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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

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REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE OF APPENDIX-II SPECIES
[RESOLUTION CONF.12.8 (REV. COP13)]
PC21 Doc.12.3, PC21 Doc.12.4

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

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 Benítez) 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 World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), American Herbal Products Association, Species Survival Network, Swan International, TRAFFIC International and WWF.

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 the 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 m) to o) of the same Resolution, formulate recommendations for species of urgent concern and of possible concern.

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).*

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.

Recommendations

Concerning agenda item 12.4 the Working Group considered Table 1 in PC21 Doc 12.4 and recommended inclusion of the following taxa for review:

Galanthus elwesii, Hoodia gordonii, Carnegiea giganteum, Euphorbia abdelkuri, Euphorbia globosa, Euphorbia labatii, Pterocarpus santalinus, Dendrobium chrysotoxum, Dendrobium moschatum, Prunus africana, Taxus cuspidata, Nardostachys grandiflora, Bulnesia sarmientoi.

Concerning agenda item 12.3 the working group considered the species identified by UNEP-WCMC in PC21 Doc. 12.3 and made the following recommendations:

Species	Country	Proposed Category	Recommendation
<i>Dendrobium eriiflorum</i>	India	Least Concern	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

Species	Country	Proposed Category	Recommendation
			recommendation drafted
<i>Dendrobium eriiflorum</i>	Nepal	Least Concern	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
<i>Euphorbia itremensis</i>	Madagascar	Possible Concern	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
<i>Alluaudiopsis ascendens</i>	Madagascar	Least Concern	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.
<i>Alluaudiopsis fiherenensis</i>	Madagascar	Least Concern	Category confirmed and eliminated from review.

Recommendations

For species of Possible Concern

Euphorbia itremensis

The Management Authority should

Within 6 months

- a) Inform the Secretariat of the methodology currently used for making Non-detriment findings
- b) Review the available information and data on distribution, conservation, cultivation and trade status of the species concerned and based on this review and in association with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, establish a conservative export quota; and,
- c) Inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota, so that it can be included in the national export quotas on the CITES website.

Recommendations for Problems identified that are not related to implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 or 6 (a)

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.