

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



Nineteenth meeting of the Plants Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 18-21 April 2011

MADAGASCAR  
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Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-Chairs: The PC nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough) and Madagascar

Party observers: Belgium, Canada, United States

IGOs and NGOs: ITTO, IUCN, TRAFFIC International, UNEP-WCMC, IWMC

Mandate

- a) Make use of information contained in document PC19 Doc. 14.3 when considering a mechanism to implement Decision 15.97;
- b) Review the list to identify and confirm potential candidates for CITES listing;
- c) Consider the issues of practical identification of the wood and their products in trade and identify priority areas for research on same;
- d) Review at what taxonomic or other level the listings should be made to best assist implementation and enforcement;
- e) Review what annotation should apply to CITES Appendix-II listings to best assist implementation and enforcement;
- f) Consider what identification material will be required to identify the woods and their products, if regulated; and
- g) Propose a work plan that will bring forward comprehensive proposals to list the selected taxa on the Appendices of the Convention in time for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## Recommendations

- a) That Madagascar and the Plants Committee carry out a review, for consideration at its 20th meeting, of the trade and conservation status of the succulent species proposed for listing at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties but not adopted. This review will be co-ordinated by the Plants Committee Representative for Europe (Prof. M. Sajeva) and a representative of the CITES Authorities of Madagascar (Insert Nomination).
- b) That species of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* endemic to Madagascar are a priority for listing on Appendix II of the Convention at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Madagascar and the Plants Committee should prepare appropriate proposals to amend the Appendices. Consideration should be given as to whether or not the proposal listing should include an annotation such as "*Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. endemic to or originating from the state of Madagascar". Consideration should also be given to what parts and derivatives should be regulated.
- c) The Secretariat, interested Parties and Observers (including ITTO) should urgently seek funds to support the preparation of such proposals (if necessary by a consultant), the research required to develop practical identification techniques and a species checklist to support any potential listings on Appendix II of the Convention.
- d) Recommendations on identification techniques and draft proposals should be prepared for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Committee. This work will be co-ordinated by the Plants Committee Nomenclature Specialist (Mr N. McGough) and a representative of the CITES Authorities of Madagascar (Insert Nomination).
- e) That the Secretariat, interested Parties and Observers (including ITTO) should urgently seek funds to support an *in-situ* workshop, including field exercises, on non-detriment findings for succulent Malagasy plants and palms. Preparation for the workshop should include the development of a draft NDF manual and database for finalisation and approval at the workshop.
- f) That activities to be undertaken in Madagascar undertaken under Decision 15.97 be considered as a country case study of CITES related activities that support implementation of the GSPC and furthermore discussions should be held with the Secretariat of the CBD to secure GEF funds to implement further compatible work in Madagascar and other priority African countries particularly in relation to tree species.