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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Strategic matters

Cooperation with other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)

COOPERATION WITH THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION
OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (RESOLUTION CONF. 16.5)

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Background

2. At its 16th meeting (CoP16; Bangkok, 2013) the Conference of the Parties adopted [Resolution Conf. 16.5](#) on “*Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity*”.

The Resolution provides specific guidelines on GSPC-CITES collaboration by:

- Inviting Parties to:
 - a) take note of the potential contribution of CITES to the objectives and targets of the consolidated update of the *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020* through the activities and products listed in the Annex to the Resolution;
 - b) promote and enhance collaboration between their GSPC focal point and their CITES Authorities, through:
 - i) the involvement of CITES authorities in the development and implementation of the GSPC national strategies, particularly activities related to CITES-listed species; and
 - ii) the inclusion of CITES-GSPC-related activities in CBD National Reports;
- Directing the Secretariat to encourage the exchange of information related to the GSPC and other plant conservation and sustainable use initiatives, by:
 - a) promoting awareness of ongoing CITES activities that contribute to the achievement of GSPC Targets, by communicating information among CITES bodies and Parties on the operations and

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outcomes of CITES processes, such as the Review of Significant Trade, Periodic Review of the Appendices, proposals to amend the CITES Appendices, and formulation of Non-detriment Findings (NDFs), among others;

- b) collaborating with the CBD Secretariat to streamline reporting on relevant CITES activities related to the GSPC Targets;
 - c) including the GSPC in any work plans developed under the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Secretariat of CBD; and
 - d) inviting a CBD representative to participate as an observer at Plants Committee meetings that address GSPC;
- Directing the Plants Committee and the Secretariat to promote CITES collaboration with CBD on the implementation of the GSPC by:
- a) representing the CITES Plants Committee at meetings of CBD's Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and other GSPC meetings subject to the availability of external funding; and
 - b) providing contributions for CBD documents regarding the implementation of the GSPC.

Recommendations to the Plants Committee

3. Take note of the Resolution Conf. 16.5, and the "List of potential CITES activities and products and their contribution to the objectives and targets of the updated *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020*" of its Annex.
4. Encourage Parties to report progress on implementation the implementation of Res. Conf. 16.5 by including a GSPC-standing item in Regional Reports of the Plants Committee meetings.
5. Adopt GSPC as standing agenda item at PC meetings comprised by, but not limited to:
 - a) A working document prepared by the PC Chair summarizing the activities carried out by PC members in compliance with the Resolution.
 - b) A working document prepared by the Secretariat consisting of a report of its activities and contributions related to the implementation of the Resolution.
5. Encourage other relevant GSPC-stakeholders to carry out activities related to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.5 —such as workshops, assessments, publications, and side-events (to name a few) — and, as appropriate, report them to the Plants Committee.