

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



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

Cooperation with advisory bodies of other
biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements

CLIMATE CHANGE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 15th meeting (Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 15.15 as follows:

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

Given the implications of climate change for science-based decision-making, the Animals and Plants Committees shall identify the scientific aspects of the provisions of the Convention and of Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties that are actually or likely to be affected by climate change, report their findings, and make recommendations for further action in relation to the Convention and to Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate, at the 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee.

and Decision 15.16 as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall request from the secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements information on their activities that may be linked to climate change and CITES, and report to the Animals and Plants Committees and the Standing Committee.

3. In compliance with Decision 15.16, the Secretariat wrote to the secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements in December 2010 and at the time of writing (February 2011) no response has been received. Replies received prior to the 19th meeting of the Plants Committee will be included in an Annex to the present document.
4. The 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee is scheduled to take place in July 2012. The Plants and Animals Committees will need therefore to report their findings and recommendations jointly in time for submission at that meeting.
5. In conjunction with the Animals Committee, the Committee is invited to decide on future activities, responsibilities and timelines for the implementation of Decision 15.15.