

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



Twenty-first meeting of the Plants Committee  
Veracruz (Mexico), 2-8 May 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Plants Committee expressed its gratitude to the Nomenclature specialist, Mr Noel McGough, in recognition of his contribution to the work of the Plants Committee over the years, and wished him good luck in his retirement.

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

8.2 Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Resolution Conf. 16.5)..... (PC21 Doc. 8.2)

The Plants Committee noted 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*” in its Annex.

The Plants Committee encouraged Parties to report on progress with their implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.5 to the regional representatives of the Committee.

The Plants Committee agreed that the Chair of the intersessional working group on *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* (the representative of North America, Mr Benítez), in consultation with the Secretariat, present a report at the next meeting of the Plants Committee on progress with the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.5. It also agreed that the Chair of the working group should encourage other stakeholders relevant to the *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* to carry out activities related to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.5, such as workshops, assessments, publications and side-events and, as appropriate, report these to the Chair of the working group.

The Committee established an intersessional working group on item 8.2 with the following mandate:

- a) Monitor compliance with the recommendations formulated by the Plants Committee at its 21st meeting regarding the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.5; and
- b) prepare a progress report for review at the 22nd meeting of the Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: Representative of North America (Mr Benítez);

Members: Representatives of Africa (Ms Khayota), Asia (Mr Fernando), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera) and Oceania (Mr Leach), and Alternate representative of Europe (Mr Carmo);

Parties: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Botanical Gardens Conservation International and TRAFFIC International.

## 9. Capacity building

### 9.2 Guidance on making non-detriment findings for perennial plants..... (PC21 Doc. 9.2)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 9.2.

The Committee recommended that Germany submit the *Guidance on making non-detriment findings for perennial plants* to the Secretariat for inclusion on the CITES website, and that Parties be invited to try out the *Guidelines* and provide feedback to Germany.

The Committee invited Germany to submit a revised version of the *Guidance on making non-detriment findings for perennial plants* at one of its future meetings, suggesting that this revision might incorporate and build on experiences from Parties with the *Guidance*; results of tests on the applicability of the *Guidance* to different life forms of plants; outcomes of capacity building seminars; and case studies.

### 15. Development of a timber identification directory for CITES-listed species ..... (PC21 Doc. 15)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 15, and the suggestions made for improving the *Timber identification directory for CITES-listed species* and expanding its scope to include all CITES regions.

The Committee invited the Representative of Europe (Mr Sajevo) and the European Union to submit a further progress report on the development of a *Timber identification directory for CITES-listed species* at the 22nd meeting of the Committee.

### 16. Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants [Decision 14.40 (Rev. CoP16)]..... (PC21 Doc. 16)

The Committee established a working group (PC21 WG7) on item 16 with the following mandate:

- a) In accordance with Decision 14.40 (Rev. CoP16), and taking account of the report of the Secretariat, consider whether there are Appendix-II taxa of plants for which detailed reporting of trade in artificially propagated specimens “is less valuable”; and
- b) Draft findings for communication to the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: Representative of North America (Mr Benítez);

Members: Representatives of Africa (Ms Khayota), Asia (Mr Fernando), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera) and Europe (Mr Sajevo);

Parties: Germany, Mexico, Switzerland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC and Species Survival Network.

17. Galanthus woronowii in trade from the wild and the development of artificial propagation in Georgia ..... (PC21 Doc. 17)

The Committee noted document PC21 Doc. 15.

18. Trees

- 18.1 Progress report on the joint CITES-ITTO tree species programme (Resolution Conf. 14.4) ..... (PC21 Doc. 18.1)

The Committee noted the progress report in document PC21 Doc. 15.

- 18.2 Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species (Decision 16.159)

- 18.2.2 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair ..... (No document)

In connection with the implementation of Decision 16.159, the Committee elected Mr Beltetón (Guatemala) as Chair of the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species and Ms Núñez (Peru) as its Vice-Chair.

- 18.2.1 Membership and Terms of Reference of the Working Group ..... (PC21 Doc. 18.2.1)

The Committee established a Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species in compliance with Decision 16.159.

The Committee agreed to the Terms of Reference of the Working Group, presented in the Annex to document PC21 Doc. 18.2.1.

The Committee agreed to the membership of the Working Group as presented in the Annex to document PC21 Doc. 18.2.1, noting that Chile was a range State of Neotropical timber species and as such a member of the Working Group. The Committee took note of the expression of interest from Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC International and WWF to join the Working Group, and agreed that the final membership of the Working Group should be decided by its Chair.

The Plants Committee agreed to the request from Germany to take part in the intersessional working groups established on items 9.1 and 14.