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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

OVERVIEW OF THE SPECIES-BASED REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* directs the Secretariat, for the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of that Resolution and the relevant paragraphs of Article IV, "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". The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Plants Committee, has to determine whether recommendations made under the Review of Significant Trade have been implemented by the range States and to report to the Standing Committee, which decides on appropriate action. The present report therefore contains information on recent decisions of the Standing Committee in the context of the Review of Significant Trade, and gives brief updates on ongoing reviews.
2. The Annex to this document presents an overview of recent actions concerning plant species that were selected under the Review of Significant Trade after the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th meetings of the Conference of the Parties (Gigiri, 2000; Santiago, 2002, Bangkok, 2004 and The Hague, 2007) and a brief summary of ongoing reviews. It indicates the reference documents that provide detailed information on each species for consideration by the Plants Committee at the present meeting.
3. The Plants Committee is invited to note the information contained in this document.

PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIES-BASED
REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE IN PLANTS

Species selected following the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP11; Gigiri, 2000)

Table 1: Species selected by the Plants Committee for Review of Significant Trade following CoP11.

Species selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Aloe</i> spp.	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev.2)	completed – removed from the review
<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	SC54 Doc. 42	completed – removed from the review
Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54 Doc. 42	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	SC54 Doc. 42	First review completed and species removed. Selected again after CoP14; see under 'Species selected following CoP14'
<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	ongoing – action required by the SC

Total: three species, one genus and three families.

- At its 14th meeting (PC14, Windhoek, February 2004), the Plants Committee categorized *Pericopsis elata* in Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo as of 'possible concern', and it formulated recommendations which were transmitted to these range States. Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo provided satisfactory responses. At its 53rd meeting (SC53, Geneva, June 2005), the Standing Committee directed the Secretariat to issue a recommendation to suspend trade in *P. elata* with the Central African Republic and the Congo if they failed to respond before the end of 2005. At SC54 (Geneva, October 2006), having reviewed the information submitted by the Congo and the Central African Republic, the SC withdraw its suspension. This Review of Significant Trade on *P. elata* was concluded. The species was selected for review for the second time at PC17 (Geneva, April 2008). Table 4 below gives further information about this case.
- At its 16th meeting (PC16, Lima, July 2006), the Plants Committee categorized *Prunus africana* in Burundi, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar and the United Republic of Tanzania as 'of urgent concern'. The Plants Committee formulated recommendations and these were transmitted to the range States in August 2006. At its 57th meeting (SC57, Geneva, July 2008), the Standing Committee recommended a trade suspension with Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and United Republic of Tanzania if they were unable to provide information by 31 December 2008 that the Plants Committee recommendations had been implemented. The SC57 also recommended that Burundi, Kenya and Madagascar maintain their voluntary zero export quotas until they could provide information that the Plants Committee recommendations had been implemented. Cameroon has set a zero export quota for exports of this species for 2009 and the Secretariat has published Notification to the Parties No. 2009/003 of 3 February 2009 recommending to all Parties to suspend trade in *Prunus africana* with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and the United Republic of Tanzania. The SC will review these suspensions in 2011 or when these range States demonstrate compliance with the PC recommendations.

Species selected following the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP12, Santiago, 2002)

Table 2: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP12

Species selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Cibotium barometz</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Cyathea contaminans</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Galanthus woronowii</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	ongoing – action required by the SC

Total: four species.

- Regarding *Cibotium barometz*, the Standing Committee agreed, at its 57th meeting (Geneva, July 2008), to extend until 31 March 2009 the deadline for Viet Nam to comply with the PC recommendations.
- At the same meeting, the Standing Committee agreed that, in the case of *Cyathea contaminans* from Indonesia, the deadline for compliance could be extended to 31 March 2009.
- Both Viet Nam and Indonesia have been invited to submit a project proposal to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2 on *Procedure for approval of externally funded projects*.
- The Standing Committee agreed at SC57 that, with respect to *Dendrobium nobile* in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the deadline for the implementation of the recommendations of the Plants Committee should be extended until 31 December 2008. If, by that date, the recommendations had not been implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, it directed the Secretariat to issue a Notification recommending that all Parties suspend trade in this species with the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- The Lao People's Democratic Republic did not submit any information to the Secretariat on progress on the implementation of the recommendations addressed to it from the Plants Committee. Therefore it has been recommended that all Parties, from 1 January 2009, suspend trade in *Dendrobium nobile* with the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- Concerning *Galanthus woronowii*, Georgia submitted a project entitled '*Improving implementation of CITES for Galanthus woronowii and Cyclamen coum from Georgia*', under Resolution Conf. 12.2. This project will be funded by the Netherlands and should ensure the establishment of a robust, scientifically-based export quota for these species. Following this development, on 19 March 2007 Georgia requested an extension of the period of compliance with the recommendations by the Plants Committee by one year (until 18 August 2008) and maintenance of an annual export quota at or below that for 2006 (18 million bulbs of *Galanthus woronowii*) until then.
- On 30 March 2007, the Secretariat consulted the members of the Plants Committee on the proposal from Georgia and the Committee granted this request. The export quota for *Galanthus woronowii* from Georgia for the year 2007 and for 2008 was of 15 million bulbs. The Standing Committee will reconsider the matter at SC58.

Species selected following the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13, Bangkok, 2004)

Table 3: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP13

Species selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Christensonia vietnamica</i>	PC17 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Myrmecophila tibicinis</i>	PC17 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Pachypodium bispinosum</i>	PC17 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Pachypodium succulentum</i>	PC17 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	PC17 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Rauvolfia serpentina</i>	PC17 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the SC
<i>Taxus wallichiana</i>	PC17 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the SC

Total: seven species.

11. The species were categorized as follows:

- a) *Christensonia vietnamica* from Viet Nam as of urgent concern;
- b) *Myrmecophila tibicinis* from Belize as of possible concern;
- c) *Pachypodium bispinosum* and *Pachypodium succulentum* from South Africa as of possible concern;
- d) *Pterocarpus santalinus* from India as of urgent concern;
- e) *Rauvolfia serpentina* as of urgent concern for India and of possible concern for Thailand and Myanmar; and
- f) *Taxus wallichiana* from India as of urgent concern.

12. The Secretariat wrote to the range States concerned on 19 May 2008 and communicated the categorization determined by the Plants Committee, recommendations and deadlines for their implementation.

13. In compliance with paragraph q) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), "the Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Plants Committee, determine whether the recommendations referred to above have been implemented and report to the Standing Committee accordingly." The Secretariat will report on this matter to SC58.

Species selected following the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14, The Hague, 2007)

Table 4: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP14

Species selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Euphorbia alfredii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia ankarensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia antso</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia aureoviridiflora</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia banae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia beharensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia berorohae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia biaculeata</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia bongolavensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia bulbispina</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC

Species selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Euphorbia capmanambatoensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia capuronii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia croizatii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia denisiana</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia didiereoides</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia duranii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia elliotii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia famatamboay</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia fianarantsoae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia genoudiana</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia geroldii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia gottlebei</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia guillauminiana</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia hedyotoides</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia herman-schwartzii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia hofstaetteri</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia horombensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia iharanae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia itremensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia kondoi</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia labatii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia leucodendron</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia leuconeura</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia lophogona</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia mahabobokensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia mangokyensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia neobosseri</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia neohumbertii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia pachypodioides</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia paulianii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia pedilanthoides</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia perrieri</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia primulifolia</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia primulifolia</i> var. <i>begardii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia razafindratsirae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia robivelonae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia rossii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia sakarahaensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia stenoclada</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia suzannae-marnierae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia viguieri</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Euphorbia waringiae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe acutissima</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe antandroi</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe betsileensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC

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<i>Aloe bosseri</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe bulbifera</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe capitata</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe capitata</i> var. <i>capitata</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe capitata</i> var. <i>cipolinicola</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe capitata</i> var. <i>gneissicola</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe capitata</i> var. <i>quartziticola</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe conifera</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe deltoideodonta</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe divaricata</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe erythrophylla</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe guillaumetii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe humbertii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe ibitiensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe imalotensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe isaloensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe itremensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe macroclada</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe pratensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe poliphylla</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe prostrata</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe suarezensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe trachyticola</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe vaombe</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Aloe vaotsanda</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Calanthe alleizettei</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Cymbidium erythrostylum</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Renanthera annamensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Cistanche deserticola</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Beccariophoenix madagascariensis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Lemurophoenix halleuxii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Marojejya darianii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Ravenea rivularis</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Satranala decussilvae</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Voanioala gerardii</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	PC18 Doc. 8.4	ongoing – action required by the PC

Total: 92 species.

Note: PC = Plants Committee; SC = Standing Committee.

14. Document PC18 Doc. 8.4 details the actions that the Plants Committee is required to undertake regarding the species in Table 4.