

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

General compliance and enforcement

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

SPECIES SELECTED FOLLOWING COP16

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 21st meeting (PC21, Veracruz, May 2014) and following the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the Plants Committee selected 13 taxa for the Review of Significant Trade in compliance with paragraphs a) and b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, which was the relevant Resolution in force at the time of selection (see documents [PC21 Doc. 12.4](#) and [PC21 WG2 Doc. 1](#)).
3. At its 22nd meeting (PC22, Tbilisi, October 2015), the Committee reviewed the available information on these taxa including responses from the range States in accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13). In instances where the Committee was satisfied that Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) were correctly implemented, the species were eliminated from the review with respect to the range State concerned, and these range States were notified accordingly by the Secretariat (see documents [PC22 Doc. 11.3](#) and [PC22 Com. 3 \(Rev. By Sec.\)](#)).
4. The taxa and range States that were selected following CoP16 and retained in the review following PC22 are shown in the table below.

Taxa selected following CoP16 and retained in the review after PC22

Species Name	Range States to be retained
<i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i>	Argentina, Paraguay
<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>	Lao People's Democratic Republic
<i>Dendrobium moschatum</i>	Lao People's Democratic Republic
<i>Galanthus elwesii</i>	Turkey
<i>Hoodia gordonii</i>	Namibia, South Africa
<i>Nardostachys grandiflora</i>	Nepal
<i>Prunus africana</i>	Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo
<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	India

5. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties amended Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in Specimens of Appendix-II species* to improve and streamline the process, which resulted in some changes in the procedures and the conduct of the reviews.

6. The review of the remaining cases selected after CoP16, although initiated in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), is to the extent possible going forward under the new provisions outlined in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17). The Secretariat engaged the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) to compile a report about the biology, management of and trade in the species selected for retention at PC22 to be submitted for consideration by the Plants Committee at the present meeting. Such a report is requested by both the previous and the present version of the Resolution, as indicated in paragraph h) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) and paragraph 1 d) ii) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), albeit within slightly different timeframes.
7. The UNEP-WCMC species report is attached in Annex 1 to this document. It presents conclusions about the effects of international trade on the selected species, the basis on which such conclusions are made, as well as problems with the implementation of Article IV of the Convention. It provides preliminary categorizations of each species into one of the three revised categories outlined in paragraph 1 e) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), namely:
 - i) *'action is needed'* shall include species/country combinations for which the available information suggests that the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), are not being implemented;
 - ii) *'unknown status'* shall include species/country combinations for which the Secretariat (or consultants) could not determine whether or not these provisions are being implemented; and
 - iii) *'less concern'* shall include species/country combinations for which the available information appears to indicate that these provisions are being met.
8. The responses received from the range States mentioned in the table in paragraph 4 are made available in Annex 2 to the Plants Committee in the format and language as received.

Recommendations

9. In accordance with paragraph 1) g) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), the Plants Committee is invited to:
 - a) review the report and the responses and additional information received from the range States concerned. For each selected species/country combination, the Plants Committee shall re-categorize species/country combinations of 'unknown status' as either 'action is needed' or 'less concern' and provide a justification for such re-categorization. Additionally, if appropriate, the Animals Committee shall revise the preliminary categorization proposed for species/country combinations of those where 'action is needed' or those of 'less concern' and provide a justification for the revision; and
 - b) formulate, in consultation with the Secretariat, time-bound, feasible, measurable, proportionate, and transparent recommendations directed to the range States retained in the review process, using the principles outlined in Annex 3 of the Resolution. The recommendations should aim to build the range State's long term capacity to implement Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a) of the Convention. The Plants Committee may also take into consideration the guidance on the formulation of recommendations for the review of Significant Trade, presented in Annex 5 to document [CoP17 Doc. 33](#).
10. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), the Plants Committee is invited to formulate separate recommendations directed to the Standing Committee for problems identified in the course of the review that are not directly related to the implementation of Article IV paragraph 2(a), 3 or 6(a), following the principles outlined in Annex 3 of this Resolution.