

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
(Wednesday 25 July 2018)

9. Capacity building

9.2 The CITES tree species programme: Report of the Secretariat PC24 Doc. 9.2

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 9.2 and encouraged the Secretariat to explore the future of the CITES tree species programme to ensure its continuation.

10. Non-detriment findings

10.2 Draft version of the "Information Guide on the development of sustainable forest management programmes and standardized technical documents for harvesting mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) under CITES" PC24 Doc. 10.2

The Committee congratulated Mexico for developing and making available the Guide as a tool for reinforcing the development of non-detriment findings (NDFs) for mahogany and invited Parties and other relevant players to review the Guide, and send their feedback to the Mexican Scientific Authority (CONABIO), before 28 September 2018 at: ac-cites@conabio.gob.mx.

10.3 Guidance on making non-detriment findings for plants PC24 Doc. 10.3

The Committee congratulated Germany for its 9-Steps Guidance for making non-detriment findings for perennial plants and for tree species and encouraged all Parties to continue sharing guidance on making non-detriment findings with the Secretariat and the Plants Committee.

12. Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity PC24 Doc. 12

The Committee noted the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 17.53 and 17.54, as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8, and the analysis on potential contribution of the Convention on Biological Diversity to CITES-flora activities included under document PC24 Inf. 6.

The Committee agreed to submit the draft decisions below to the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting:

Decision 18 AA

Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) *publish and maintain updated on its website the summary of the Periodic Review proposals submitted to Conference of the Parties for amendments to Appendices I and II, taxa selected for*

Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II, and Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix II species, including relevant updates derived from the Plants Committee and the Conference of the Parties;

- b) *in collaboration with Plants Committee update the report on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) until the end of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for further consideration by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at its 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and*
- c) *present progress in paragraphs a) and b) to the Plants Committee for consideration at its 25th meeting.*

Decision 18.BB

Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall revise the updated report on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the GSPC, at its 25th meeting in order to be considered by the CBD at its 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Committee also agreed to submit the draft decisions proposed in paragraph 12 of document PC24 Doc. 12 to the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.

17. Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.)

17.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*: Report of the Plants Committee No document

The Committee requested the Chair of the Plants Committee and the representative of Oceania (Mr. Leach) to revise Decision 16.157 (Rev. CoP17) and draft a new decision in order to identify the best way for the Plants Committee to obtain data on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10.

17.2 Report of the Secretariat..... PC24 Doc. 17.2

The Committee agreed that Decisions 17.194, 17.197, 17.198 and 17.199 can be considered as implemented and be proposed for deletion at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

20. African cherry (*Prunus africana*): Report of the Secretariat..... PC24 Doc. 20

The Committee requested the Chair of the Plants Committee to review and amend Decisions 17.250 to 17.252 for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.

23. East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*): Report of the intersessional working group No document

The Committee noted the oral update of the representative of Africa (Ms. Koumba Pambo) and agreed to consider Decisions 16.153 (Rev. CoP17) and 16.154 (Rev. CoP17) as completed, and propose their deletion to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.

25. Periodic Review of the Appendices

25.1 Overview of species under Periodic Review..... PC24 Doc. 25.1

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 25.1 and agreed that, in accordance with paragraph 2 d) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) on *Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II*, *Dioscorea deltoidea* should be deleted from the list of species to be reviewed since no volunteer offered to undertake a review within two intersessional periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to publish the updated overview of species under Periodic Review on the CITES website.

25.2 Species reviews

25.2.1 Lewisia serrata – Report of the United States of America PC24 Doc. 25.2.1

The Committee determined that, in accordance with subparagraphs 2 g) and h) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17), *Lewisia serrata* reviewed by the United States of America meets the criteria of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for retention in Appendix II, as outlined in document PC24 Doc. 25.2.1. The Committee agreed to report its conclusions to the Conference the Parties, and invited the Secretariat to inform the range State of the conclusions of the Committee.

Adoption of executive summary AC30/PC24 Sum. 1

The Committee adopted executive summary AC30/PC24 Sum. 1.

Adoption of executive summary AC30/PC24 Sum. 2

The Committee adopted executive summary AC30/PC24 Sum. 2 with the following amendment:

- under agenda item 11, the “representative of America of the Plants Committee” should be referred to as the “acting representative of the Plants Committee”.

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Adoption of executive summary PC24 Sum. 2

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- delete “and *Diopsyros*” under agenda item 27, paragraph i) on page 6.