

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

Adoption of executive summary PC21 Sum. 1 (PC21 Sum.1)

The Committee adopted executive summary PC21 Sum. 1 with the following amendments:

- Agenda item 6.1: Delete “United States of America” in the section on membership of Working Group PC21 WG1, and add: The Committee invited the United States of America to contribute to the work of working group PC21 WG1 by sharing a draft table showing how the Plants Committee supports the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020”.

Adoption of executive summary PC21 Sum. 2 (PC21 Sum.2)

The Committee adopted executive summary PC21 Sum. 2.

6. Plants Committee strategic planning for 2013-2016 (CoP16-CoP17)

6.1 CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020 (Resolution Conf. 16.3)(PC21 WG1 Doc.1)

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document PC21 WG1 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

On page 1, in the section on membership, delete: “Parties: United States of America”.

- On page 5, concerning “Priority and lead” for the Decisions on “Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants” and “Review of reporting requirements”, delete: “and North America (Mr Benitez)”.
- On page 6, concerning “Priority and lead” for the Decisions on “Bushmeat” and “*Hoodia* spp.” change text to read “~~Rep. Africa~~ Alternate representative of Africa (Mr Luke)”.
- On page 6, concerning “Priority and lead” for the Decision on “Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.” change text to read ~~Rep. Asia (Ms. Al-Salem and Ms. Zhou~~ Representative of Asia (Ms Zhou) and alternate representative of Asia (Ms. Al-Salem)”.
- On page 6, concerning “Priority and lead” for the Decision on “Annotations for tree species included in Appendices II and III” change text to read “~~Portugal~~ Alternate representative of Europe (Mr Carmo)”.

The Committee noted that the alternate representative of Europe (Mr. Carmo) offered to assist Mr Beltetón in leading on Decision 16.159 on Neotropical timber species.

18. Trees

With regard to the intersessional working group on plantations and artificial propagation of trees, the Committee agreed that it would invite the representative of Africa, Mr Hafashimana, to become a member, and ask the representatives and alternate representatives of Africa to help identify Parties in the region that might be interested in joining the intersessional working group.

The Committee requested the Secretariat to assist the intersessional working group as appropriate, *inter alia* by circulating Notifications to the Parties if necessary.

12. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species
[Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)] (PC21 WG2 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document PC21 WG2 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- On page 2 under “Recommendations”, replace “*Carnegieia giganteum*” by *Carnegieia gigantea*.
- In the table on pages 2 and 3, in the column entitled “Recommendations”, delete “Problems that are not related to the implementation of Article IV paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) identified and recommendation drafted” in all instances where mentioned.
- On page 3, in the row on *Euphorbia itremensis* in the table, change the text in the box with “Recommendation” to read: “Category confirmed. ~~and eliminated from review. Problems that are not related to the implementation of Article IV paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) identified and recommendation drafted~~”.
- On page 3, under “Recommendations for Problems identified that are not related to implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 or 6 (a)”, replace the text: “The CITES Authorities should review their collection, management, analysis of trade data and reporting for these species, identify reasons for inaccuracies and incomplete data and put in place mechanisms to correct same and report on these to the Secretariat by PC22” with The Secretariat is requested to investigate the large discrepancies between trade reported by importing Parties and exporting Parties for some taxa, with a view of producing trade statistics for use in the Review of Significant Trade that better reflect actual trade.

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18.3 Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and Malagasy rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)
(Decision 16.152) (PC21 WG3 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document PC21 WG3 Doc. 1 with the following amendments:

- On page 2, in paragraph b), seventh recommendation, change text to read: “That Madagascar, as a matter of urgency, completes the process by which it can become a full member of ITTO ~~and the CITES Secretariat continues to treat this action as a priority in order to access funds and technical assistance from the ITTO-CITES programme.~~”
- On page 2, in paragraph b), last recommendation, change text to read: “That a standard reference for *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* be prepared as soon as possible. ~~and In the case of *Dalbergia* draft list should be made available by the next meeting of the CITES Standing Committee.~~ the Committee agrees that the Nomenclature specialist should make available a draft list of species as an information document for the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee.

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

14.1 Agarwood glossary (Decision 16.155)..... (PC21 WG4 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document PC21 WG4 Doc. 1.

The Committee requested that the acting representative of Asia (Ms Al-Salem) organize a side event during the proposed agarwood workshop in India in 2015 to gather feedback from participants and range States on the *Glossary of Agarwood Products* presented in document PC21 Doc. 14.1.

In relation to recommendation 6, the Committee noted the comment from the Secretariat that Decision 15.95 (Rev. CoP16) did not include enforcement issues or evaluation of the agarwood glossary amongst the subjects for discussion at the workshop.

19. Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II
[Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16)]..... (PC21 WG5 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document PC21 WG5 Doc. 1 with the following amendment:

- On page 2, under “Recommendations”, paragraph a), add UNEP-WMC as a member of the intersessional working group.

The Committee noted a mild earthquake.

20. Standard nomenclature [Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16)] (PC21 WG6 Doc. 1)

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document PC21 WG6 Doc. 1.

16. Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants
[Decision 14.40 (Rev. CoP16)]..... (PC21 WG7 Doc. 1)

Not having reached consensus on the recommendations in document PC21 WG7 Doc. 1, the Committee decided to request the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting to allow more time to implement Decision 14.40 (Rev. CoP16), and reporting at its 66th meeting.

The Committee established an intersessional working group 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”;
- b) consider the different options to revise reporting of trade in artificially propagated plants listed in Appendix II, presented in Annex 2 to document PC21 Doc. 16; and
- c) submit a report with draft findings and recommendations at the 22nd meeting of the Plants Committee for its consideration.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-chairs: Alternate representative of North America (Ms Sinclair) and Switzerland;

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

Parties: Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, Switzerland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre and Species Survival Network.

21. Regional reports

- 21.1 Africa(PC21 Doc. 21.1)

The Committee noted the report in document PC21 Doc. 21.1.

- 21.2 Asia(PC21 Doc. 21.2)
 The Committee noted the report in document PC21 Doc. 21.2.
- 21.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean.....(PC21 Doc. 21.3)
 The Committee noted the report in document PC21 Doc. 21.3.
- 21.4 Europe PC21 Doc. 21.4)
 The Committee noted the report in document PC21 Doc. 21.4.
- 21.5 Oceania(PC21 Doc. 21.5)
 The Committee noted the report in document PC21 Doc. 21.5.

22. Any other business(No document)

In relation to agenda items 18.2.1 and 18.2.2, the Committee agreed that the regional representatives of Asia (Mr Fernando) and Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rauber Coradin and Ms Rivera) should support the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species, and facilitate communications.

Adoption of executive summary PC21 Sum. 3 (PC21 Sum.3)

The Committee adopted executive summary PC21 Sum. 3 with the following amendments:

- On page 1, under item 8.2 in the second paragraph, change text to read: “The Plants Committee encouraged Parties to report on progress with their implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.5 to the regional representatives of the Committee ~~for inclusion in their regional reports for the Plants Committee meetings~~”.
- On page 2, under item 9.2, in the last line of the third paragraph, replace the word “live” by life.
- On page 3, under item 18.2.2, change text to read: “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.”

23. Time and venue of the 22nd meeting of the Plants Committee..... *No document*

The Committee welcomed the offer of Georgia to host its 22nd meeting in 2015.

24. Closing remarks *No document*

The Chair of the Plants Committee thanked Mexico: for hosting the meeting of the Plants Committee, as well as the joint meeting with the Animals Committee; Georgia for offering to host the next meeting; all meeting organisers and support staff; the Committee members; the Chairs of the Animals and Standing Committees, the participants, the interpreters and the Secretariat for their work and inputs. On behalf of the Committee, the representative of North America (Mr Benitez) congratulated and thanked the Chair for her long-standing leadership and guidance.

The Chair closed the meeting.