

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



Twenty-third meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 22 and 24-27 July 2017

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

NOMENCLATURE
(agenda item 31)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Chair: the nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough);
- Members: the representatives of Africa (Mr. Mahamane), Asia (Mr. Lee), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Rauber Coradin), and Oceania (Mr. Leach);
- Parties: Austria, Estonia, Germany, Malta, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; and
- IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC.

Mandate

Concerning agenda item 31.1:

1. Consider the need for Parties to provide feedback on the use of newly adopted checklists and on databases that they find useful as resources to assist them in their work;
2. Make recommendations with regard to options to provide financial support for preparation of online updates of the CITES orchid checklists;
3. Review options with regard to the update of the standard reference for the generic names of all plants listed in the Appendices – and not covered by specific standard references;
4. Support the Nomenclature Specialist in working with experts/range States in any outstanding issues from the Periodic Review;
5. Note that *Pachypodium enigmaticum* be treated as an accepted species name but should be fully reviewed when the *Pachypodium* checklist is updated;
6. Prioritise species (including tree species) for the preparation and production of new standard checklists and consider possible sources of funding – taking into account all relevant Decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
7. Review any feedback on the application and use of the CITES Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition);
8. Recommend actions that can be taken to ensure that the revision of the name of *Caesalpinia echinata* to *Paubrasilia echinata* is widely promulgated within the CITES and enforcement community;

9. Consider options by which the role of nomenclature specialist be given some financial support after the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and,
10. Consider any other relevant issues raised at the 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee and where possible make recommendations on these to the Committee.

Concerning agenda item 31.2:

Consider the feasibility of adopting a mechanism to update the nomenclature of species when revised during intersessional periods and not yet proposed nor approved by the Conference of the Parties.

Recommendations

That the Plants Committee

1. Encourage Parties to provide feedback to the nomenclature specialist on the use of newly adopted checklists and on databases that they find useful as resources to assist them in their work;
2. Encourage Parties and relevant institutions, where possible, to provide financial support for preparation of online updates of the CITES orchid checklists, noting that Vol. I of the Orchid Checklist (published in 1995 including the Appendix I slipper orchids-*Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium*), in particular should be prioritized for updating;
3. Continue to review options with regard to the update of the standard reference for the generic names of all plants listed in the Appendices – and not covered by a specific standard reference - with a view to making a recommendation at the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC24) that can then be adopted at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18);
4. Support the nomenclature specialist in working with experts/range States in any outstanding issues from the Periodic Review;
5. Confirms that *Pachypodium enigmaticum* be treated as an accepted species name but should be fully reviewed when the *Pachypodium* checklist is updated;
6. Nomenclature specialist continue to work to prioritise species (including tree species) for the preparation and production of new or updated standard checklists and consider possible sources of funding – taking into account all relevant Decisions of the Conference of the Parties – and that recommendations be made to the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC24);
7. Nomenclature Specialist continue to review feedback on the application and use of the CITES Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition) and report at PC24;
8. Continue to review the options by which the Nomenclature Specialist have access to some financial support after the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and review possible options for nomenclature support of the Plants Committee in any review of the relevant Resolutions and in strategic planning;
9. Recommend that *Paubrasilia echinata* be included, in the short term, as a synonym of *Caesalpinia echinata* in Species+ (until *Paubrasilia echinata* be formally adopted as the accepted name by CoP18), that the recent revision of the name and possibility of illegal trade be communicated to the Parties by Notification, and that the European Union, if possible, include similar information in the EU-TWIX system to inform the enforcement community;
10. Note that the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) will prepare a guidance note as an information document on the process by which synonyms of accepted plant names are included in the *Checklist Of CITES Species* for PC24;
11. Recommend that the nomenclature specialist, in cooperation with the CITES Secretariat review and update the current weblinks for CITES standard references for flora and consider where they be best placed to be most easily accessible to the Parties; and
12. At its 24th meeting, further consider the feasibility of adopting a mechanism to update the nomenclature of species when revised during intersessional periods and not yet proposed nor approved by the Conference of the Parties.