

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

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

REVISED NOMENCLATURE FOR *ALOE* SPP.

1. This document has been submitted by South Africa.*
2. In [PC21 Doc. 20.2](#), South Africa reported on a revised nomenclature for *Aloe*, whereby three small genera have been circumscribed from species previously included in *Aloe* (the tree aloes (*Aloidendron*, 6 taxa), the rambling aloes (*Aloiampelos*, 10 taxa) and *Kumara plicatilis*), and four species of the genus *Chortolirion* are now included in *Aloe*.
3. In [PC21 WG6 Doc. 1](#), it was recommended that:
 - a) South Africa works with the specialist on botanical nomenclature of the Plants Committee to update as appropriate the standard reference for *Aloe* species.
 - b) South Africa reviews the need to prepare listing proposals for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for groups affected by recent taxonomic changes.
4. Concerning item 3.b), an Internet search was conducted to determine if there is currently any international trade in *Aloe welwitschii*, *Aloe subspicata*, *Aloe jeppeae*, and *Aloe barendii* (previously *Chortolirion* species). Apart for some limited trade in the seed of *A. welwitschii*, there is apparently no international trade in any of these species. It is thus recommended that these taxa should not be included in the Appendices to CITES.
5. Concerning item 3.a), should the standard reference for *Aloe* species be updated in accordance with the revised nomenclature for *Aloe*, an annotation will be required to exclude the species referred to in item 4. It is South Africa's opinion that this will complicate the implementation of CITES by Parties. Furthermore the name changes relating to *Aloidendron*, *Aloiampelos* and *Kumara plicatilis* may also complicate implementation of CITES due to the new genera that will be included in the Appendices.
6. It is thus recommended that the new names introduced by the revised nomenclature for *Aloe* be indicated as synonyms in the standard reference for *Aloe* species and on the Checklist of CITES Species developed by UNEP-WCMC on behalf of the CITES Secretariat.

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7. The Plants Committee is requested to consider the recommendations in items 4. and 6. in the nomenclature working group.