

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

PERIODIC REVIEW OF SPECIES INCLUDED IN APPENDICES I AND II [RESOLUTION CONF.14.8
(REV.COP16)]
PC21 Doc. 19.2, PC21 Doc. 19.3

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- 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, Mexico, South Africa and United States of America; and
- IGOs and NGOs: IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), American Herbal Products Association, Species Survival Network, and TRAFFIC International.

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 that the Animals Committee established to consider the periodic review process and 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.: 10 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 in cases where this is not the case, draft a decision with reference to the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16).

Recommendations

The working group recommends that:

- a) The Plants Committee accepts the offer of the Animals Committee to participate in a joint intersessional working group to consider the periodic review process and possible revisions to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16). The Plants Committee agrees that the representative of North America (Mr Benítez) should be its co-Chair on the working group and that the other Plants Committee representation should be as follows:

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

Parties: United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: American Herbal Products Association and Species Survival Network.

- b)
- i) The Plants Committee agrees that there is insufficient information to determine if the 17 species of *Aloe* spp. in Appendix I; 17 species of Didiereaceae spp. in Appendix II and 10 species of *Euphorbia* spp. in Appendix I that were selected for the review period CoP13-CoP15 are appropriately listed in the Appendices. Madagascar should be requested to submit a revised and updated version of Annex 5 of document PC18 Doc. 16.1.1 to PC22, which should contain recommendations for the appropriate listing of the species and which should be translated.
- ii) Also, the Plants Committee agrees to delete *Peristeria elata* and *Platymiscium pleiostachyum* in accordance to subparagraph e) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) and requests Nomenclature Specialist to revise the taxonomic status of *Platymiscium pleiostachyum*.
- iii) Regarding *Balmea stormiae* Mexico will consult Guatemala the possibility to conduct its periodic review.
- c) The Plants Committee agrees that, subject to funding, UNEP-WCMC should be requested to prepare outputs 1 to 4 in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16), based on the guidelines provided within the Resolution, for all plant species. The summaries of trade since the initial inclusion of each species in the Appendices, should be presented separately for each year in a similar format that the one used for Significant Trade Analysis. The outputs should be assessed at PC22 in the light of the findings of the AC/PC intersessional working group, with a view to selecting species for periodic review at PC23.
- d)
- i) *Pachypodium brevicaule*
The Plants Committee agrees that there is insufficient information to determine if *Pachypodium brevicaule* is appropriately listed in the Appendices. Madagascar should be requested to submit a revised and updated version of document PC21 Doc. 19.3.1 to PC22, which should contain a recommendation for the appropriate listing of the species and explain how the IUCN Red List criteria have been applied locally to it.
- ii) *Tillandsia mauryana*
The Plants Committee agrees that *Tillandsia mauryana* does not meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16). There is no international trade in specimens of wild source and the species is found mostly in a protected area, where it is subject to specific conservation measures. The main threat to the species is from habitat loss. The range State (Mexico) should present a

proposal to delete the species from the Appendices at CoP17, specifying that the proposal is made in the context of the periodic review and that it has the support of the Plants Committee.