

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



Executive summary

Twelfth meeting of the Plants Committee
Leiden (The Netherlands), 13-17 May 2002

ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
CLOSED SESSION OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE	
2. Rules of Procedure Amended and adopted.	
3. Agenda of the Plants Committee Amended and adopted.	
4. Regional issues Concerns expressed over budget constraints and the fact that Regional Representatives were not able to organize Regional meetings. The Plants Committee decided to investigate solutions to this problem.	Chairman, Plants Committee
5. Strategic Planning Working group to meet and discuss changes to Strategic Plan (document PC12 Doc. 7.3) and document PC12 Doc. 15.	Regional representative and alternates of Africa, Asia, Central and South America and the Caribbean, Europe, North America and Oceania
6. Budget of the Plants Committee Chairman to report to CoP12 including a more analytical review of the budget and emphasising the importance of supporting Regional Representatives.	Chairman
7. Time and venue of the 13th meeting of the Plants Committee No Action.	
8. Any other business No Action.	

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OPEN SESSION OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE	
<p>2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure</p> <p>The Plants Committee adopted the Rules of Procedure as revised in the closed meeting.</p> <p>The main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule 22 changed to 'At the request of the Chairman or of any member the Committee shall decide by a vote...' • Rule 24 altered to include the following sentence '<i>...by the Chairman, preferably at least one month before the next meeting</i>'. 	
<p>3. Adoption of the Agenda and the Working programme</p> <p>The Agenda and Working programme were adopted as amended.</p>	
<p>4. Admission of observers</p> <p>All observers were formally admitted.</p>	
<p>5. Regional reports and reports on regional meetings</p> <p>Chairman of the Plants Committee to write a letter to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to congratulate them for creating a National Park to protect plants from the Kitulo Plateau.</p> <p>Chairman of the Plants Committee to write a letter to Marga Werkhoven in recognition of her work as a Regional representative.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p>6. Regional directories [Resolution Conf. 11.1, Annex 2, paragraph e)]</p> <p>No action.</p>	
<p>7. Report of the Standing Committee</p> <p>7.1 Review of Resolution Conf. 9.24</p> <p>No action.</p> <p>7.2 Other plant issues</p> <p>No action.</p>	

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<p>8. Follow up of CoP11 Decisions</p> <p>8.1 <i>Harpagophytum</i> spp. Plants Committee to support the recommendations made in document PC12 Doc. WG <i>Harpagophytum</i>. Regional representative from Africa to prepare a report for CoP12.</p> <p>8.2 <i>Guaiaecum sanctum</i> Plants Committee to report to CoP12 recommending that the activities outlined in paragraph iii) of Decision 11.114 should continue for the next period and that in the interim, support will be given to Germany's proposal to include all species of <i>Guaiaecum</i> in Appendix II on a look-a-like basis.</p> <p>8.3 <i>Aquilaria</i> spp. Plants Committee to support the work carried out on <i>Aquilaria</i> and recommendations made by TRAFFIC Oceania in document PC12 Doc. 8.3.</p> <p>8.4 Mahogany Working Group No action.</p>	<p>Regional representative of Africa</p> <p>Plants Committee, Germany</p>
<p>9. Technical proposals for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>9.1 Definitions of the technical terms used in the annotations Plants Committee to consider Agenda item at next Plants Committee meeting.</p> <p>9.2 Trade in seeds</p> <p>9.2.1 Comments of the Secretariat with respect to document PC12 Doc. 9.2 Plants Committee to include the need to revise and clarify all Resolutions pertaining to plants in the working plan for the next two years. This will be included in report by the Chairman to CoP12.</p>	<p>Chairman Plants, Committee</p>

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<p>10. Species proposals for the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>10.1 Artificially propagated hybrids Plants Committee supports the United States proposal to exempt certain genera of Orchid hybrids from CITES Controls and encourages the United States to complete the proposal in time for CoP12 taking into account all issues discussed at PC12.</p> <p>10.2 Delisting of leaf bearing cacti (Pereskioideae and Opuntioideae) Plants Committee recommends that further cooperation between Switzerland and the Range States takes place and that the final proposal be amended taking into account all comments from Range States and non-Range States.</p> <p>10.3 Inclusion of <i>Guaiaacum</i> spp. in Appendix II Mexico, as a Range State, supported the German proposal and the Plants Committee recommended that Guatemala should be contacted for support and that all other information discussed should be taken into account.</p> <p>10.4 <i>Araucaria araucana</i> Plants Committee to offer Argentina assistance with future actions pertaining to <i>Araucaria</i> for the CoP12. Chile to inform Argentina of Plants Committee offer of help.</p>	<p>United States</p> <p>Switzerland</p> <p>Germany</p> <p>Plants Committee, Argentina</p> <p>Chile</p>
<p>11. Significant Trade in Plants</p> <p>11.1 Problems and inconsistencies in Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.) and Decision 11.117 Plants Committee supported document PC12 Doc. 11.1 (Rev. 1), including amendments made by working group of the Plants Committee.</p>	

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<p>11.2 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.) (cf. Decision 11.117)</p> <p>11.2.1 Trade in Plants from Madagascar The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (United Kingdom's Scientific Authority for Plants), to continue working on the project and when possible, undertake a workshop in Madagascar to discuss the results.</p> <p>11.2.2 Cycads The Secretariat reported that this project has not yet been initiated due to lack of funding. Once funds become available the project can be started.</p> <p>11.2.3 Selection of taxa for review Working group recommends that the following taxa be reviewed: <i>Prunus africana</i>, <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>, <i>Pericopsis elata</i> and <i>Aloe</i> species from East Africa used as extracts. Plants Committee's coordinator for Significant Trade Review to prepare a report on the proposed cost of these reviews.</p>	<p>Plants Committee's coordinator for Significant Trade Review</p> <p>Plants Committee's coordinator for Significant Trade Review</p>
<p>12. Medicinal Plants</p> <p>12.1 Implementation of Decision 11.165 on trade in traditional medicines</p> <p>12.1.1 Inventory of operations where artificial propagation of CITES species is conducted for medicinal purposes Secretariat to prepare document for CoP12 to include comments and suggestions from PC12.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>

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<p>12.1.2 List of species traded for medicinal purposes Secretariat to prepare document for CoP12 to include comments and suggestions from PC12.</p> <p>12.1.3 Proposal from Italy No Action.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>13. Review of the Appendices</p> <p>Plants Committee recognises the importance of this issue and recommends that it is set as a high priority in its Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Plants Committee recommends that the development of amendment of proposals, based on the evaluation of tree species in trade, should be included in the working plan for the period between CoP12 and CoP13.</p>	<p>Plants Committee</p> <p>The Netherlands</p>
<p>14. Checklists and Nomenclature</p> <p>14.1 Progress report</p> <p>Vice Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee to take into account comments and suggestions from Plants Committee and formulate recommendations to be included in report to CoP12.</p> <p>14.2 Updated taxonomical list of <i>Opuntia</i> and segregates</p> <p>Plants Committee recommends that Mexico communicates with the Vice Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee to discuss how to proceed with the taxonomical list of <i>Opuntia</i> and segregates.</p> <p>14.3 List of American <i>Dicksonia</i> species</p> <p>Parties to send comments and suggestions on the <i>Dicksonia</i> list to the German representative.</p> <p>German Representative to prepare list for CoP12 and include comments and suggestions from PC12.</p>	<p>Vice Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee</p> <p>Vice Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee, Mexico</p> <p>Parties, Germany</p> <p>Germany, Vice Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee</p>

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<p>15. Strategic Plan (Plants Committee)</p> <p>Plants Committee to support the amended version document PC12 Doc.15 (Rev.1) and the recommendations prepared by the working group.</p> <p>Plants Committee recommends that a working group be established and that all Parties should inform their Regional Representatives of any activities that have not been identified in the report.</p>	<p>Chairman, Regional representatives of Africa, Asia, Central South America and the Caribbean, Oceania, Parties</p>
<p>16. ID Manual</p> <p>16.1 Progress report</p> <p>No action.</p> <p>16.2 Presentation of a book on identification of Appendix I cacti</p> <p>Secretariat will distribute copies of the CD Rom and book to all Parties and will investigate the possibility of having the resource translated into Spanish and French.</p>	
<p>17. Guidelines for the transport of live plants</p> <p>Representative of North America to include comments from ITTA Brochure into document PC12 Doc. 17 and to use the brochure to produce a more general guide.</p>	<p>Representative of North America</p>
<p>18. Tree species evaluation: progress report by the Netherlands</p> <p>See Agenda Point 13.</p>	
<p>19. Evaluation of certification schemes</p> <p>Plants Committee to recommend that the evaluation of certification scheme be postponed until a later date and that the allocated funds are used to support projects on the Significant Trade Process.</p>	
<p>20. Issues resulting from PC11, not included elsewhere in the agenda</p> <p>20.1 Review of the genus <i>Taxus</i></p> <p>Plants Committee to recommend that the United States, in collaboration with India and China, continue working on the issue.</p>	<p>China, India, United States</p>

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<p>20.2 Illegal trade in <i>Paphiopedilum</i> spp. Malaysia, Thailand and United States to provide an article to the secretariat on the current situation with regards to the illegal trade in <i>Paphiopedilum</i> spp. within their countries to be published in CITES World.</p> <p>Parties to provide United States with any additional comments or information pertaining to the illegal trade in <i>Paphiopedilum</i> spp.</p> <p>20.3 Relationships between <i>ex situ</i> production and <i>in situ</i> conservation Plants Committee recognises the importance of this issue and recommends that it is included in the Plants Committee working plan as a priority.</p> <p>Plants Committee supports the Secretariat's decision to also include plant examples and to inform CoP12.</p>	<p>Malaysia, Thailand, United States</p> <p>Parties, United States</p> <p>Plants Committee, Chairman</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
<p>21. Training initiatives</p> <p>21.1 Standard slide pack: Progress report The updated Slide pack to be produced within the next month as an internet based Power Point Presentation.</p> <p>New version will be updated again after CoP12 and made available via the internet and in limited hard copy versions.</p> <p>Comments and ideas to be sent to the United Kingdom's Scientific Authority.</p>	<p>United Kingdom</p> <p>Parties</p>
<p>22. Sales of cacti on the Internet Mexico to continue to gather information on species of Cacti traded via the Internet.</p>	<p>Mexico</p>

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<p>23. Production systems involving CITES listed species and their impact on wild populations - source code designations</p> <p>23.1 Plant productions system</p> <p>Secretariat to consider all comments made by the Plants Committee and to recommend that this issue be discussed in more detail at PC13.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>24. Time and venue of the 13th Plants Committee meeting</p> <p>Chairman to write to CITES Authorities in Southern Africa on the issue of hosting the next Plants Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>25. Any Other Business</p> <p>25.1 Progress report of the CITES Management Authority of China in plant protection and management in 2001</p> <p>No action.</p> <p>25.2 CBD - The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation</p> <p>Chairman to include relevant information from 'The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation' document adopted at the CBD CoP6 (see www.biodiv.org) in report to CoP12.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>