

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

12. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species  
[Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)]

12.2 Overview of the species-based Review of Significant Trade ..... (PC21 Doc. 12.2)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 12.2 (Rev. 1).

12.3 Species selected following CoP15..... (PC21 Doc. 12.3)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 12.3.

12.4 Selection of species for trade reviews following CoP16 ..... (PC21 Doc. 12.4)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 12.4.

The Committee established a working group on agenda items 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 (PC21 WG2) with the following mandate:

Concerning agenda item 12.3:

- a) In accordance with paragraphs k) and l) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), review the reports and the responses received from range States, and, if appropriate, revise the preliminary categorizations proposed by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) in Annex 2 of document PC21 Doc.12.3;
- b) Refer to the Secretariat problems identified that are not related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a); and
- c) In accordance with paragraphs n) and o) of the same Resolution, formulate recommendations for species of urgent concern and of possible concern.
  - n) *For species of urgent concern, these recommendations should propose specific actions to address problems related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a). Such recommendations should differentiate between short-term and long-term actions, and may include, for example:*

- i) *the establishment of administrative procedures, cautious export quotas or temporary restrictions on exports of the species concerned;*
  - ii) *the application of adaptive management procedures to ensure that further decisions about the harvesting and management of the species concerned will be based on the monitoring of the impact of previous harvesting and other factors; or*
  - iii) *the conducting of taxon- and country-specific status assessments, field studies or evaluation of threats to populations or other relevant factors to provide the basis for a Scientific Authority's non-detriment finding, as required under the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a) or 6 (a).*
- o) *For species of possible concern, these recommendations should specify the information required to enable the Committee to determine whether the species should be categorized as either of urgent concern or of least concern. They should also specify interim measures, where appropriate, for the regulation of trade. Such recommendations should differentiate between short-term and long-term actions, and may include, for example:*
- i) *the conducting of taxon and country-specific status assessments, field studies or evaluation of threats to populations or other relevant factors; or*
  - ii) *the establishment of cautious export quotas for the species concerned as an interim measure.*

*Deadlines for implementation of these recommendations should be determined. They must be appropriate to the nature of the action to be undertaken, and should normally be not less than 90 days but not more than two years after the date of transmission to the State concerned.*

Concerning agenda item 12.4:

- d) In accordance with paragraph b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), select species of priority concern for review, taking into account the suggestions in Annex 2, Table 1 of document PC21 Doc. 12.4.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: Nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough);

Members: Representatives of Africa (Ms Khayota), Asia (Mr Fernando), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera), North America (Mr Benitez) and Oceania (Mr Leach);

Parties: Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Commission, IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature, UNEP-WCMC, American Herbal Products Association, Species Survival Network, Swan International, TRAFFIC International and WWF.

## 18. Trees

18.3 Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and Malagasy rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)  
(Decision 16.152)

18.3.1 Report of the Secretariat ..... (PC21 Doc. 18.3.1)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 18.3.1.

18.3.2 Report of Madagascar on progress on implementing the Action plan for *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp. ..... (PC21 Doc. 18.3.2)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 18.3.2.

The Committee established a working group on items 18.3.1 and 18.3.2 (PC21 WG3) with the following mandate:

- a) Advise on an appropriate format and provide guidance to enable Madagascar to report on progress at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17); and
- b) Review Madagascar's report on the implementation of the action plan and provide it with relevant support and advice.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: Nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough) and Madagascar;

Members: Representative of Europe (Mr Sajevo);

Parties: Austria, Canada, China, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Commission, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, Botanical Gardens Conservation International, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC International and WWF.

18.5 Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.) [Resolution Conf. 16.10; Decisions 16.156, 16.157 and 15.95 (Rev. CoP16)] ..... (PC21 Doc. 18.5)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 18.5.

14. Review of identification and guidance material (Decision 16.59)

14.1 Agarwood glossary (Decision 16.155) ..... (PC21 Doc. 14.1)

The Committee established a working group on item 18.5 (PC21 WG4) with the following mandate:

Review and provide comments and recommendations to improve the Glossary of Agarwood Products presented in document PC21 Doc. 14.1.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: Indonesia and Kuwait;

Members: Representative of Oceania (Mr Leach);

Parties: Austria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Commission, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, Indonesian Agarwood Association and Swan International.

## 18. Trees

The Committee established an intersessional working group on plantations and artificial propagation of trees with the following mandate:

- a) Consider the current production systems of tree species, including mixed and mono-specific plantations, and assess the applicability of the current definitions of artificial propagation in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15) respectively.
- b) Consider how the Committee could report on these matters at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: Guatemala and Indonesia;

Members: PC Chair (Ms Clemente) and representatives of Asia (Mr Fernando), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rauber Coradin and Ms Rivera) and Oceania (Mr Leach);

Parties: Brazil, Cameroun, Canada, Chile, China, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Commission, IUCN, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC International and WWF.

### 18.4 East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*) (Decisions 16.153 and 16.154)

The Committee noted the oral report of the Representatives of Africa (Ms Khayota).

## 19. Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II [Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16)]

### 19.1 Overview of species under review ..... (PC21 Doc. 19.1)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 19.1.

### 19.2 Selection of species for the Periodic Review ..... (PC21 Doc. 19.2)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 19.2.

### 19.3 Species review

#### 19.3.1 Periodic review of *Pachypodium brevicaule* – Report of Madagascar ..... (PC21 Doc. 19.3.1)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 19.3.1.

#### 19.3.2 Periodic review of *Tillandsia mauryana* – Report of Mexico ..... (PC21 Doc. 19.3.2)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 19.3.2.

#### 19.3.3 Progress report on the periodic review of the genus *Sclerocactus* and *Lewisia serrata* – Report of the United States of America ..... (PC21 Doc. 19.3.3)

The Committee noted the progress report in document PC21 Doc. 19.3.3.

The Committee established a working group on items 19.1, 19.2, 19.3.1 and 19.3.2 (PC21 WG5) with the following mandate:

- a) In response to the invitation by the Animals Committee, make recommendations for the participation of the Plants Committee in the intersessional working group established by the Animals Committee to consider the periodic review process, as well as possible revisions to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16).

Concerning item 19.1:

- b) Assess the status of the Periodic Review of plant species from Madagascar that were selected for the review period CoP13-CoP15 (*Aloe* spp.: 17 species in Appendix I; *Didiereaceae* spp.: 17 species in Appendix II; *Euphorbia* spp.: ten species in Appendix I), and make recommendations on further steps for concluding these reviews.

Concerning item 19.2:

- c) Discuss the selection of new species for the Periodic Review of the Appendices, and make suggestions, as appropriate.

Concerning items 19.3.1 and 19.3.2:

- d) In accordance with paragraph j) and k) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16), determine where it would be appropriate to transfer a taxon from one Appendix to another, or to delete a taxon from the Appendices, and draft a decision with reference to the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16).

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: Representative of North America (Mr Benítez)

Members: Representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera);

Parties: Austria, Belgium, Cameroun, Canada, Madagascar, South Africa and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, American Herbal Products Association, Species Survival Network, and TRAFFIC International.

20. Standard nomenclature [Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16)]

20.1 Report of the specialist on botanical nomenclature ..... (PC21 Doc. 20.1)

20.2 Revised nomenclature for *Aloe* – Report of South Africa ..... (PC21 Doc. 20.2)

The Committee established a working group on items 20.1 and 20.2 (PC21 WG6) with the following mandate:

Concerning item 20.1:

- a) Review the proposed format of the cactus checklist and recommend experts, and propose a mechanism to allow the editor to obtain the names of appropriate experts in the cactus range States to liaise with them during preparation of the list.
- b) Recommend a mechanism by which *CITES and Cycads: Checklist 2013* can be made most widely available to the Parties for review.
- c) Recommend and facilitate the preparation of a standard nomenclatural reference for Malagasy species of *Diospyros* and *Dalbergia* to be adopted, if appropriate, at CoP17. Consider the mechanism by which the nomenclature elements of Decision 16.152 can be implemented by CoP17.

- d) Review changes in the taxonomy of *Aloe* species and consider what changes may be required in relation to the CITES listing or standard references (item linked to document 18.3.1).
- e) Consider the whether the text defining the listing of *Cyathea* spp. in the CITES Appendices should be re-inserted and also review the need for a standard reference for this group.

Concerning item 20.2:

- f) Consider the recommendation on name changes affecting *Aloe* and related genera

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: Nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough);

Members: Representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rauber Coradin) and Europe (Mr Sajeve); acting representative of Africa (Mr Luke);

Parties: Canada, Madagascar, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN and UNEP-WCMC.