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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Strategic matters

Cooperation with organizations and Multilateral Environmental Agreements

COOPERATION WITH THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION
OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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Background

2. At its 16th meeting (CoP16; Bangkok, 2013) the Conference of the Parties adopted Res. Conf. 16.5 on “Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation on the Convention on Biological Diversity”, which provides specific guidelines on GSPC-CTES collaboration, and can be consulted at: <http://www.cites.org/eng/res/16/16-05.php>
3. Since the adoption of Res. Conf. 16.5, Mexico has led and documented the implementation of Res. Conf. 16.5, and presented progress at the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee (PC21; Veracruz, México, 2014), through document [PC21 Doc. 8.2](#); and at the 22nd meeting of the Plants Committee (PC22; Tbilisi, Georgia, 2015), through in document [PC22 Doc. 7.2 \(Rev. 2\)](#).
4. As a result of the intersessional CoP16-CoP17 detailed above, and bearing in mind the guidance and feedback provided by the Plants Committee, at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17; Johannesburg, 2016), Mexico presented document [CoP17 Doc. 14.6 \(Rev. 1\)](#) on “Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation on Biological Diversity”, which reports the results of the consultations to CITES Parties on their contributions to the implementation of the GSPC, as well as the updated information obtained through the responses received to [Notification to the Parties 2016/046](#) (“Questionnaire on the implementation of Res. Conf. 16.5). The most relevant elements of said document are:
 - a) **Annex 1**, which consists of the “Draft report on CITES contribution to the implementation of GSPC 2011-2020”, and details on a qualitative basis the role of CITES in the implementation of each of the objectives of the Strategy; and
 - b) **Annex 2**, which summarizes the proposals submitted to CoPs for amendments to Appendices I and II, the taxa selected for periodic review of Appendix I and II species, and the Appendix II flora subject to significant trade. All of this for the period from CoP13 to PC21.
5. Based on the recommendations included in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document CoP17 Doc. 14.6 (Rev. 1), the CoP17 adopted by consensus Decisions 17.53 to 17.54 on GPSC, which read:

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GSPC Decision	Mandate
17.53	<p><i>Directed to the Secretariat</i> The Secretariat shall send the updated version of the report on CITES contribution to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) 2011-2020 to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological (CBD), in order for it to be considered at CBD's 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13-CBD, Cancún, Mexico; December 2016) as CITES contribution to the implementation of GSPC 2011-2020.</p>
17.54	<p>Directed to the Secretariat The Secretariat shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) publish and maintain updated on its website the summary of the Periodic Review proposals submitted to Conference of the Parties for amendments to Appendices I and II, taxa selected for Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II, and Review of Significant Trade in specimens of App. II species, including relevant updates derived from PC22 and CoP17; b) request the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to include in its website an interactive version of the online flora, currently available at https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/pc/22/E-PC22-07-02-Annex5-Rev2.xlsx, in such a way that CITES Parties can maintain it up to date, and thus have a clear idea on CITES contribution to the implementation of Target 1 of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC).

6. Decision 17.53 was not implemented.

Recommendations to the Plants Committee

7. The Plants Committee include in its work programme the following tasks:

- a) Update Annex 1 to document CoP17 Doc. 14.6 (Rev. 1) (the latest version is currently updated up to 2016). This might include re-issuing a Notification with a questionnaire, similar to that of Notification 2016/046.
- b) Update the information called for in Dec. 17.54 above, and in particular taking into account the recent outcomes of the amendments to the Appendices adopted at CoP17.

8. Based on the above, and once updated, request the Secretariat send the report identified in Decision 17.53 and communicate ongoing progress of CITES to the implementation of GSPC in a timely manner, by official means, to the Secretariat of the CBD.