

**Annex 4 c****THIRD PART: ACTION PLAN FOR THE PLANTS COMMITTEE***Goal 1:***Objective 1.4**

To facilitate development of appropriate technologies and information management systems to enhance the collection and exchange of information, including databases in regard to species and trade, as well as information in regard to CITES decisions and procedures, etc.

<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
1. A survey should be conducted.	Regional Representatives, Plants Committee
2. Encourage use of technology such as CD-ROM for data distribution to Parties.	(?)
3. Develop an information management strategy developed and training campaigns. A template pilot project is underway in Africa. The strategy will identify what technologies are needed. This strategy can be developed for other regions.	(?)
4. Develop a "plain" language guide to the significant trade process which explains the decision basis. Relates to goal of understanding the convention.	(?)

Objective 1.5

To use the organisations specialising in supporting the Convention to assist the Secretariat and Parties in building national capacities and to facilitate improved access to and management of databases.

PC PROPOSAL: Objective 1.5

Improve access to available information, as well as the creation of a database in those countries that do not already have a database.

<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
5. Create incentives for the co-ordination and collaboration between countries in the exchange of information.	Plants Committee
6. Consult with the different countries as to whether they have databases in specific areas of information.	Plants Committee
7. Consult with the specialised organisations that support the Convention.	Plants Committee
8. Encourage BGCI to reproduce the Botanic Gardens booklet.	Plants Committee



<p>Objective 1.7 (To move to 1.3) <i>To increase the effectiveness of the Scientific Authorities of the Parties.</i></p>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
9. Development of a manual specifying the obligations and procedures of the Scientific Authorities in order to encourage the development of specific courses for the Scientific Authorities regarding their responsibilities and work methods.	Plants Committee
10. Development of regional directories that list the botanists in each region who are experts in CITES-listed plants.	Plants Committee
11. The Flora Committee will communicate to the Parties the importance and advisability of including plants experts within the structure of the Scientific Authorities.	Plants Committee
12. Get templates out.	(?)
13. IUCN workshops.	(?)
<p>Objective 1.8 <i>To encourage Parties to develop and implement effective conservation plans for the recovery of species, leading to their ultimate deletion from the appendices.</i> Note: It was recommended that objective 1.8 be deleted and added to objective 2.4.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>PC PROPOSAL: Objective 1.8 <i>To encourage Parties to develop and implement effective conservation plans and management programs for the recovery of species, leading to their ultimate deletion from the appendices.</i></p> </div>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
14. Circulation of the experience gained by different countries in conservation, management and the recovery of species to the remaining countries.	Plants Committee
15. Promotion of the establishment of support mechanisms in the conservation, management and the recovery of species in developing countries.	Plants Committee
16. To develop action plans for threatened species. Appendix I a priority for scientifically sound management plans. PC to be involved with reviewing management plans.	Parties, Plants Committee
<p>Objective 1.10 <i>To fully use the potential of regional co-ordination and collaboration in capacity building efforts.</i></p>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
17. Interaction with the plant orientated regional networks – identify and make contact with relevant organisations.	Plants Committee, Regional Representatives and Secretariat
18. Promotion of the establishment of a fund that will facilitate the tasks of the regional representatives on the Technical Committees.	Plants Committee, Standing Committee
19. Work closely with regional UNEP to effect greater capacity in Parties.	(?)



Goal 2: STRENGTHEN THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

Objective 2.1

To ensure that the Convention's appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.

PC PROPOSAL: Objective 2.1

To ensure that the Convention's appendices correctly reflect **management and** the conservation needs of species.

<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
20. Revision of the Appendices so that only the taxons that fulfil all the criteria remain listed.	Plants Committee
21. Significant trade and the review process contributes and needs to continue. The impact these activities have had on implementation of CITES should be examined. The review should continue with both those species on the Appendices and those not on. The difficult question of a measure of effectiveness needs to be resolved. Part of the Strategic Plan should be to measure performance – indicators needed to be developed.	(?)
22. Up listing from App II to App I is usually seen as a failure, but may be a positive – e.g. the crocodile. Need similar positive sustainable use (also under goal 4). App I to App II are successes.	(?)
23. Need to identify – which species/taxa have conservation needs – then what those need are – then get agreement from the range states – this to be done within regions.	Plants Committee, Parties and Regional Reps
24. Regions to propose taxa – both unlisted taxa which require listing and listed taxa for review.	Parties and Regional Reps

Objective 2.2

To ensure that decisions to amend the Convention's appendices are founded on sound and relevant scientific information that addresses agreed biological and trade criteria for such amendments.

<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
25. Parties to be urged to follow 9.24 criteria.	Plants Committee, Standing Committee
26. Scientific basis of listing proposal to be actively considered in Technical Committees and recommendations provided on request to Parties. For this reason it is necessary a detailed analysis of proposals by the TC. This analysis would take into account whether or not the proposals were based on quantitative data taken directly from field studies. It would also take into account the backed quality of these studies in the national and/or international scientific community.	Plants Committee, Animals Committee
27. Secretariat, in discharging its responsibility to review proposals, to do so in consultation with TC with strong participation of range states. Legitimize review of proposals by TC.	Plants Committee, Animals Committee, Secretariat
28. Hold a Plants Committee meeting immediately following the closing of the proposals session in order to analyse and discuss the proposals.	Plants Committee



<p>Objective 2.3 <i>To improve the scientific basis by which Scientific Authorities make non-detriment findings.</i></p>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
29. Formulation of a strategy that would include the scientific community in the Committee's decisions (universities, research centres and institutes, botanic gardens, national parks, etc.).	Plants Committee, Animals Committee
30. To develop practical (minimum standard) guidelines for making non-detrimental findings.	Plants Committee, Animals Committee
31. To ensure secure funding basis for undertaking field studies identified under significant trade process- should be targeted towards CBD objectives.	Plants Committee, Animals Committee, Standing Committee, Secretariat
32. Regional reps to be included in and facilitate the information exchange.	Regional Representatives
33. Required for review through relevant TC. How quota is set to be explained on application form.	Technical Committees
34. Template management systems of guidelines/protocols developed with review by TC.	Plants Committee, Animals Committee
35. Required for review through relevant TC. How quota is set to be explained on application form.	AC, PC
36. Template management systems of guidelines/protocols developed with review by TC.	PC, AC
<p>Objective 2.4 <i>To encourage, guide and assist Parties to implement effective procedures for the recovery, conservation and management of species in the Convention's appendices.</i> <i>Note: need to craft this wording so that it doesn't suggest that a listing is all bad.</i></p>	
<p>PC PROPOSAL: Objective 2.4 <i>To encourage, guide and assist Parties and at regional level to develop and implement effective procedures for the recovery, conservation and management of species in the Convention's appendices leading to their ultimate deletion from the Appendices.</i></p>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
37. Development of model plans for the recuperation, conservation and management of species listed in the Appendices which could be used both on a national as well as regional level. These model plans would take into account traditional management methods used in the country of origin.	Plants Committee
38. Development of mechanisms that would strengthen the research organisations in developing countries.	Plants Committee

**Objective 2.5**

To encourage further research, including research into innovative technologies relevant to CITES implementation and enforcement.

PC PROPOSAL: Objective 2.5

To encourage **at national and regional level** further research, including research into innovative technologies relevant to CITES implementation and enforcement.

<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
39. Determination of the projects that need to be taken on, both on a national as well as regional level.	Plants Committee
40. Establishment of criteria for the selection of projects and the evaluation of the results.	Plants Committee
41. Complete and disseminate information sheets/manual- focus on key target species.	Plants Committee, Parties
42. Maximize use of digital technology e.g. email, CD-ROM, Internet.	Plants Committee, Animals Committee, Parties, Secretariat
43. Identification of relevant technology followed by compilation of list of available expertise.	SA, Regional Reps
<p>Objective 2.6 To encourage that the above objectives, and those under 2.4 and 2.5 in particular, are pursued where appropriate at the regional level. Note: To be deleted as it is redundant and it could be resolved in the following manner: to add the mention “at regional level” in objectives 2.4 and 2.5.</p>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
44. To solicit funding for regional workshops.	SC, Regional Reps



Goal 3: <i>CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELIMINATION OF ILLEGAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN WILD ANIMALS AND PLANTS</i>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
45. Communicate priorities for enforcement to enforcement agencies, for example identifying one major priority per year.	Plants Committee, SA, MA
<p>PC PROPOSAL: New!: Objective 3.5 <i>To improve awareness within enforcement agencies of illegal trade in CITES plant issues.</i></p>	
<p>PC PROPOSAL: New!: Objective 3.6 <i>To facilitate enforcement tasks by creating identification materials for CITES-listed plant species.</i></p>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
46. Active collaboration in the production process of pertinent identification materials, as well as the production of other materials that could be used in training courses for the authorities in charge of enforcement.	Plants Committee
47. Promotion of the development of new technologies for the identification of plant species in trade.	Plants Committee
48. Identification sheets of the proposed taxa to be included in the proposals.	Plants Committee



Goal 4: TO PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONVENTION	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
49. To list all existing co-operation programs between countries, then fill in gaps.	Secretariat, Plants Committee
50. Identify other interested organisations to let them know who we (CITES-Plants) are. Note: also relevant to goal 5	Secretariat, PC Chair
51. Target information to different stakeholders in their own publications in their own "language", e.g. scientific journals, traders' newsletters).	Regional reps, MA, SA
52. Better use of electronic information.	Secretariat, Parties, Regional Reps, TC
53. Cultivate more continuity in the flow of information by identifying long term exchange persons.	Parties, Regional Reps
54. To promote and/or support courses to train trainers.	SC, PC, AC
<p>Objective 4.1 To strengthen partnership with national and international NGOs.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>PC PROPOSAL: Objective 4.1 To improve communication and collaboration with national and international NGOs.</p> </div>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
55. Collaboration with the NGOs in the design of a re-evaluation campaign regarding the meaning of CITES Appendix II for consumers.	Plants Committee
<p>Objective 4.2 To strengthen alliance with relevant local communities, consumer groups, traders and trade associations.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>PC PROPOSAL: Objective 4.2 To improve communication and collaboration with relevant local communities, consumer groups, traders and trade associations.</p> </div>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
56. Promotion of the development of campaigns for the diffusion of information addressed specifically to each of these areas.	Plants Committee
57. Promotion of research and development projects with local communities, businesspeople and business organisations.	Plants Committee
<p>Objective 4.3 To promote greater awareness by and co-operation with the scientific community.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>PC PROPOSAL: Objective 4.3 To improve communication and collaboration with the scientific community in order to get a greater interchange of information and co-operation.</p> </div>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
58. To identify more precisely contacts in the scientific community.	SA, MA, Regional Reps



Goal 5: <i>INCREASE CO-OPERATION AND CONCLUDE STRATEGIC ALLIANCES WITH INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS</i>	
Objective 5.1 <i>To ensure an optimal working relationship with UNEP, as well as close co-ordination and synergy with the CBD and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements.</i>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
59. Parties to ensure liaison between CBD national focal points and CITES. These linkages also to be pursued at regional level.	MA, SA, Regional Reps
Objective 5.2 <i>To ensure close co-operation and co-ordination with other related Conventions, Agreements and associations (e.g. IWC, ITTO, IATA.)</i>	
PC PROPOSAL: Objective 5.2 <i>To ensure close co-operation and co-ordination with other related Conventions, Agreements and associations (IWC, ITTO, IATA and others).</i>	
<i>ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>TO BE DEVELOPED BY</i>
60. Promotion of the understanding of the related conventions and of existing associations, as well as their decisions.	Plants Committee
61. Consideration of the decisions made by other conventions and related associations when studying the proposals, as well as consideration of the criteria they used to reach these decisions.	Plants Committee
62. Comparative analysis of the criteria used by other conventions and related associations when classifying the status of conservation of each species.	Plants Committee