

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



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Trade in Mexican cacti

TRADE IN SEEDS OF CACTACEAE LISTED IN APPENDIX II

1. Document prepared by the Scientific Authority of Mexico.
2. In 1997 Mexico proposed that seeds of Mexican Cactaceae should be listed in CITES Appendix II, as a way of countering the illegal export of seeds and plants in this group. Together with this proposal, Mexico undertook major commitments relating to the provision of propagated material, marking of seeds, vigilance at the Customs and application of national law to prevent illegal exports and promote the legal trade based on artificial reproduction.
3. However, Mexico has been unable for various reasons to fulfil most of those commitments. In response to the repeated and understandable questions of the CITES Plants Committee as to the progress and fulfilment of the commitments, in May 2001 the Management and Scientific Authorities of Mexico began an analysis of the situation and a discussion with a group of academics who are experts on this plant family, with the aim of determining the feasibility of the commitments made and the alternatives which may be proposed in order to correct this situation, at least in part.
4. Mexico undertakes to submit a new proposal on this topic to the Plants Committee for its information and for analysis, during the meeting in Malaysia (PC11).