

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

COLLABORATION WITH THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION
OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(PC Doc. 7.2)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: Mexico.

Party observers: Argentina, Austria, Malaysia, South Africa and the United States of America.

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, American Herbal Products Association and TRAFFIC.

Mandate

1. Taking into account Decision 14.15, consider mechanisms to facilitate cooperation between CITES and GSPC, establishing a calendar that will allow for results to be presented at CoP15, the methodology and people in charge;
2. Consider whether Decision 14.15 should be maintained without amendment or whether a new decision should be proposed; and
3. Give an indication of the budget required to fulfil Decision 14.15, if renewed, or the new decision that would replace it.

Recommendations

General conclusions

1. The working group noted that CITES contributions need to relate to the current phase of GSPC as well as the new planning phase for continuation of the GSPC beyond 2010, as agreed by CoP9 of CBD.
2. The WG recognized that CITES has the lead in implementing target xi of the GSPC.
3. The members of the WG agreed to work electronically after PC18 to prepare a document relative to this agenda item, which will be submitted by Mexico, for consideration at CoP15.
 - The electronic drafting group will consider documents compiled previously (document PC16 Doc 13.2) and earlier documents submitted to the CBD Secretariat citing the contributions of the PC in meeting the GSPC targets, especially Target xi.

Regarding Item 1, the working group developed a table that includes methodologies to facilitate cooperation between CITES and GSPC. Also a general calendar with identification of responsible entities is included (see Annex).

Regarding Item 2, the WG agreed to formulate a new decision:

Proposed new Decision

Decision 15.xx

Directed to Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall collaborate with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as well as with any processes set up to develop the strategy beyond 2010, as they relate to CITES, and the Secretariat shall communicate CITES contributions towards implementing the GSPC in the context of its Memorandum of Understanding with the CBD Secretariat.

Regarding Item 3, inferences to budget considerations when possible were included in the last column of the Annex.

**OBJECTIVES MECHANISMS AND METHODOLOGIES TO FACILITATE COOPERATION
BETWEEN CITES AND GSPC**

OBJECTIVE	MECHANISM	METHODOLOGY	CALENDAR	RESPONSIBILITY & BUDGET
a) Promote and enhance collaboration between the focal points of GSPC and CITES Authorities at the national level	Encourage involvement of CITES authorities in the development and implementation of the GSPC national strategies Ensure CITES activities are included on GSPC National Reports	Notification to national CITES authorities to encourage them to get in touch with focal points responsible for GSPC activities CITES secretariat should post key dates for CBD reporting regarding the GSPC on the CITES website	Linked to CBD reporting calendar	Secretariat
b) Promote awareness of ongoing activities of CITES that contribute to achieving the targets of the GSPC	Share information on the operations and outcomes of CITES processes, such as significant trade reviews, periodic review of the Appendices, and amendment of proposals for the CITES Appendices, and indicate how these contribute to meeting the GSPC targets	Revise and update document PC16 Doc. 13.2 Annex for submission to CoP15 through a working group chaired by Mexico and including the Secretariat Submit doc to CoP15 Secretariat to submit to the updated doc to CBD CoP10	Latest date for submission of proposal to CoP15 Date for submission to CBD CoP10	Working Group Mexico to submit to CoP15 Secretariat to submit to CBD Part of working group document
c) Encourage GSPC national focal points to focus on CITES listed species when addressing target 12 & 13	National CITES Authorities identify CITES species that may be used to develop sustainable use best practice models GSPC focal points to be invited to approach CITES authorities to identify priority species	CITES Secretariat encouraging National CITES Authorities to identify priority species that would fit GSPC priorities CITES Secretariat to ask CBD secretariat to notify GSPC focal points to suggest the use of CITES species in meeting targets 12 and 13	Before CoP15	Secretariat (both)

d) Ensuring CITES participation with CBD in development of GSPC beyond 2010	PC representative to participate in the meeting on 25-28 May 2009 to develop GSPC	PC chair or nominee	May 2009	PC Chair (or Budget of Party of the nominee)
	PC representative participate in ongoing SBSTTA meetings or working groups to develop the GSPC beyond 2010	PC chair or nominee attend the meeting	2009-2010	PC Chair (or Budget of Party of the nominee)
	Ensure inputs from CITES PC into the development of CBD documents relating to plant conservation, especially the GSPC beyond 2010	PC chair or nominee to make inputs into develop documents	2009-2010	PC Chair (or Budget of Party of the nominee)
e) Within the framework of MOU between CITES and CBD, improve the exchange of information relating to the GSPC and plant conservation issues	Dates of key meetings relating to the development and implementation of the GSPC communicated	CITES and CBD Secretariat	See CBD calendar	CITES and CBD Secretariat
	Invite CBD representative to participate in PC meetings dealing with GSPC	PC chair to issue invitation		PC Chair
	Ensure communication of advances in both conventions regarding the GSPC	Secretariats for both CITES and CBD		CITES and CBD Secretariat
f) Streamline reporting	Ensure that efforts to streamline reporting by/ for MEAs provides better synchrony for reporting on CITES activities relating to GSPC targets	CITES Secretariat		