

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



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Interpretation and implementation matters

Compliance and enforcement

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

OVERVIEW OF THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Background

2. In Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, the Conference of the Parties:
 5. *DIRECTS the Secretariat, for the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of this Resolution and the relevant paragraphs of Article IV:*
 - a) to report at each meeting of the Animals or Plants Committee on the implementation by the range States concerned of the recommendations made by the Committee; and
 - b) to maintain a database of species/country combinations that are included in the review process set out in this Resolution including a record of progress with the implementation of recommendations.
3. The last update of the status of the Review of Significant Trade for flora species was reported to the Plants Committee at its 22nd meeting (PC22, Tbilisi, October 2015; see document [PC22 Doc. 11.2](#)).
4. The most recent list of countries under a recommendation to suspend trade for certain species selected for the Review of Significant Trade, and following non-compliance with Article IV of the Convention was published in Notification to the Parties [No. 2016/018](#) of 15 March 2016. The recommendations and decisions were made in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) valid at the time of the Notification, or its predecessor Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.). The cases involving a suspension of trade are kept under regular review by the Standing Committee in line with paragraph 1 p) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17).
5. The Annex to the present document provides an updated overview of all these ongoing cases (flora species / range State combinations), with an indication of their current status under the review process, and the reference documents that provide detailed information for the cases in question. It also indicates the reviews that were completed.
6. Further information on species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013) is provided in document PC23 Doc. 15.2.
7. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, as outlined in document [CoP17 Doc. 33](#), allowing for a more transparent, timely and simple process for

conducting the reviews. The revised Resolution provides clear guidance and recommendations for the selection of species/country combinations to be reviewed, the consultation process with the range States, the compilation of information, the categorization and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees, measures to be taken regarding the implementation of recommendations and support to the range States. The new process will be initiated at this meeting with the selection of new species for reviews post CoP17 (see document PC23 Doc. 15.3).

Decisions 17.108 to 17.110 on *Review of Significant Trade*

8. Decision 17.108 requests the Secretariat, within six months of the adoption of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) and building on the work done to date, to develop, test and establish a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database as an essential tool for the effective implementation and transparency of the process. The Secretariat has carefully reviewed the best approaches to implement Decision 17.108 by inventorying and identifying problems with the existing database that need to be adjusted or modified to suit the new Review of Significant Trade process; discussing options for improvements with the authors of the existing database; and developing a realistic project plan and timeframe. Progress depends on the availability of external funds.
9. Decisions 17.109 and 17.110 are both directed to the Secretariat, calling it, subject to the availability of funds, to develop respectively: a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States; and a comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade (including case studies as appropriate). Thanks to the generous support from the European Union, the necessary resources have now been secured to move these Decisions forward.
10. The Secretariat intends to provide oral updates at the present meeting on progress regarding the implementation of Decisions 17.108 to 17.110.

Recommendation

11. The Plants Committee is invited to note this document.

PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIES-BASED
REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE IN PLANTS

Key: PC = Plants Committee; SC = Standing Committee.

Table 1: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP11 (2000)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Aloe</i> spp.	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	completed – removed from the review
<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	SC54 Doc. 42	completed – removed from the review
Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC66 Doc. 31.2	ongoing for Mozambique – action required from the Party (see Notification to the Parties No. 2016/018)
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	SC54 Doc. 42	First review completed and species removed. Selected again after CoP14 (see Table 4 below)
<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC66 Doc. 31.2	ongoing for Equatorial Guinea and the United Republic of Tanzania – action required from the Parties (see Notification to the Parties No. 2016/018)

Total: three species, one genus and three families.

Table 2: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP12 (2002)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Cibotium barometz</i>	SC58 Doc. 21.1	completed – removed from the review
<i>Cyathea contaminans</i>	SC59 Doc. 14.1	completed – removed from the review
<i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	SC66 Doc. 31.2	ongoing for the Lao People's Democratic Republic – action required from the Parties (see Notification to the Parties No. 2016/018)
<i>Galanthus woronowii</i>	SC59 Doc. 14.1	completed – removed from the review

Total: four species.

Table 3: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP13 (2004)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Christensonia vietnamica</i>	SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)	completed – removed from the review
<i>Myrmecophila tibicinis</i>	SC66 Doc. 31.2	ongoing for Belize – action required from the Party (see Notification to the Parties No. 2016/018)
<i>Pachypodium bispinosum</i>	SC59 Doc. 14.1	completed – removed from the review
<i>Pachypodium succulentum</i>	SC59 Doc. 14.1	completed – removed from the review
<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)	completed – removed from the review
<i>Rauvolfia serpentina</i>	SC62 Doc. 27.2 (Rev. 1)	completed – removed from the review
<i>Taxus wallichiana</i>	SC59 Doc. 14.1	completed – removed from the review

Total: seven species.

Table 4: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP14 (2007)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Aloe conifera</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Aloe deltoideodonta</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Aloe erythrophylla</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Aloe guillaumetii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Aloe humbertii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Aloe imalotensis</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Beccariophoenix madagascariensis</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Calanthe aleizettii</i>	PC19 Doc. 12.3	completed – removed from the review
<i>Cistanche deserticola</i>	PC19 Doc. 12.3	completed – removed from the review
<i>Cymbidium erythrostylum</i>	PC19 Doc. 12.3	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia alfredii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia aureoviridiflora</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia banae</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia berorohae</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia biaculeata</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia bulbispina</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia capmanambatoensis</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia capuronii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia denisiana</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia didiereoides</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia elliotii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Euphorbia herman-schwartzii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia hofstaetteri</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia horombensis</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia iharanae</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia leuconeura</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia mahabobokensis</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia mangokyensis</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia neobosseri</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia pachypodioides</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia paulianii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia primulifolia</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia robivelonae</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Euphorbia rossii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Lemurophoenix halleuxii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Marojejya darianii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	SC66 Doc. 31.2	ongoing for Côte d'Ivoire – action required from the Parties (see Notification to the Parties No. 2016/018)
<i>Renanthera annamensis</i>	PC19 Doc. 12.3	completed – removed from the review
<i>Ravenea rivularis</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Satranala decussilvae</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review
<i>Voanioala gerardii</i>	SC63 Doc. 14	completed – removed from the review

Total: 42 species.

Table 5: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP15 (2010)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Alluaudia ascendens</i>	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Eliminated from review
<i>Alluaudiopsis fiherenensis</i>	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Eliminated from review
<i>Dendrobium eriflorum</i>	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Eliminated from review
<i>Euphorbia itremensis</i>	PC21 WG2 Doc. 1	Ongoing for Madagascar - Action required from the Party. (within 6 months...establish quotas.) MG proposed to suspend trade, 2015 and 2016 – no quotas and no export.
<i>Pachypodium namaquanum</i>	PC20 Doc. 14.2	completed – removed from the review

Total: five species.

Table 6: Species selected by the Plants Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP16 (2013)

Taxon selected	Reference document	Status of review
<i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Ongoing for Argentina and Paraguay . Action required from the PC.
<i>Carnegiea gigantean</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Excluded.
<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Ongoing for the Lao People's Democratic Republic . Action required from the PC.
<i>Dendrobium moschatum</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Ongoing for the Lao People's Democratic Republic . Action required from the PC.
<i>Euphorbia abdelkuri</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Excluded.
<i>Euphorbia globosa</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Excluded.
<i>Euphorbia labatii</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Excluded.
<i>Galanthus elwesii</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Ongoing for Turkey . Action required from the PC.
<i>Hoodia gordonii</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Ongoing for Namibia and South Africa . Action required from the PC.
<i>Nardostachys grandiflora</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Excluded.
<i>Prunus Africana</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Ongoing for Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo . Action required from the PC.
<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Ongoing for India . Action required from the PC.
<i>Taxus cuspidate</i>	PC22 Com.3 (Rev. by Sec.)	Excluded.

Total: 13 species