

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



Twenty-second meeting of the Plants Committee  
Tbilisi (Georgia), 19-23 October 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Opening of the meeting ..... *No document*

Participants were welcomed by Ms. Margarita Clemente, Chair of the Plants Committee, Mr. John E. Scanlon, Secretary General of CITES and Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia, who opened the meeting.

The Committee noted that no member present declared any financial interest that he or she considered calling into question his or her impartiality, objectivity or independence regarding any subject on the meeting agenda.

2. Rules of Procedure ..... PC22 Doc. 2 (Rev. 1)

The Committee adopted amendments to Rules 13, 20 and 22 as proposed in paragraph 14 of document PC22 Doc. 2 (Rev. 1) with the following modification to Rule 13:

1. Immediately following each regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the members ~~and alternate members~~ of the Committee, or their alternates, present shall elect its Chair and Vice-Chair from among the Committee.

The Committee urged Parties to include members and alternate members of the Scientific Committees, including regional candidates to the Scientific Committees, in their delegation to the Conference of Parties.

The Committee agreed to report to the Standing Committees that it was supportive of an overall review of the Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the committees.

The Committee agreed to seek a mandate at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to review the Terms of Reference of the Scientific Committees contained in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16) on *Establishment of committees*.

3. Adoption of the agenda and working programme

3.1 Agenda ..... PC22 Doc. 3.1 (Rev. 2)

The Committee adopted the agenda in document PC22 Doc. 3.1 (Rev. 2).

Under "Any other business", the Committee included agenda items 24.1 on "Listing of tree species in Appendix III" at the request of Senegal, and 24.2 on "Possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. Cop15) on *Implementation of the Convention on timber species*".

3.2 Working programme ..... PC22 Doc. 3.2 (Rev. 2)

The Committee adopted the working programme in document PC22 Doc. 3.2 (Rev. 2) with the agenda items 12.1, 12.2 and 13 to be considered before agenda items 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3.

4. Admission of observers ..... PC22 Doc. 4

The Committee noted the list of observers provided in document PC22 Doc. 4.

5. Preparation of the report of the Chair of the Plants Committee for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties ..... *No document*

The Committee established a working group on the Chair's report to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with the following mandate:

Start preparing the Chair's report to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: Chair of the Plants Committee (Ms. Clemente);

PC/AC members: Representatives of Africa (Ms. Khayota and Mr. Luke), Asia (Ms. Zhou), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Rivera), Europe (Mr. Sajeva and Mr. Kikodze), North America (Mr. Benítez Díaz) and Oceania (Mr. Leach), Alternate Representatives of Asia (Ms. Al-Salem), Europe (Mr. Carmo), and North America (Ms. Sinclair), Nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough); and Chair of the Animals Committee (Ms. Caceres).

12. Non-detriment findings

12.1 Report on Non-detriment finding for *Pericopsis elata* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo ..... PC22 Doc. 12.1

12.2 Report on Non-detriment finding for *Bulnesia sarmientoi* from Paraguay ..... PC22 Doc. 12.2

and

13. Harvesting of and trade in *Prunus africana* ..... PC22 Doc. 13

The Committee established a working group on non-detriment findings / species management reports on (agenda items 12.1, 12.2 and 13) with the following mandate:

Review and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the non-detriment findings / species management reports as presented in documents PC22 Doc. 12.1, PC22 Doc. 12.2 and PC22 Doc. 13.

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-chairs: Guatemala (Mr. Beltetón) and European Union (Ms. Perrier);

PC members: Representatives of Africa (Ms. Khayota and Mr. Luke), Europe (Mr. Sajeva) and Oceania (Mr. Leach), and Alternate Representative of Europe (Mr. Carmo);

Parties: Belgium, Canada, Chile, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Madagascar, Malaysia, Netherlands, Paraguay, Poland, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America;

IGOs and NGOs: ITC, UNEP-WCMC, ITTO, IUCN, Center for International Environmental Law, Environmental Investigation Agency, FTS Botanics, INDENA, Società Botanica Italiana, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, World Resources Institute, WWF International.

11. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species [Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)]

11.1 Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade [Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP14)] .....PC22 Doc. 11.1

The Committee adopted the recommendations in document AC28 Com. 4 (Rev. by the Secretariat) with the following amendment to the preamble of the draft resolution in Annex 3. The last line of the preambular paragraph starting with EXPECTING should read “and improving coordination and communication between Scientific and Management authorities on the issuance of export permits”.

11.2 Overview of the species-based Review of Significant Trade .....PC22 Doc. 11.2

The Committee noted document PC22 Doc. 11.2.

11.3 Species selected following CoP16 .....PC22 Doc. 11.3

The Committee established a working group on the Review of Significant Trade (agenda item 11.3) with the following mandate:

Concerning item PC22 Doc. 11.3

1. In accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), review the available information to determine whether it is satisfied that Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, are being implemented; and
2. Propose which species should be eliminated from the review with respect to the range State concerned, and which should be kept in the review.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: The specialist on botanical nomenclature of the Plant Committee (Mr. McGough);

PC members: Representatives of Africa (Ms. Khayota and Mr. Luke), Oceania (Mr. Leach); and Alternate representatives of Asia (Ms. Al-Salem) and Europe (Mr. Carmo);

Parties: Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America;

IGOs and NGOs: ITC, UNEP-WCMC, ITTO, IUCN, Center for International Environmental Law, Environmental Investigation Agency, FTS Botanics, INDENA, Società Botanica Italiana, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, World Resources Institute, WWF International.

9. Guidance on making non-detriment findings (NDF)

9.2 Guidance on making NDFs for tree species ..... PC22 Doc. 9.2 (Rev. 1)

The Committee established a working group on NDF guidance (agenda item 9.2) with the following mandate:

Consider, discuss and provide recommendations to improve the Annex of document PC22 Doc.9.2 (Rev. 1).

The membership was decided as follows:

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\* This agenda item is addressed to the Animals and Plants Committees.

- Chair: Canada (Mr. Farr);
- PC members: Representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Rivera) and Oceania (Mr. Leach), and Alternate Representative of Europe (Mr. Carmo);
- Parties: Belgium, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Latvia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Netherlands, Paraguay, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America;
- IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, ITTO, IUCN, Center for International Environmental Law, FTS Botanicus, Global Eye, Species Survival Network, and TRAFFIC.

## 17. Trees

### 17.3 Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and Malagasy rosewoods and palisanders (*Dalbergia* spp.) (Decision 16.152)

17.3.1 Report of the Secretariat..... PC22 Doc. 17.3.1

and

17.3.2 Report of Madagascar on progress in implementing the  
"Action Plan for *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp."..... PC22 Doc. 17.3.2

The Committee noted documents PC22 Doc. 17.3.1 and 17.3.2.

The Committee established a working group on Madagascar (agenda items 17.3.1 and 17.3.2) with the following mandate:

1. Advise on an appropriate format and provide guidance to enable Madagascar to report on progress at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17); and
2. Review Madagascar's report on the implementation of the action plan and provide it with relevant advice.

The membership was decided as follows:

- Co-chairs: Madagascar (Mr. Ramarosandratana) and Representative of Africa (Ms. Khayota);
- PC members: Alternate Representative of Europe (Mr. Carmo) and Nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough);
- Parties: Belgium, European Union, France, Germany, Guatemala, Netherlands, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America;
- IGOs and NGOs: ITC, ITTO, IUCN, Environmental Investigation Agency, Società Botanica Italiana, TRAFFIC, World Resources Institute, WWF International

### 17.6 Implementation of the Convention for *Dalbergia* spp. ..... PC22 Doc. 17.6

The Committee noted document PC22 Doc. 17.6.

## 20. Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II [Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16)]

### 20.1 Overview of species under review..... PC22 Doc. 20.1

The Committee noted document PC22 Doc. 20.1, and agreed that the following modification needed to be reflected in the table in Annex 1: for *Tillandsia mauryana*, the review has been completed after Mexico submitted document PC21 Doc. 19.3.2.

20.2 Report of the intersessional working group\* ..... PC22 Doc. 20.2

The Committee adopted the revisions to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) proposed in document AC28 Com. 3 (Rev. by the Secretariat).

20.3 Species review

20.3.1 Periodic review of Didieraceae, *Aloe* spp. and *Euphorbia* spp. ..... PC22 Doc. 20.3.1

20.3.2 Periodic review of *Pachypodium brevicaule* ..... PC22 Doc. 20.3.2

and

20.3.3 Periodic review of *Sclerocactus* spp...... PC22 Doc. 20.3.3

The Committee established a working group on the Periodic Review (agenda items 20.1 and 20.3) with the following mandate:

In accordance with paragraphs 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 cases, draft a decision with reference to the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16).

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: Representative of North America (Mr. Benítez);

PC members: Representative of Europe (Mr. Sajeva);

Parties: Czech Republic, Madagascar, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, South Africa and United States of America;

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, IUCN, Società Botanica Italiana, Species Survival Network and TRAFFIC.