

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



Eighteenth meeting of the Plants Committee  
Buenos Aires (Argentina), 17-21 March 2009

Non-detriment findings

TIMBER SPECIES AND *PRUNUS AFRICANA*

1. This document has been submitted by the Chair of the Plants Committee\*.
2. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 14.135 (*Timber species and medicinal plants: non-detriment findings*), which states the following:

***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.*
3. The Plants Committee began its work to comply with this Decision at its 17th meeting (see the PC17 summary record).
  4. Mexico organized an International expert workshop on non-detriment findings in Cancún from 17 to 22 November. The PC Chair was involved in the preparation of this workshop from July 2007 and attended it together with the following members of the Committee: Ms Beatrice Khayota, Mr Greg Leach, Ms Dora Rivera Luther, Mr Noel McGough, Ms Mariana Mites Cadena, Mr Tukirin Partomihardjo and Ms Adrienne Sinclair.
  5. Four working groups on plants were established during the workshop:
    - Group 1: Trees;
    - Group 2: Perennial plants;
    - Group 3: Succulents and cycads; and
    - Group 4: Geophytes and epiphytes.
  6. The full results of each working group are provided in document PC18 Doc. 14.2.
  7. The Plants Committee is invited to analyse and discuss the results of Group 1 with a view to prepare a document for CoP15 in fulfilment of Decision 14.135.

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8. Documents PC17 Doc. 17.1.1 and PC18 Inf. 2 contain references to other documents that may be useful for this task.