

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Eleventh meeting of the Plants Committee  
Langkawi (Malaysia), 3-7 September 2001

ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
<b>CLOSED SESSION OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE</b>	
<p><b>2. Terms of Reference of the Plants Committee</b> Participants to consider the need for any proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference or Decision 11.110, for further discussion under 'Any other business' if necessary.</p>	Parties, regional representatives
<p><b>3. Background of the work of the Plants Committee</b> No action.</p>	
<p><b>4. Division of work between the members of the Plants Committee</b> All regional directories should, as complete as possible, be submitted to the Secretariat for formatting and inclusion in the CITES website.</p>	Regional representatives
<p><b>5. Action points of the tenth meeting of the Plants Committee</b> Working group to discuss any necessary amendments to the proposed Rules of Procedure as presented in document PC11 Doc. 2.</p>	Regional representatives of Africa (Luke), Asia (Zul), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero), North America (von Arx), Chairman, Secretariat
<p><b>6. Budget of the Plants Committee</b> The Chairman to meet with the delegates from the United States of America to discuss the use of any remaining funds from their generous donation of USD 45,000 made at the latest meeting of the Plants Committee.</p>	Chairman
<p><b>7. Agenda of the 11th meeting of the Plants Committee</b> Adopted.</p>	
<p><b>8. Time and venue of the 12th meeting of the Plants Committee</b> The regional representative of Europe, on behalf of the Government of the Netherlands, offered to host the next meeting in Leiden, the Netherlands in May 2002.</p>	Chairman, regional representative of Europe (de Koning)

<b>OPEN SESSION OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE</b>	
<p><b>2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure</b>  The Plants Committee adopted the Rules of Procedure as revised by the working group and presented in document PC11 Doc. 2 Annex (Rev.)  The main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– proceedings to be presented in the same format as for previous PC meetings;</li> <li>– submission of documents to the Secretariat 75 days before a PC meeting;</li> <li>– distribution of documents to the members 40 days before a PC meeting;</li> <li>– the role of the alternate representatives.</li> </ul>	Plants Committee
<p><b>3. Adoption of the Agenda and the Working programme</b>  The Agenda and Working Programme were adopted.</p>	Plants Committee
<p><b>4. Admission of observers</b>  All observers were formally admitted.</p>	
<p><b>5. Regional reports and reports on regional meetings</b>  The Plants Committee revised their duties as defined in Decision 11.110. They removed unrealistic duties and also strengthened the need to contact countries non party to CITES.  The revised duties to be included in the Chairman’s report to the CoP proposing amendments to Decision 11.110.</p>	Chairman
<p><b>6. Regional directories</b>  Regional representatives of Africa and Central and South America and the Caribbean to submit written proposals to the Secretariat to obtain funding (see item 15 ‘Strategic planning’).  Secretariat to request Management Authorities to provide still lacking information to the regional representatives.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Regional representatives of Africa (Luke) and Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretariat</p>
<p><b>7. Review of Resolution Conf. 9.24</b>  <b>7.1 Meeting with the Chairmen in Geneva</b>  No action.</p>	
<p><b>7.2 Second meeting of the Criteria Working Group</b>  No action.</p> <p><b>7.3 Report of the Standing Committee</b></p>	

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<p><b>meeting (plants issues)</b> No action.</p>	
<p><b>8. Follow-up of CoP11 Decisions</b>  <b>8.2 <i>Guaiacum sanctum</i></b>  Project to continue by way of a survey of the Mexican population. Mexico to submit an estimated budget to TRAFFIC and the Secretariat by the end of this meeting.  Mexico to submit a formal proposal to the Secretariat by the end of the month.  TRAFFIC to seek funds to support all or part of a population survey.</p> <p><b>8.3 <i>Aquilaria</i> spp.</b>  The agarwood working group document was approved and adopted.</p>	<p>Mexico</p> <p>Mexico</p> <p>Mexico</p> <p>TRAFFIC</p>
<p><b>9. Technical proposals for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b>  <b>9.1 Harvesting techniques of <i>Galanthus</i> in Georgia</b>  Regional representatives to act as focal points for the collation of information pertaining to the various plant production processes. Vice-Chairman of the Plants Committee to communicate with the Secretariat to establish a mechanism to share information and collaborate with Animals Committee.  The authorities of Georgia and the Secretariat to look for a solution regarding source code to be included in export permits for <i>Galanthus woronowii</i>. It agreed that the bulbs currently harvested from agricultural fields are to be regarded as being of wild origin.</p>	<p>Regional representatives of Africa (Luke), Asia (Zul), Central and South America and the Caribbean, (Forero) North America (von Arx), Europe (de Koning), Oceania (Leach) Vice-Chairman of the Plants Committee (von Arx), Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat, Georgia (MA and SA)</p>
<p>The Plants Committee encouraged continuous cooperation between Georgia and Germany and also the assistance from any other countries with regard to the sustainable management and harvest of <i>Galanthus woronowii</i>.  Text prepared by the Regional representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean</p>	<p>The observers from Georgia and Germany, Parties</p>

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<p>(Forero) and Oceania (Leach) was approved for inclusion in the summary document.</p> <p><b>9.2 Decision 11.155</b> Collation of information on the definition of different production systems, source codes for silvicultural techniques and the certification of sustainably managed forests and their compatibility with the scientific approach to making a non-detriment statement. Preparation of a document for presentation and discussion at the next meeting of the Plants Committee.</p> <p><b>9.3 Standard exemptions for Appendix-II plant species</b> The Committee approved the proposed text for standard exemptions for plant species. The United States of America and the Secretariat to discuss bilaterally, concerns regarding the revised text presented on flaked seedlings.</p> <p><b>9.4 Definitions of the technical terms used in the annotations</b> Colombia, France, Germany, Spain and the United States of America to collaborate and produce a document for presentation and discussion at the next meeting of the Plants Committee. This collaboration is to be coordinated by France.</p> <p><b>9.5 Exemptions for flaked seedlings</b> It was agreed that there was no urgent need to change the text of the current exemptions.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>United States of America, Secretariat</p> <p>Colombia (MA), Ecuador, France (coordinator), Germany, Spain (MA), United States of America, IUCN, TRAFFIC</p>

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<p><b>9.6 Exchange of scientific herbarium specimens of certain plant taxa listed in Appendix II</b>  The proposal for an additional mechanism of exchange of herbarium material was not supported and the Committee wished to encourage the use of the current system of registration of scientific institutions.</p>	
<p><b>10. Species proposals for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b>  <b>10.1 Delisting of leaf-bearing cacti (Pereskioideae and Opuntioideae)</b>  <b>10.1.1 Draft proposal by Switzerland</b>  and  <b>10.1.2 Comments from Mexico on document PC11 Doc. 10.1.1</b>  The Plants Committee recommended that the proposal by Switzerland be postponed pending further co-operation between range states and Switzerland.</p>	<p>Range states, Switzerland</p>
<p><b>11. Significant trade in plants</b>  <b>11.1 Problems and inconsistencies in Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.) and Decision 11.117</b>  Consolidation of the Resolution and associated Decisions with regard to the Significant Trade Process.  Establishment of a working group to collaborate with the equivalent working group convened by the Animals Committee.</p> <p><b>11.2 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.) (cf. Decision 11.117)</b>  <b>11.2.1 Trade in plants from Madagascar</b>  The Plants Committee supported the project proposal.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Coordinator of the Significant Trade Process for plants (McGough) and the regional representatives of Asia (Zul), Africa (Akpagana), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero) and North America (von Arx)</p> <p>Secretariat</p>

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<p>The Plants Committee recommended that, to the extent possible and depending on available funding, <i>Prunus africana</i> and medicinal plants will be considered when the project is underway.</p> <p><b>11.2.2 Cycads</b> The Plants Committee supported the concept outlined in document PC11 Doc. 11.2.2. However, it was recognized that the process would need to be divided into a series of stages to make it more manageable.</p> <p><b>11.2.3 Selection of taxa for review</b> Working group established in order to provide guidance for the possible selection of taxa for review.</p> <p>The working group provided a list of taxa which the Secretariat will review ,in consultation with UNEP-WCMC and appropriate experts. The Secretariat will then consult the Committee members in order to prioritize taxa for review. The Secretariat will then initiate the significant trade process for selected taxa.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Coordinator of the Significant Trade Process for plants (McGough); regional representatives from Asia (Singh), Africa (Luke, Akpagana), Europe (de Koning), Oceania (Leach) and observers from Chile, Mexico, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, UNEP-WCMC, TRAFFIC, IUCN and the Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat and working group</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
<p><b>12. Medicinal plants</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Trade in <i>Prunus africana</i></b> The regional representative of Africa (Akpagana) supported the concept of document PC11 Inf. 9, but felt that it required additional information to provide a global view of the situation.</p> <p><b>12.2 Possible future activities</b> The Plants Committee supported the document PC10 Inf. 10, that was presented for information only. Secretariat to try to find external funding for the proposal outlined in document PC11 Inf. 10.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>

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<p><b>13. Review of the Appendices</b></p> <p><b>13.1 Review of Orchidaceae spp.</b>  The consensus was that the long lists of orchid genera outlined in document PC11 Doc. 13.1 would be unworkable and it was agreed to keep the entire family in the Appendices.  Working group to carry out a process similar to that which produced the list of Cactaceae commonly referred to as 'supermarket plants' and currently exempted from the provisions of the Convention.  The United States of America and the representative of the American Orchid Society (AOS) to produce a proposal to be presented at the next Plants Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Plants Committee's coordinator for Significant Trade Studies (McGough), the Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States of America, the American Orchid Society, UNEP-WCMC, Secretariat</p> <p>United States of America and the American Orchid Society</p>
<p><b>13.2 Appendix-I Cactaceae</b>  Switzerland and Mexico to collaborate and produce a new document.  The regional representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero) to assist in contacting Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay to ask their opinion.</p> <p><b>13.3 Tree species (Decision 11.116)</b>  All Parties and observers to send up-to-date data to the regional representative of Europe (de Koning), noting that <i>Gonostylis</i> spp. and <i>Cedrela odorata</i> would not be included in the report for presentation to CoP12.</p>	<p>Mexico, Switzerland</p> <p>Regional representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero)</p> <p>Parties and observers</p>
<p><b>14. Checklists and nomenclature</b></p> <p><b>14.1 Progress report</b>  No action.</p> <p><b>14.2 Issues referred to the Nomenclature Committee</b>  No action.</p> <p><b>14.3 <i>Masdevallia</i></b>  No action.</p> <p><b>14.4 <i>Bulbophyllum</i></b>  Austria to prepare detailed proposal for 2nd phase of project for presentation to PC12 and to continue to seek funds.</p>	<p>Austria, in consultation with the Vice-Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee (McGough) and the Secretariat</p>

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<p><b>14.5 Nomenclature of <i>Cedrela odorata</i></b>  Chairman to submit to the Management Authority of Argentina the conclusions in paragraph 8 of document PC11 Doc. 14.5.</p> <p><b>PC11 Inf. 18 A preliminary review of the application of the Convention to Fungi</b>  The Vice-Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee and the Secretariat to prepare a document requesting the CoP to decide on whether, in its opinion, the word 'flora' covers both Fungi and Plantae.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Vice Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee, Secretariat</p>
<p><b>15. Strategic planning</b>  Chairman and Vice-Chairman to take note of ideas from all participants.  Chairman and Vice-Chairman to prepare a new document for presentation at PC12.</p>	<p>Chairman, Vice-Chairman</p>
<p>In order to complete all the regional directories, it was agreed, in consultation with the United States of America, to allocate USD 5,000 to both the regional representatives of Africa (Luke) and of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero).  The Secretariat to provide the regional representatives (above) with a standard format for the application of funds.  The regional representatives of Africa (Luke) and Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero) to present their regional directories to PC12.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Regional representatives of Africa (Luke) and of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero)</p>
<p><b>16. Identification materials for plants</b>  <b>16.1 Progress report</b>  No action.</p>	
<p><b>17. Guidelines for transport of live plants</b>  Vice-Chairman, possibly in collaboration with the Secretariat and Dr Irina Sprotte, to contact IATA with regard to guidelines for air transport of live plants.  Vice-Chairman to review the guidelines presented in light of the comments received during the meeting.  It was agreed that the guidelines would not become regulations, i.e. mandatory.</p>	<p>Vice-Chairman, Secretariat</p> <p>Vice-Chairman</p>

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<p><b>18. Tree species evaluation: progress report by the Netherlands</b>  All Parties and observers to provide up-to-date information to Harriet Gillet at UNEP-WCMC (including data for <i>Gonostylus</i> spp. and <i>Cedrela odorata</i>).</p>	Parties, observers
<p><b>19. Issues resulting from PC10, not included elsewhere in the Agenda</b>  There were no such issues.</p>	
<p><b>20. Training initiatives</b>  <b>20.1 Standard slide package: progress report</b>  The updated slide pack to be published immediately after CoP12.  The updated slide pack to be included on the website of the Scientific Authority of the United Kingdom with a link to their website from the Secretariat's.  New slide packs to be prepared in hard copy and CD-ROM, with numbers of each to be determined.</p>	<p>United Kingdom  United Kingdom, Secretariat    United Kingdom</p>
<p>Examples of training exercises to be sent to the Scientific Authority of the United Kingdom.</p>	Parties
<p><b>21. Trade in Mexican cacti</b>  <b>21.1 and Inf. 16 Trade in seeds of Cactaceae included in Appendix II</b>  Mexico, in collaboration with Austria and the United States of America, to prepare a proposal on sustainable harvesting and artificial propagation of seeds. This should include a budget and indication of funding source.  The Czech Republic to provide to Mexico relevant information concerning cacti species grown in the Czech Republic and their origin.  <b>21.2 and Inf. 17 Cacti sales through the internet</b>  Mexico to continue with their study and provide the updated information to relevant Parties.</p>	<p>Austria, Mexico, United States of America    Czech Republic    Mexico</p>

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<p><b>22. Review of the genus <i>Taxus</i></b>  China, India and the United States of America, in collaboration with France, to produce a document addressing the recommendations in paragraphs 20-22 of document PC11 Doc. 22.  The Plants Committee recognized that the issue of <i>Taxus</i> and trade in its finished products was one of great concern.</p>	China, France, India, United States of America
<p><b>23. Time and venue of the 12th Plants Committee meeting</b>  The Plants Committee accepted the offer from the Management Authority of the Netherlands to host the next meeting of the Plants Committee in Leiden, the Netherlands, 13-17 May 2002.</p>	The Netherlands, Secretariat
<p><b>24. Any other business</b>  <b>24.1 Relationship between <i>ex-situ</i> breeding operations and <i>in-situ</i> conservation programmes (Decision 11.102)</b>  The Plants Committee agreed to support the process established by the Secretariat.</p>	Regional representatives of Africa (Luke), Asia (Singh), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Forero), Europe (Clemente), North America (von Arx), Oceania (Leach)
<p>One representative from each region to collaborate in the process and collect information at the regional level, especially from the Management Authorities.</p> <p><b>24.2 Report on the Global Strategy for Plants (CBD)</b>  The Plants Committee members, Parties and other observers to send comments on the CBD document to the Chairman before the beginning of October.</p> <p><b>24.3 Annotation to <i>Cistanche deserticola</i></b>  No action.</p> <p><b>24.4 Illegal trade in <i>Paphiopedilum</i> spp.</b>  The Plants Committee adopts the recommendations.  The United Kingdom, United States of America and Secretariat will collaborate and prepare a document for the next Plants Committee meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>United Kingdom, United States of America and Secretariat</p>

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<p><b>24.5 Implementation issues related to Appendix-III timber species</b>  The Plants Committee recommended that Parties bring this matter to the attention of the Standing Committee.</p>	