

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



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Strategic planning

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE PLANTS COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat has compiled in Annex 1 to this document the list of all instructions directed to the Plants Committee, or that may require that it be consulted or informed, that can be found in the currently valid Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties.
3. Annex 2 to this document lists all currently valid Decisions of the Conference of the Parties directed to the Plants Committee or that may require its assistance.
4. The Plants Committee is invited to include the instructions mentioned above in its work programme for 2008-2010, to determine priorities and to consider how best to achieve their effective implementation.

INSTRUCTIONS IN RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE DIRECTED TO THE PLANTS COMMITTEE

Resolution Conf.	Title	Relevant part
9.24 (Rev. CoP14)	Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p>...</p> <p>RESOLVES that, to monitor the effectiveness of protection offered by the Convention, the status of species included in Appendices I and II should be regularly reviewed by the range States and proponents, in collaboration with the Animals Committee or the Plants Committee, subject to the availability of funds;</p> <p>...</p> <p>Annex 4</p> <p>...</p> <p>B. The following review procedures shall apply when a species is transferred to Appendix II pursuant to paragraph A. 2. c) above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the Plants Committee, the Animals Committee or a Party becomes aware of problems in compliance with the management measures and export quotas of another Party, the Secretariat shall be informed and, if the Secretariat fails to resolve the matter satisfactorily, it shall inform the Standing Committee which may, after consultation with the Party concerned, recommend to all Parties that they suspend trade with that Party in specimens of CITES-listed species, and/or request the Depositary Government to prepare a proposal to transfer the population back to Appendix I. 2. If, on review of a quota and its supporting management measures, the Animals or Plants Committee encounters any problems with compliance or potential detriment to a species, the relevant Committee shall request the Depositary Government to prepare a proposal for appropriate remedial action. <p>...</p> <p>Annex 6</p> <p>...</p> <p>C. <u>Supporting statement</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. In cases of proposals to transfer Appendix-II species that are subject to the Review of Significant Trade to Appendix I, the proponent should consult the affected range State(s) and, as appropriate, the Animals Committee or Plants Committee.
11.1 (Rev. CoP14)	Establishment of Committees	<p><i>Regarding the establishment of committees</i></p> <p><i>Regarding regional representation in the Animals and Plants Committees</i></p> <p>and</p> <p>Annex 2</p>

Resolution Conf.	Title	Relevant part
12.8 (Rev. CoP13)	Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p><i>Regarding conduct of the Review of Significant Trade</i></p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals and Plants Committees, in cooperation with the Secretariat and experts, and in consultation with range States, to review the biological, trade and other relevant information on Appendix-II species subject to significant levels of trade, to identify problems and solutions concerning the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a), in accordance with the following procedure:</p> <p>...</p>
14.1	Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2009-2011	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p>...</p> <p>AGREES that:</p> <p>a) all meetings of the Conference of the Parties and all regular meetings of the Standing Committee, the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee should be held in Geneva unless a candidate host country pays the difference in costs between its proposed venue and Geneva; and</p> <p>b) no more than two regular meetings each of the Standing Committee, and the Animals and Plants Committees should be convened between regular meetings of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>...</p> <p>INSTRUCTS the Secretariat:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c) in consultation with the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees, to assign scientific consultants and define terms of reference for specific science-based projects. Such a process should be implemented in a fashion that would not have a negative impact on the budget but rather effectively utilize the scientific excellence of the Parties which is available to the Secretariat via the Chairs of the technical committee;</p>
14.2 Annex	CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013	<p>Resolution Conf. 14.2 provides a framework for the future development of the existing body of Resolutions and Decisions. While it should provide guidance on how the goals and objectives are to be achieved, the Conference of the Parties, the Committees or the Secretariat as appropriate will take required action.</p>
14.3 Annex	CITES compliance procedures	<p>13. The Animals and Plants Committees, acting in accordance with instructions from and authority delegated by the Conference of the Parties, advise and assist the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties with regard to compliance matters, <i>inter alia</i>, by undertaking necessary reviews, consultations, assessments and reporting. These Committees are entrusted with specific tasks in the handling of matters related to the Review of Significant Trade.</p>

Resolution Conf.	Title	Relevant part
14.4	Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber	The Conference of the Parties ... URGES Parties to support and contribute to work, guided by the CITES Plants Committee, to develop appropriate listing proposals based on the best available science to ensure the conservation of timber species and help ensure that trade does not threaten their survival;
14.8	Periodic Review of the Appendices	The Conference of the Parties AGREES to the following: a) The Animals and Plants Committees should share their experience, especially during joined meetings, regarding the undertaking of periodic reviews of taxa included in the Appendices (including financing of reviews, processes, format and outputs). b) The Animals and Plants Committees shall establish a schedule for the Periodic Review of the Appendices and identify a list of taxa they propose to review during the next two intersessional periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties (CoP). The list should be established at their first meeting after the meeting of the Conference of the Parties that initiates the review period. c) The Animals and Plants Committees are strongly encouraged to follow the following guidelines:

INSTRUCTIONS IN RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE
CONSULTING OR INFORMING THE PLANTS COMMITTEE

Resolution Conf.	Title	Relevant part
9.19 (Rev. CoP13) Annex 3	Guidelines for the registration of nurseries exporting artificially propagated specimens of Appendix-I species	The Conference of the Parties ... RESOLVES that the Secretariat ... d) receive and review reports on registered nurseries, provided by the Parties, and present summary conclusions to the Plants Committee;
9.25 (Rev. CoP14)	Inclusion of species in Appendix III	... NOTING that Resolution Conf. 8.23, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting (Kyoto, 1992), recommends <i>inter alia</i> that, before submitting a species for inclusion in Appendix III, Parties request the advice of the Animals Committee or the Plants Committee regarding the trade status and biological status of that species; ... The Conference of the Parties ... RECOMMENDS that, when considering the inclusion of a

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		<p>species in Appendix III, a Party:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c) inform the Management Authorities of other range States, the known major importing countries, the Secretariat and the Animals Committee or the Plants Committee that it is considering the inclusion of the species in Appendix III and seek their opinion on the potential effects of such inclusion;</p> <p>...</p> <p>REQUESTS the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee to assist Parties if necessary in reviewing the status of species in Appendix III, subject to available funding;</p> <p>URGES Parties having included species in Appendix III to periodically review the status of these species and, taking into account these guidelines and any recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees, to consider the necessity to maintain them in that Appendix;</p>
10.21 (Rev. CoP14)	Transport of live specimens	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals and Plants Committees to deal with matters related to the transport of live specimens;</p> <p>...</p> <p>DIRECTS the Animals and Plants Committees, in consultation with the Secretariat:</p> <p>a) to participate in meetings of the Live Animals and Perishables Board of IATA in order to amplify or update the Live Animals Regulations and the Perishable Cargo Regulations;</p> <p>b) to examine new or additional references for transport of live specimens for incorporation into the present Resolution, if appropriate;</p> <p>c) to examine developments related to the transport of live plant specimens for incorporation into the present Resolution, if appropriate; and</p> <p>d) to examine regularly high mortality shipments of live specimens and make recommendations to relevant Parties, exporters, importers and transport companies on how to avoid this in the future;</p>
11.11 (Rev. CoP14)	Regulation of trade in plants	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p>...</p> <p><i>Regarding education about plant conservation through CITES</i></p> <p>RECOMMENDS that:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c) Parties develop and maintain a good liaison with national plant trade organizations, to inform them about all aspects of the implementation of CITES for plants, and to communicate to the Secretariat specific implementation problems presented by these national organizations, for consideration by the Plants Committee;</p>

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11.19	Identification Manual	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p>DIRECTS the Secretariat to:</p> <p>...</p> <p>g) inform each meeting of the Standing, Animals and Plants Committees on the progress made;</p>
12.2 Annex 1	Procedure for approval of externally funded projects	<p>...</p> <p>2. SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT PROPOSALS</p> <p>...</p> <p>b) The Secretariat shall review species-related projects that are proposed by Parties seeking funding and those developed as a result of recommendations made by the Animals and Plants Committees in the review of significant trade.</p> <p>c) The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees where necessary, approve and prioritize projects to be implemented.</p>
12.8 (Rev. CoP13)	Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species	<p>The Conference of the Parties</p> <p>...</p> <p><i>Regarding monitoring, reporting and reintroduction of species into the review process</i></p> <p>DIRECTS the Secretariat, for the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of this Resolution and the relevant paragraphs of Article IV:</p> <p>a) to report at each meeting of the Animals or Plants Committee on the implementation by the range States concerned of the recommendations made by the Committee; and</p> <p>b) to maintain a register of species that are included in the review process set out in this Resolution and a record of progress with the implementation of recommendations; and</p> <p><i>Regarding coordination of field studies</i></p> <p>DIRECTS the Secretariat, where appropriate, in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals or Plants Committee, to contract IUCN or other appropriate experts to coordinate, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, the conduct of the field studies required for Appendix-II species identified as being subject to significant levels of trade, and to raise the funds necessary for such studies;</p>

DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE PLANTS COMMITTEE OR THAT MAY REQUIRE ITS ASSISTANCE

Review of the scientific committees

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 14.7 The Animals and Plants Committees should evaluate the need to further review and revise the terms of reference in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP14) and as necessary revise the terms of reference for presentation at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 14.8 The Animals and Plants Committees shall carry out internal monitoring through the regional reports and the reports of the chairmen of the scientific committees to the Conference of the Parties, and Table 3 of document SC54 Inf. 5 can be appended to the format for the preparation of regional members regional reports.

Improving regional communication and representation

Directed to the Secretariat

- 13.14 The Secretariat shall ensure that any vacancies in the Animals and Plants Committees are (Rev. brought immediately to the attention of the Standing Committee, in order to fill the vacancies as CoP14) soon as possible.
- 13.15 The Secretariat shall publish on the CITES website forthcoming deadlines relevant to the work of (Rev. the Animals and Plants Committees. CoP14)
- 13.16 The Secretariat shall explore funding options to ensure that the regional representatives and the (Rev. nomenclature specialists of the Animals and Plants Committees from developing countries and CoP14) countries with economies in transition can attend the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and fully participate in the committee work.

Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species

Directed to the Secretariat

- 12.91 The Secretariat is encouraged to continue to develop and refine its capacity-building programme dealing with the scientific basis for development, establishment, and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species, and shall, as appropriate, consult with the Animals Committee and Plants Committee on this programme. This consultation may include:
- a) solicitation of input from the Committees regarding materials used in the capacity-building programme for voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species; and
 - b) a request for new information from the Committees on methods used for establishing quotas and for relevant case studies on the establishment of quotas.

Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat

- 14.15 The Plants Committee shall collaborate with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), especially regarding target xi "No species of wild flora endangered by international trade" and other issues related to flora species included in the CITES Appendices, and the Secretariat shall communicate the results of its work in the context of its Memorandum of Understanding with the CBD Secretariat.

Harmonization of nomenclature and taxonomy with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements

Directed to the Secretariat

14.18 In close cooperation with the nomenclature specialists of the Animals and Plants Committees, the Secretariat shall, in the implementation of its memoranda of understanding or cooperation, or programmes of work with other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, continue to consider ways of harmonizing the taxonomy and nomenclature of species included in their respective provisions. The Secretariat shall report and make recommendations on this matter at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Review of Significant Trade

13.67 The Conference of the Parties has adopted the *Terms of reference for an evaluation of the* (Rev. *Review of Significant Trade* contained in Annex 1* to these Decisions. CoP14)

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II plant species

Directed to the range States of Cistanche deserticola, Dioscorea deltoidea, Nardostachys grandiflora, Picrorhiza kurrooa, Pterocarpus santalinus, Rauvolfia serpentina and Taxus wallichiana, to the regional representatives for Asia on the Plants Committee and to the Secretariat

14.20 The bodies to which this Decision is directed should ensure:

- a) implementation of regionally coordinated actions to improve the management of and prevent illegal trade in the seven species, including, *inter alia*, measures to combat illegal trade, regional capacity-building workshops and harmonization of regulations and legislation; and
- b) submission of progress reports at the 17th and 18th meetings of the Plants Committee.

Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants

Directed to the Plants Committee

14.40 The Plants Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and assess the usefulness to its programme of work of reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II. It shall report its findings to the Standing Committee at its 58th meeting.

International expert workshop on non-detriment findings

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

14.50 The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) review the proceedings resulting from the expert workshop on non-detriment findings under the terms set out in Decision 14.49; and
- b) prepare, for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a discussion paper and, if considered appropriate, a draft resolution on the making of non-detriment findings.

* *Note: included at the end of the present document.*

Production systems for specimens of CITES-listed species

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

14.52 The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) review the CITES trade data maintained by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre to determine the species for which source code R has been used for trade, and the countries where this has occurred;
- b) survey countries applying source code R to species other than crocodylians transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II subject to ranching, and obtain information on the management programme for the species to which this source code is applied;
- c) review the literature on wildlife management for current information on management systems that would resemble ranching (i.e. primarily focused on the harvest of specimens representing early life stages for rearing in captivity) and identify common elements in these programmes;
- d) based on this review, propose a definition of ranching and the use of source code R for CITES purposes; and
- e) report at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of this decision.

Physical inspection of timber shipments

Directed to the Secretariat

14.60 The Secretariat shall establish an electronic working group, which, in consultation with the Plants Committee and relevant intergovernmental organizations, shall:

- a) solicit and compile existing procedures adopted by the Parties for:
 - i) identification of CITES-listed and look-alike timber species; and
 - ii) physical inspection of shipments of CITES-listed timber species; and
- b) indicate how those procedures can be accessed by CITES authorities.

On that basis, the working group should identify possible elements for further work and report at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Cactaceae and Orchidaceae: review of annotations

Directed to the Plants Committee

14.130 The Plants Committee shall:

- a) analyse the amendments of annotations #1, #4 and #8 of proposal CoP14 Prop. 26 in order to decide whether there is merit in further developing and refining them; and
- b) if appropriate, prepare a proposal on annotations for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Euphorbia spp.

Directed to the Plants Committee

14.131 The Plants Committee shall:

- a) analyse trade data and conservation status of succulent *Euphorbia* species (except those species currently included in Appendix I);
- b) prepare a revised list of succulent *Euphorbia* species that meet the criteria of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14) for inclusion in Appendix II;

- c) prepare proposals for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties that provide for the deletion of *Euphorbia* species from Appendix II that do not meet the criteria of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14), are frequently traded and can be clearly identified by non-specialists; and
- d) determine the need for identification material for species retained in Appendix II.

Orchids: annotation for species included in Appendix II

Directed to Parties and the Plants Committee

14.133 Countries of export and import should make recommendations and prepare identification material on further exemptions for artificially propagated hybrids of Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II, taking into consideration the capacities of countries to implement and control such exemptions effectively. The results shall be sent to the Plants Committee, which shall evaluate them and adopt the appropriate measures.

Directed to the Plants Committee

14.134 The Plants Committee shall monitor and assess possible conservation problems arising from the implementation of the annotation to Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II and shall report on the issue at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Timber species and medicinal plants: non-detriment findings

Directed to the Plants Committee

14.135 The Plants Committee shall:

- a) develop principles, criteria and indicators for the making of non-detriment findings for wild specimens of high-priority taxa such as timber species, *Prunus africana* and other medicinal plants; and
- b) before the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, support the organization of a workshop on non-detriment findings for tree species.

Agarwood-producing taxa

Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat

14.142 In consultation with relevant intergovernmental organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Plants Committee in consultation with the Secretariat should draft a definition of non-timber forest products to be considered at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

14.143 On the basis of the work on non-detriment findings for agarwood-producing species, that has been developed by TRAFFIC Southeast Asia and the Secretariat, the Plants Committee, in consultation with range States and the Secretariat, shall develop principles, criteria and indicators for the formulation of non-detriment findings for agarwood-producing species.

Bigleaf mahogany

14.145 The Conference of the Parties adopted the 'Action plan for the control of international trade in bigleaf mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*)', attached as Annex 3* to these Decisions.

* Note: included at the end of the present document.

Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii

14.146 The Conference of the Parties adopted the Action Plan attached as Annex 4* to these Decisions, to complete knowledge on the status of conservation of, trade in and sustainable use of *Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii*.

Taxus cuspidata

Directed to the Plants Committee

14.147 The Plants Committee shall discuss hybrids and cultivars, and other entities recognized in horticulture (e.g. forms and varieties), and provide recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting regarding their treatment under the Convention, particularly with regard to Article I, paragraph (b).

Tree species: annotations for species included in Appendices II and III

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 14.148 a) The Plants Committee shall review and, if appropriate, draft amendments to the annotations to the tree species listed in Appendices II and III and/or shall prepare clear definitions for the terms used in those annotations in order to facilitate their use and understanding by CITES authorities, enforcement officers, exporters and importers.
- b) The amended annotations shall focus on the articles that initially appear in international trade as exports from the range States and on those which dominate the trade in and demand for the wild resource.
- c) The Plants Committee shall draft, if necessary, proposals to amend Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP14) and/or to amend the Appendices accordingly so that the Depositary Government may submit them on its behalf for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Tree species

Directed to the Plants Committee

14.150 The Plants Committee shall, during the period between the 14th and 15th meetings of the Conference of the Parties, consider the opportunity to develop proposals to amend the Appendices on the basis of the *Contribution to an Evaluation of Tree Species* using the new CITES-listing criteria, and the results of regional workshops on sustainable management of timber species in 2007 and 2008.

* *Note: included at the end of the present document.*

Annex 1

Terms of reference for an evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade

Objectives

1. The objectives of the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade are to:
 - a) evaluate the contribution of the Review of Significant Trade to the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a);
 - b) assess the impact over time of the actions taken in the context of the Review of Significant Trade on the trade and conservation status of species selected for review and subject to recommendations, taking into consideration the possible effects of these measures on other CITES-listed species;
 - c) formulate recommendations in view of the results and findings of the evaluation and the impact assessment; and
 - d) prepare a document on the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade and the resulting conclusions and recommendations for consideration at the first appropriate meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Process

2. The evaluation will commence immediately after the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, contingent on the availability of sufficient funds to ensure its completion.
3. The Animals and Plants Committees will oversee the evaluation, which will be administered by the Secretariat. Consultants may be engaged to assist it in this regard.
4. A working group composed of members of the Animals and Plants Committees, Parties, the Secretariat and invited experts will be responsible for advising on the evaluation process, reviewing the findings of associated research and developing recommendations for wider consideration by the Parties.
5. The Secretariat will regularly report on the progress of the evaluation at meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees.
6. A final report, which may include proposed amendments to existing Resolutions or Decisions, or other recommendations, and which will incorporate the comments of the Animals and Plants Committees and of range States addressed in the report, will be submitted by the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees for consideration at a future meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Chairman of the Animals or Plants Committee may submit an interim report to the Standing Committee when appropriate and considered useful.

Content of the evaluation

7. The evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade should include the following activities:
 - a) assess:
 - i) the process used to select species for review (including the reliance on numerical data), and the species selected as a result;
 - ii) the process and means used to compile and review information concerning the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a), for the selected species (including communications with the range States), and the subsequent use of this information by the Animals and Plants Committees for the categorization of species and the issuance of recommendations;
 - iii) the types and frequency of recommendations made;

- iv) the nature and rate of responses to recommendations, and problems identified;
 - v) the use of the recommendations by range States as guidance for managing target species and other CITES-listed species with similar characteristics;
 - vi) the nature and scale of the support provided to range States for implementing the recommendations, including field projects, financial aid and assistance in building local capacities;
 - vii) the ongoing process to monitor and review the implementation of recommendations, having regard to differing points of view as to where this responsibility should lie; and
 - viii) the impacts of the process on other aspects of CITES implementation, including how problems identified in the course of the review but not directly related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a), were addressed;
- b) conduct case studies of a representative range of species and countries subject to recommendations to assess subsequent short- and long-term changes, and whether these could be attributed to the process, in:
- i) conservation status of the target taxa in the range States;
 - ii) trade volumes and patterns of the target taxa, considering trade involving the range States subject to recommendations, other range States and non-range States;
 - iii) production or management strategies for the target taxa;
 - iv) market developments of conservation relevance (such as shifts in supply or demand);
 - v) costs and benefits associated with the management of and trade in the target taxa (such as the effects of trade suspensions and export quotas, shift in trade to non-CITES species or increased illegal trade);
 - vi) protection status of the target taxa within range States, and regulatory measures outside range States;
 - vii) trade patterns, conservation status and management for other CITES-listed species that might be suitable 'substitutes' for the target taxa; and
 - viii) changes in conservation policies in range States; and
- c) analyse the information to assess the effectiveness, costs and benefits¹ of the Review of Significant Trade as implemented so far, by reference to the cost of the process and the time it takes, and identify means to improve the contribution it makes to the objectives of the Convention by reducing the threats to wild species.

¹ The phrase 'effectiveness, costs and benefits' is intended to address issues such as whether or not the funds spent on the process give value for money comparable to that for other CITES activities, and whether the time-scale envisaged in the process is too long for species that are in rapid decline.

Annex 3

Action plan for the control of international trade in the bigleaf mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*)

1. All range States of the bigleaf mahogany should:

...

e) facilitate the making of non-detriment findings by:

i) preparing, adopting and implementing, as a priority, forest management plans at a national and/or local levels that include specific requirements for the bigleaf mahogany, as outlined in the results of the International Workshop of Experts on Non-Detriment Findings on Bigleaf Mahogany held in Cancun (April 2007) (see document CoP14 Inf. 24) after its endorsement and adoption by the Plants Committee;

...

iii) implementing capacity-building programmes in monitoring and management, specifically related to the understanding and application of CITES requirements. This activity might also involve assistance from the Plants Committee and the Secretariat;

...

2. The countries members of the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group should ensure the presence of their representatives at meetings of the Working Group, as well as the presence of at least one of the representatives of the Plants Committee from the range States.

...

6. The Plants Committee shall:

a) be the body under which the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group shall continue its work. The Working Group shall primarily comprise the range States of the species, the main importing countries and at least one member of the Plants Committee;

b) analyse at its 17th meeting the reports presented by the range States and progress made in implementing the present Action Plan directed to Parties, and review the need to include the species in the Review of Significant Trade;

c) discuss and examine at its 18th meeting the progress made with the implementation of the regional strategy; and

d) submit a report at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress made by the Working Group.

Annex 4

Action plan for *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*

1. The range States of *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* shall:
...
 - e) report to the Secretariat progress in the compilation of the information outlined in paragraphs a), b), c) and d) above, 60 days before the 17th and 18th meetings of the Plants Committee, so that the Secretariat may present a report to the Committee and the Committee may adopt the necessary measures; and
...
2. Parties, with regard to *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*, shall:
...
 - c) report to the Secretariat on the compilation of the information outlined in paragraphs a) and b) above, 60 days before the 17th and 18th meetings of the Plants Committee, so that the Secretariat may present a report to the Committee and the Committee may adopt the necessary measures.
3. The Plants Committee shall:
 - a) establish the relevant methodology and necessary formats for the presentation of the information requested for the implementation of this Decision;
 - b) receive, analyse and follow up the Action Plan at its 17th and 18th meetings; and
 - c) propose the relevant recommendations for *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.