

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



Twenty-fourth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 20-21 and 23-26 July 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
(Monday 23 July 2018)

5. Plants Committee work plan for 2017-2019 (CoP17-CoP18)

5.1 Implementation of the work plan for 2017-2019 *No document*

The Committee noted the oral update by the Chair of the Plants Committee.

5.2 Preparation of the report of the Chair of the Plants Committee for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties *No document*

The Committee noted that the Chair of the Plants Committee is responsible for preparing a report on the activities of the Committee for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and that she will seek the input from all Committee members in compiling this report.

13. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

13.1 Overview of the Review of Significant Trade PC24 Doc. 13.1

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 13.1 and the update on the Review of Significant Trade (RST) tracking and management database. The Committee invited Parties and observer bodies and agencies interested in participating in the informal advisory group on the RST database to contact the Secretariat, outlining their relevant experience.

13.2 Species selected following CoP17 PC24 Doc. 13.2

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 13.2 and established an in-session working group on the Review of Significant Trade with the following mandate:

In accordance with paragraphs 1) g) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17), and for the species/country combinations selected following the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17), at the 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee (PC23), the in-session working group shall:

- a) review the responses received from range States contained in Annex 1 of document PC24 Doc. 13.2 (and any additional information presented in plenary) and the report in Annex 2 of document PC24 Doc. 13.2 and, if appropriate, revise the preliminary categorizations proposed by the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) for the species/range State concerned, providing a justification for such re-categorization;
- b) formulate recommendations directed to the range States retained in the review process, using the principles outlined in Annex 3 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17) and the guidance on the formulation of recommendations contained in Annex 5 to document CoP17 Doc. 33; and

- c) 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 Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP17).

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: the representative of Europe (Mr. Carmo) and the nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough);

Parties: Belgium, Canada, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, France, Germany, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Center for International Environmental Law, Environmental Investigation Agency USA, Global Eye, International Wood Products Association, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, World Resources Institute, World Wildlife Fund and ForestBased Solutions Llc.

15. Timber identification

15.1 Report of the intersessional working group..... PC24 Doc. 15.1

and

15.2 Report of the Secretariat..... PC24 Doc. 15.2

The Committee noted documents PC24 Doc. 15.1 and PC24 Doc. 15.2 and requested the Secretariat to make the currently available wood identification materials accessible to Parties on a dedicated webpage of the CITES website.

The Committee established an in-session working group on timber identification with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall:

- a) assess the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 17.166 to 17.169 on *Identification of timber*, and consider the recommendations under paragraph 12 a) and d) of document PC24 Doc. 15.1 and paragraph 10 of document PC24 Doc. 15.2, as well as points specified in plenary; and
- b) based on the above, develop an updated set of draft decisions on timber identification, using as a basis the draft decisions as read in plenary by the acting representative of North America (Mr. Benitez Diaz), taking into consideration the points raised in plenary by the Chair of the Plants Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Rauber Coradin) and Canada;

Parties: Austria, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, European Union, Germany, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), European Forest Institute, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), International Wood Product Association, League of American Orchestras, Species Survival Network, World Resources Institutes; C.F. Martin & Co., Inc., Chambre Syndicale de la Facture Instrumentale (CSFI), Confédération des Industries Musicales

Europeennes (CAFIM), Fender Musical Instrument Corp., ForestBased Solutions, Llc., Ghent University, International Association of Violin and Bow Makers, Madinter Trade, S.L., Overseas Traders, Paul Reed Smith Guitars, Limited Partnership and Taylor Guitars.

16. Definition of the term 'artificially propagated'

16.1 Report of the intersessional working group..... PC24 Doc. 16.1

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 16.1 and agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties the draft decision in paragraph 19 of document PC24 Doc. 16.1.

The Committee established an in-session working group on artificial propagation with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall:

- a) discuss the information presented by the intersessional working group, in particular the new source code;
- b) if the new source code is supported, then the Committee should comment on the proposed draft text to amend Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) in Annex 3 and note whether other Resolutions, in particular Resolution Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15) on *Registration of nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I plant species for export purposes*, Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on *Implementation of the Convention for timber species* and Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on *Permits and certificates* need to be revised as directed in Decision 17.176; and
- c) discuss the options for consolidation of some of the definitions into Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) as outlined in paragraphs 15-16 of document PC24 Doc. 16.1 and determine any actions required.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the representative of Oceania (Mr. Leach);

Parties: Australia, Canada, Chile, China, European Union, France, Georgia, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, Center for International Environmental Law, Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology (DICE), International Wood Products Association, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, World Resources Institute, World Wildlife Fund, American Herbal Products Association (AHPA), ForestBased Solutions Llc. and Overseas Traders.

16.2 Definition of plantation PC24 Doc. 16.2

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 16.2 and agreed that a definition of plantation was not needed.

18. Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

18.1 Report of Madagascar PC24 Doc. 18.1

and

18.2 Report of the Secretariat..... PC24 Doc. 18.2

The Committee noted documents PC24 Doc. 18.1 and PC24 Doc. 18.2 and established an in-session working group on Malagasy ebonies, palisanders and rosewoods with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall:

- a) review the report by Madagascar in document PC24 Doc. 18.1 and the report of the Secretariat in document PC24 Doc. 18.2;
- b) assist Madagascar in the identification of technical resources in support of its implementation of Decision 17.204 paragraphs a) to d); and
- c) as appropriate, provide recommendations to Madagascar, the Standing Committee and other bodies and organizations concerning the determination of commercially valuable species of *Diospyros* and *Dalbergia* occurring in Madagascar, the establishment of non-detriment findings and export quotas for trade in these species, and the production of relevant identification materials.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the representative of Africa (Ms. Koumba Pambo);

Parties: Belgium, China, European Union, Madagascar, Mozambique, Norway and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Environmental Investigation Agency USA, Global Eye, TRAFFIC, World Resources Institute, World Wildlife Fund, and ForestBased Solutions Llc.

19. Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]

19.1 Report of the Plants Committee PC24 Doc. 19.1

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 19.1 and established an in-session working group on rosewood timber species with the following mandate:

The in-session working shall review document CoP17 Doc. 62 (Rev. 1) on *International trade in rosewood timber species [LEGUMINOSAE (Fabaceae)]* and the draft decisions in its Annex, results of deliberations at the 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee and feedback received at this present meeting and, based on this review, draft a revised decision that focuses on listed species.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the Chair of the Plants Committee (Ms. Sinclair);

Parties: Australia, Canada, China, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Environmental Investigation Agency USA, Global Eye, International Wood Products Association, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, League of American Orchestras, Species Survival Network, World Resources Institute, World Wildlife Fund, C.F. Martin & Co., Inc., CSFI, CAFIM, Fender Musical Instrument Corp., ForestBased Solutions, Llc., International Association of Violin and Bow Makers, Madinter Trade, S.L., Overseas Traders, Paul Reed Smith Guitars, Limited Partnership and Taylor Guitars.

19.2 International trade in the timber producing species "Mukula" (*Pterocarpus* spp.) from dry miombo forests (central / Southern Africa) PC24 Doc. 19.2

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 19.2 and encouraged those Parties and organisations that had any comments or useful information to send it directly to the authors of the document, Belgium and Germany.

21. African tree species: Report of the Secretariat..... PC24 Doc. 21 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 21 and agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting the retention of Decision 17.302.

22. Neotropical tree species: Report of the intersessional working group PC24 Doc. 22 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 22 (Rev. 1). The Committee agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting the renewal of Decision 16.159 (Rev. CoP17) and requested the Chair of the Plants Committee, the representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Belteton Chacon) and the Secretariat to make any necessary changes to include in the draft decision the considerations outlined in paragraph 50 of document PC24 Doc. 22 (Rev. 1).

24. Possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on Implementation of the Convention for timber species: Report of the Secretariat PC24 Doc. 24

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 24 and established an in-session working group on Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall:

- a) review the amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) suggested in documents PC24 Doc. 24, paragraph 12 c) and Annex 3 of document PC24 Doc. 15.1, and paragraph 18 d) of document PC24 Doc. 21, as well as considerations of the results of a possible new source code as proposed in paragraph 16 of document PC24 Doc. 16.1, and make recommendations accordingly; and
- b) advise the Plants Committee on the way forward with respect to amending Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15), and reporting to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the representative of Europe (Mr. Carmo);

Parties: Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, European Union, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Slovakia, Spain, Uganda, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: IUCN, Center for International Environmental Law, International Wood Products Association, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Fender Musical Instrument Corp and ForestBased Solutions Llc.

27. Report of the specialist on botanical nomenclature PC24 Doc. 27

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 27 and requested the Secretariat to check that the four genera originally included in the genus *Didiereaceae* at the time of their listing are clearly indicated in Species+ and the CITES checklist as the only genera in the genus *Didiereaceae* included in the CITES Appendices.

The Committee established an in-session working group on nomenclature with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall:

- a) consider whether the cactus checklist should be the subject of a limited revision for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18), and if so, propose the most effective mechanism to update the checklist which ensures that the Parties will have the most practical, effective and up-to-date tool at their disposal for the implementation of this family listing. Noting that as the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC24) is the last meeting prior to the Conference of the Parties, the mechanism will need to be robust to deliver an update acceptable to the Parties;
- b) consider the review of Madagascan *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* and based on the timelines of this research make recommendations on when an update of the lists for CITES would be most practical. Noting that as the current research timelines are not compatible with the deadlines for the next Conference of the Parties an alternative option would be to issue a notification informing Parties that

updates will be regularly available on the Madagascar Catalogue and although not formally adopted these updates could assist CITES Parties in decision making;

- c) review the recommendation that the *Aloe* and *Pachypodium* Checklist be updated for the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and recommend funding sources;
- d) consider the proposal to delete the current standard general references for generic names and thereafter work on a case by case basis;
- e) confirm the adoption of a standard reference for *Paubrasilia echinata* and give a view whether the inclusion *Platymiscium pleiostachium* Donn. Sm. in *Platymiscium parviflorum* Benth. would expand the intent of the 1975 listing;
- f) review the proposed changes to Species+ for *Aloe* and *Gyrinops/Aquilaria*;
- g) review whether the current weblisting of CITES checklists is sufficient to meet the needs of the Parties;
- h) consider the issue of updating nomenclature between meetings of the Conference of the Parties and how written guidance could best be prepared on what is possible and to ensure the standard application of the process over time;
- i) review all relevant documents tabled at this meeting (e.g. PC24 Doc. 15.1 and PC24 Doc. 18.2) and make recommendations for options to produce a science based and practical *Dalbergia* checklist for the CITES Parties and consider funding options and timelines for same; and
- j) consider relevant issues raised at PC24 by China and the Republic of Korea, and make recommendations to the Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: the nomenclature specialist (Mr. McGough);

Parties: Austria, China, Germany, Madagascar, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC and American Herbal Products Association.

28. Annotations for Appendix II orchids:
Report of the intersessional working group PC24 Doc. 28

The Committee noted document PC24 Doc. 28 and requested the Secretariat to submit to the Standing Committee for inclusion in the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* and in the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade report* the draft definition for “cosmetics” amended by the acting representative of North America as follows:

Any product or mixture of products which is applied to an external part of the body only (e.g. skin, lips, hair, nails, external genital organs, teeth or the mucous membranes of the oral cavity) with a view to clean, odourise, change the appearance or protect and/or keep these parts in good condition. Cosmetics may include the following: make-up, perfume, skin cream, nail polish, hair colourants, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, sunscreens, toothpaste.

The Committee established an in-session working group on annotations for Appendix-II orchids with the following mandate:

The in-session working group shall review and make recommendations on the draft revisions to Decisions 17.318 to 17.319 on *Annotations for Appendix II orchids* contained in Annex 1 of document PC24 Doc. 28, with a view to retain the action elements as needed, rewrite the Decisions consistent with the standard format for decisions, and include views in plenary.

The membership was decided as follows:

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

Parties: Australia, China, Germany, Peru, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, TRAFFIC, American Herbal Products Association and Fédération des Entreprises de la Beauté.