

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

ANNOTATIONS FOR APPENDIX II ORCHIDS
(agenda item 32)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the acting representative of Europe (Ms. Moser);

Parties: Canada, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, European Union, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: International Trade Centre (ITC), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), UNEP-WCMC, IUCN, American Herbal Products Association, FTS Botanics, Species Survival Network, and TRAFFIC.

Mandate

1. Discuss the work carried out so far (in-depth case studies and overviews), including identification of knowledge gaps and conclusions thus far;
2. Develop a work plan, including liaison with the Standing Committee working group on annotations;
3. Draft the questionnaire; and
4. Identify possible funding sources for further in-depth studies.

Recommendations

The working group agreed to the following work plan:

1. The intersessional working group shall draft a questionnaire outlining the knowledge gaps discussed in the meeting and finalise it by 31st October 2017;
2. The Secretariat shall issue a notification attaching the questionnaire asking for responses by 31 December 2017;
3. The Chair of the Plants Committee shall deliver an oral update to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee encouraging liaison between this working group and the Standing Committee working group on annotations should it be re-established;

4. The Chair of the working group shall condense responses and produce a draft document with support from the working group members for review by the working group;
5. Additional case studies on key orchid species could be undertaken as necessary based on the review of the responses to the questionnaire and Parties and donors are invited to provide financial support; and
6. A report shall be submitted for the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee by 1 May 2018.