) Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) Re-establish a working group to consider products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids, including consideration of orchid annotations. The working group shall be chaired by a member of the Plants Committee and work on the basis of the following terms of reference:

- i) The working group shall seek information on the trade in orchid parts and derivatives (wild and artificially propagated) in consideration of the potential conservation impact of exempting orchid products from CITES controls, completing the work already initiated on orchids used in the production of cosmetics and personal care products and then considering orchids used in other commodities (e.g. medicinals and foodstuffs), subject to the availability of funding;
 - ii) The working group shall seek information from Parties and relevant other stakeholder groups, including industry, on: the trade in orchid products from source to final product, including the identification of the major industry sectors involved in the trade; how non-detriment findings and legal acquisition findings are made; traceability along the trade chain; and trade reporting. It should also request information on orchid parts and derivatives used in products, sectors involved, and conservation concerns for wild populations;
 - iii) Subject to the availability of funding, the working group shall also undertake an analysis of the potential conservation impact of orchid exemptions. This may include developing case studies on key orchid species identified in trade as finished products, including but not limited to, the species identified in the Annex to Document PC22 Doc. 22.1, Annex 2 to Document PC23 Doc. 32, and Annex 3 to Document PC24 Doc. 28, as well as the two case studies of orchid foodstuffs outlined in Document PC22 Inf. 6, workshop(s), or a study on trade data sources;
 - iv) Based on the information obtained from Parties, as well as from other sources, the working group shall analyse the risks of trade in products containing parts or derivatives of orchids to conservation and provide its conclusions about such risks. Based on the findings and the analyses, the working group shall highlight any knowledge gaps, review the current annotation for Appendix II-listed orchids, and suggest amendments, as it considers appropriate; and
 - v) The working group shall conduct its work via electronic means and work in close consultation with the Standing Committee, including its Working Group on Annotations, and report its findings and recommendations to the Plants Committee;
- b) Consider the results of the working group and make recommendations as appropriate; and
 - c) Report its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

17.319 (Rev. CoP18) Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider the findings and recommendations of the Plants Committee and provide the results of the work and its recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

18.AA Directed to the Secretariat

Directs the Secretariat to seek funding to implement Decision 17.318.

18.BB Directed to the Parties

Parties are encouraged to:

- a) Submit to the working group information on the trade in orchid products from source to final products; and
- b) Provide funding for Decision 17.318, and provide assistance to the Secretariat in reaching out to other stakeholders and user groups that may be able to provide funding to support this work.