

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

20. Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.)
- 20.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*..... No document
- The Committee requested the Secretariat to publish the Glossary of Agarwood Products on the CITES website under identification materials and noted current challenges with the identification of agarwood-producing taxa.
- 20.2 Report of the Secretariat..... PC Doc. 20.2
- The Committee noted document PC23 Doc. 20.2.
23. African cherry (*Prunus africana*) PC23 Doc. 23
- The Committee noted document PC23 Doc. 23 and thanked the European Union for offering funding for the implementation of Decision 17.250.
26. Report on the outcomes of the International Workshop on CITES-listed tree species PC23 Doc. 26
- The Committee noted document PC23 Doc. 26 and further noted that the outcomes of the International Workshop on CITES-listed tree species, Guatemala, February 2017, will continue to be considered by the Plants Committee's working groups.
28. Possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on *Implementation of the Convention for timber species*..... PC23 Doc. 28
- The Committee agreed that the following amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. Conf. 15) could be proposed:
- a) change the title of the Resolution to *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*;
 - b) seek enhanced, more elaborate and detailed views on proposals to amend the CITES Appendices for tree species from the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) under the current consultation procedure;
 - c) for the establishment of voluntary annual national export quotas for timber species, consider incorporating relevant guidance in Resolution Conf. 14.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Management of nationally established export quotas*; and
 - d) move the section ***Regarding improvement of public understanding of the role of the Convention in the conservation of timber species*** to the end of Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15).

The Committee noted that further discussion was needed on, among others, the establishment of non-detriment findings at the genus level and the use of conversion factors relative to the species when setting export quotas for tree species and making related non-detriment findings

The Committee agreed that the matter of permits and certificates issued under court orders has been addressed in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on *Permits and certificates* and does not need further consideration by the Plants Committee at this stage.

The Committee further agreed to consider a revised version of the document by the Secretariat on possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) at its next meeting.

6. Plants Committee strategic planning for 2017-2019 (CoP17-CoP18)

6.2 Plants Committee workplan..... PC23 Doc. 6.2 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted the final Plants Committee workplan in the Annex to document PC23 Doc. 6.2 (Rev. 1).

3. Election of the Vice-chair..... No document

Prof. Ali Mahamane (Africa) was elected by acclamation as Vice-Chair of the Plants Committee.

Adoption of executive summary AC29/PC23 Sum. 1

The Committee adopted executive summary AC29/PC23 Sum. 1 with the following amendments:

- for the intersessional working group on country-wide significant trade reviews (agenda item 13.4 / 15.4): the AC representatives of Europe (Mr. Fleming) and of North America (Ms. Gnam), the PC Chair (Ms. Sinclair) and the PC nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough) will be co-chairing this working group.

Adoption of executive summary PC23 Sum. 1

The Committee adopted executive summary PC23 Sum. 1.

Adoption of executive summary PC23 Sum. 2

The Committee adopted executive summary PC23 Sum. 2 with the following amendments:

- for the intersessional working group on neotropical tree species (agenda item 25): add all range States to the membership of the working group and delete in paragraph h) “with special emphasis on the latter in the annotation”;
- for the nomenclature working group (agenda item 31): add Malta to the membership of the working group;
- for the working group on annotation #15 on page 5, delete the word “intersessional”; and
- for the working group on non-CITES listed rosewood species on page 6, delete the word “intersessional”.

34. Regional reports

34.1 Africa..... PC23 Doc. 34.1

The Committee noted the report in document PC23 Doc. 34.1.

34.2 Asia..... PC23 Doc. 34.2

The Committee noted the report in document PC23 Doc. 34.2.

34.3 Central and South America and the Caribbean PC23 Doc. 34.3

The Committee noted the report in document PC23 Doc. 34.3.

34.4 Europe PC23 Doc. 34.4

The Committee noted the report in document PC23 Doc. 34.4.

34.5 North America..... PC23 Doc. 34.5

The Committee noted the report in document PC23 Doc. 34.5.

34.6 Oceania AC28 Doc. 34.6

The Committee noted the report in document PC23 Doc. 34.6.