

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

Interpretation and implementation matters

Trade controls and traceability

DEFINITION OF THE TERM 'ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED'
(agenda item 19)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Co-chairs: the representative of Oceania (Mr. Leach) and the acting representative of Asia (Ms. Setijo Rahajoe);
- Members: the representatives of Africa (Mr. Mahamane), Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Beltetón Chacón), and Europe (Mr. Carmo), and the nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough); and the alternate representative of Asia (Ms. Al-Salem);
- Parties: Belgium, Canada, China, European Union, France, Georgia, Germany, Indonesia, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and
- IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, American Herbal Products Association, Center for International Environmental Law, Species Survival Network and TRAFFIC.

Mandate

Develop and implement a realistic workplan that will:

- a) give an overview of the evolution of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) and perspective on the original intent of the Resolution guiding the definition of artificial propagation in order to inform debate regarding possible amendment of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17);
- b) provide an overview of the relevant work completed and conclusions thus far in the Plants Committee and the Conference of Parties regarding production systems;
- c) enable consideration of the current production systems of tree species, including mixed and monospecific plantations; and assess the applicability of the definition of 'artificial propagation' in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15), Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) and Resolution Conf. 16.10;
- d) review current production systems for artificial propagation and cultivation of non-tree plant taxa listed in the Appendices and assess the applicability and utility of the definitions of 'artificial propagation' and 'under controlled conditions' in Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17);
- e) explore a definition of plantation; and
- f) report back to the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee, including recommendations as appropriate.

Recommendations

1. The United States of America will share the document they have prepared before the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17) with the overview of the evolution of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) and original intention of the Resolution.
2. Canada will continue developing the notes on past considerations by the Plants Committee on production systems arising from the discussion between the Chair of the Plants Committee and the Co-chairs of this working group and circulate to the working group members.
3. Case studies were offered from some countries within the working group (China, Georgia, Indonesia, South Africa, Thailand, and the United States of America,). The case studies should consist of a short summary of the current production system, source of material, any observed impact on wild populations, how the system is currently managed, which source code is used now and what the Parties expect from this process that will resolve their concerns. This information should be submitted to the co-chairs by the end of October 2017.
4. The working group agreed that revising and recirculating the questionnaire on tree production systems was not necessary.
5. The Secretariat is requested to circulate a Notification seeking Parties that could submit additional case-studies describing plant production systems.
6. South Africa and the United States of America will draft a document that explores a possible new source code, keeping in mind non-detriment findings and legal acquisition requirements, that covers cultivation systems that fall between strict artificial propagation and wild harvest. The document will include a definition and criteria for this code. This work should be done by mid-January 2018.
7. The working group should comment on the document prepared by United States of America and South Africa by mid-February 2018.
8. The Co-Chairs of this working group will review the document and working group comments to prepare a consolidated paper by May to be submitted to the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee.