Twentieth meeting of the Plants Committee
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Periodic review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices

EUPHORBIA SPP. [DECISION 14.131 (REV. COP15)]

1. This introductory page has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. At its 15th meeting (Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 14.131 (Rev. CoP15) as follows:

   Euphorbia spp.

   Directed to the Plants Committee

   The Plants Committee shall:

   a) analyse trade data and conservation status of succulent Euphorbia species (except those species currently included in Appendix I);

   b) prepare a revised list of succulent Euphorbia species that meet the criteria of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) for inclusion in Appendix II;

   c) prepare proposals for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties that provide for the deletion of Euphorbia species from Appendix II that do not meet the criteria of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15), are frequently traded and can be clearly identified by non-specialists; and

   d) determine the need for identification material for species retained in Appendix II.

3. At its 19th meeting (Geneva, April 2011), the Plants Committee instructed the Working Group on the Periodic Review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices to submit a report on this issue. Annex 1 to the present document contains the report of the Working Group.

4. Annex 2 has been prepared by Mr James Grogan, under contract with the Secretariat, to assist Parties with the implementation of Decision 14.131 (Rev CoP15). The Secretariat would like to thank the European Commission for its generous contribution that has made possible the production of this report.

5. The Committee is invited to review the information in this document and to decide how best to implement Decision 14.131 (Rev. CoP15).