

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



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ORCHIDS: ANNOTATION FOR SPECIES INCLUDED IN APPENDIX II
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Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Chair: Regional representative for Europe (Maurizio Sajeve)
- Members: Regional representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mariana Mites Cadena) and the acting representative of Asia (Shereefa Al-Salem)
- Party observers: Austria, Australia, Brazil, China, Mexico, Peru, Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America
- IGOs and NGOs: TRAFFIC International

Mandate

- a) Monitor the trade trend for commercial hybrid orchids (at the genus level) and suggest guidelines for the simplification of the annotations including the necessary requirements (for example, only specimens with flowers, etc.);
- b) Improve the identification capacity of inspection officers, to encourage the exporters to use the exemption, and to produce an identification manual for this purpose; and
- c) Verify which Parties are still requiring CITES permits for *taxa* which could benefit from the annotation.

Recommendations

- a)
 - i) No further exemption of orchid hybrids should be taken into consideration.
 - ii) The WG analysed trade trends and suggested no modification to the Annotation.
- b)
 - i) The WG recommends import and exporting Parties to train inspection officers and to share their experience regarding the use and implementation of the annotation.
 - ii) Parties interested in using the annotation will share its benefits to the pertinent sectors (producers and consumers).
 - iii) Thailand has prepared an ID manual for the involved hybrids, which will be published in the CITES web site.
- c) Parties that are still requiring CITES permits for *taxa* which could benefit from the annotation, are not doing so because of the lack of capacity to identify the hybrids. In this regard, we recommend importing Parties to exchange their experience in implementing the annotation.