

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



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Plants Committee
Online, 2-4 June, 21 and 23 June 2021

Administrative and financial matters

Agenda

ANNOTATED AGENDA
(provisional)

Opening of the meeting

Opening remarks of the Chair

No document

The Chair of the Plants Committee will open its twenty-fifth meeting.

Opening remarks of the Secretary-General

No document

The Secretary-General will welcome the participants and provide an update on the Secretariat's activities.

Administrative and financial matters

1. Confirmation of the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

No document

The Plants Committee will be invited to note that, through intersessional decision-making, the Plants Committee confirmed the election of its Chair (Ms. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo, representative for Africa) and Vice-Chair (Ms. Rosemarie Gnam, representative for North America).

2. Declaration of conflict of interest

No document

The Secretariat will invite the members of the Plants Committee to declare any conflict of interest.

3. Rules of Procedure

PC25 Doc. 3

The Committee will be invited to note that its Rules of Procedure as amended at its 24th meeting (Geneva, July 2018) and set out in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 3 remain valid for this meeting.

The Chair will draw the attention of the Plants Committee to information document AC31/PC25 Inf. 1 that provides guidance on the application of the Rules of Procedure of the Plants Committee in an online meeting.

4. Agenda

4.1. Adoption of the agenda

PC25 Doc. 4.1 (Rev. 1)

The Plants Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in document PC25 Doc. 4.1 (Rev. 1).

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- 4.2. Annotated agenda PC25 Doc. 4.2

The Plants Committee will be invited to note the annotated agenda in the present document.

5. Working programme PC25 Doc. 5

The Plants Committee will be invited to adopt its working programme as set out in document PC25 Doc. 5.

6. Admission of observers PC25 Doc. 6

The Plants Committee will be invited to note the list of observer organizations that had been invited to participate in the meeting as set out in document PC25 Doc. 6.

Strategic matters

7. Plants Committee strategic planning for 2020-2022 (CoP18-CoP19)

- 7.1. Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Plants Committee PC25 Doc. 7.1

The document by the Secretariat presents two Annexes on Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Plants Committee. Annex 1 provides an overview of the Resolutions in effect containing instructions that are directed or relevant to the Plants Committee. Annex 2 provides a list of all Decisions in effect directed to the Plants Committee that might require its inputs or assistance.

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of document PC25 Doc. 7.1.

- 7.2. Plants Committee workplan PC25 Doc. 7.2

The document by the Chair of the Plants Committee contains the list of instructions directed to the Plants Committee, or that may require that it be consulted or informed, that can be found in the currently valid Resolutions (Annex 1) and Decisions (Annex 2) of the Conference of the Parties. The document also identifies a lead or co-leads among the members of the Animals Committee for each of the instructions.

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of the 2020-2022 workplan, including the identified leads or co-leads as shown in Annexes 1 and 2 to the document.

- 7.3. Preparation of the report of the Chair of the Plants Committee for the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties *No document*

The Chair of the Committee will inform the Plants Committee on the inputs needed for the preparation of the report of the Chair of the Plants Committee for the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19).

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of the oral update.

8. Tree species programme [Decision 18.15] PC25 Doc. 8

- Addendum PC25 Doc. 8 Add.

The document and its addendum by the Secretariat outlines progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.14 to 18.17 on the *Tree Species Programme* and feedback thus far received from the Committee on its implementation.

The Plants Committee will be invited to agree on the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 13 of the addendum, namely to formulate recommendations to the Secretariat and the Standing Committee for its 74th meeting, to consider whether Decisions 18.14 and 18.15 have been implemented, and, if that were the case, to recommend that these Decisions be deleted at CoP19.

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9. CITES Strategic Vision* **[Decision 18.25]**

AC31 Doc. 8/PC25 Doc. 9

The document by the Secretariat presents to the Animals and Plants Committees a mapping of the CITES Strategic Vision's objectives against valid CITES Resolutions and Decisions in Annex 1 to this document and a list of reporting requirements in Annex 2. The document also provides an overview of the process used and the results of the mapping exercise.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to review Annex 1 of the document and provide recommendations to the Standing Committee.

10. Appendix-I listed species* **[Decision 18.29]**

AC31 Doc. 9/PC25 Doc. 10

Addendum

AC31 Doc. 9/PC25 Doc. 10
Add.

The document by the Secretariat provides updates on the implementation of Decision 18.28 and presents in its Annex a technical report on the criteria and methodology used for the *Rapid assessment of the conservation status of, and legal and illegal trade in, species and subspecies included in Appendix I*. The addendum by the Secretariat presents the results of the rapid assessment in the form of a list of 31 Appendix-I listed species that are proposed to be selected for further assessment.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to establish an in-session working group to:

- i) review the criteria and methodology used for the rapid assessment presented in information document AC31 Inf. 6/PC25 Inf. 8 and its Annexes 1 and 2, together with the additional criterion mentioned in paragraph 9 to this addendum;
- ii) consider the provisional list of selected priority species in paragraph 5 of this addendum; and
- iii) provide guidance to the Secretariat on its further implementation of Decision 18.28, as outlined in paragraphs 7 to 9 of document AC31 Doc. 9/PC25 Doc. 10 and this addendum;

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to request the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees and the leads on this item identified in the respective workplans of the Committees (AC31 Doc. 7.2 and PC25 Doc. 7.2) to work with the Secretariat to develop draft decisions aimed at continuing the activities on Appendix-I species outlined in Decisions 18.28 and 18.29.

The Animals and Plants Committees are expected to report the outcomes of this work to CoP19.

11. Capacity-building* **[Decision 18.40]**

AC31 Doc. 10/PC25 Doc. 11

Addendum

AC31 Doc. 10/PC25 Doc. 11
Add.

The document by the Secretariat provides an overview of the implementation of the Decisions on capacity-building and updates on the Master's course on *Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: The International Framework*, the CITES website, the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP), and the work of the Standing Committee intersessional working group on capacity-building, where the Animals and Plants Committees are represented by four members.

The addendum by the Secretariat presents an analysis of the information collected in support of the implementation of Decision 18.46, which includes information from other Multilateral Environmental Agreements and their capacity-building efforts, the responses to the questionnaire in Notification to the Parties [No. 2020/027](#), and information on capacity-building needs by the Parties.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to consider the revised recommendations in paragraph 3 of the addendum and to recommend that the Standing Committee continues to reflect the views of the Animals and Plants Committees in its discussions through the participation of four representatives of the scientific committees in the Standing Committee's intersessional working group.

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Cooperation with organizations and Multilateral Environmental Agreements

12. Towards a resolution on CITES and forests

PC25 Doc. 12

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 12 Add.

The document and its addendum by the Secretariat propose the development of a new resolution on CITES and forests. The resolution would provide strategic guidance on: a) ensuring coherence between CITES and the international governance framework on forests; and b) increasing visibility and resource mobilization in support of the Convention's role in ensuring the long-term conservation of species of wild fauna and flora occurring in, and dependent upon, forests.

The addendum provides updates on preliminary feedback received from the Plants Committee.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group to consider the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 27 of the addendum, namely to: consider the value of developing a new resolution on CITES and forests; should it be developed, discuss the structure of its operative part; and provide any additional recommendation for the Secretariat to consider, should it bring a draft resolution for consideration by the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties.

The Plants Committee will be invited to request the Secretariat to include the outcomes of this work in any report it will bring forward for consideration of the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties.

13. Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
[Resolution Conf. 16.5 and Decision 18.50]

PC25 Comp.

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 13 Add.

The document by the Secretariat and its addendum by the Secretariat in collaboration with the regional representative of Oceania (Mr. Damian Wrigley) outline progress achieved in the implementation of Decision 18.50 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* (GSPC).

The document and its addendum highlight updates related to the GSPC, in particular with regard to the future of this initiative in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The Plants Committee will be invited to agree on the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 7 on the postponement of further considerations on the GSPC until there is clarity on the future of the GSPC and on a draft Decision to replace the Decisions 18.49 to 18 with the purpose of extending the work following the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

14. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) * [Resolution Conf. 18.4]

No document

The Chair of the Animals Committee will provide an update on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.4 on *Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and draw attention to the *Review of the second order draft of the chapters and the first order draft of the summary for policymakers of the sustainable use of wild species assessment* and its review period of 16 April to 10 June 2021.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to take note of the oral report of the Chair of the Animals Committee.

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Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

15. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species [Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)]

15.1 Overview of the Review of Significant Trade

PC25 Doc. 15.1

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 15.1 Add.

The document by the Secretariat updates the Plants Committee on the status of the Review of Significant Trade (RST). An updated overview of all cases since the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC24) is set out in Annex 1 with notes on reviews that were completed since PC24. A summary of all range State/species combinations for flora subject to a recommendation to suspend trade under RST or for which the review process is currently ongoing is included in Annex 2.

The document and addendum provide an overview on the implementation of Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP18) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP18) on the development of an RST Tracking and Management database, a user-friendly guide to RST and a comprehensive training module on RST respectively. The RST Tracking Management database was finalized in October 2020 and will be made public when all the documents have been added to the database along with the guide and training module on RST.

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of document PC25 Doc. 15.1 and its addendum.

15.2 Species selected following CoP16

No document

The Chair of the Plants Committee will provide an oral update on the species selected following CoP16.

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of the oral report of the Chair.

15.3 Species selected following CoP17

No document

The Chair of the Plants Committee will provide an oral update on the species selected following CoP17.

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of the oral report of the Chair.

15.4 Species selected following CoP18

PC25 Doc. 15.4

The document by the Secretariat presents reports by the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) in accordance with paragraph 1 a) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*. The reports provide a summary from the CITES Trade Database of annual report statistics available in Annex 1 and an extended analysis of trade to inform the preliminary selection of species/country combinations in Annex 2. Annexes 1 and 2 were produced early in 2020, based on trade data for the period 2014-2018.

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of document PC25 Doc. 15.4 and further note that the selection of new species/country combinations for review will be postponed until the first regular meeting of the Committee after CoP19.

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- 15.5 Inclusion of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from all range States in the Review of Significant Trade [Decision 18.92, paragraph b)] PC25 Doc. 15.5

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 15.5 Add.

The document and its addendum by the Secretariat outline the inclusion of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from all range States in the Review of Significant Trade (RST) process as an exceptional case pursuant to paragraph 1 c) (Stage 1) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*. The Annex to document PC25 Doc. 15.5 is the report commissioned by the Secretariat and produced by the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) on the international trade in the species for each of the 17 range States of *P. erinaceus* and includes, *inter alia*, a provisional categorization of range States as 'action is needed', 'unknown status' and 'less concern', in accordance with paragraph 1 e) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).

The addendum presents additional information brought to the attention of the Secretariat since the publication of document PC25 Doc. 15.5 in 2020, relating to the following range States of *P. erinaceus*: Benin, Guinea-Bissau, Nigeria, and Senegal.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group in line with the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 13 of the addendum, namely to consider document PC25 Doc. 15.5 and its addendum; and decide which, if any, *P. erinaceus*/country combination should be included in Stage 2 of the RST process.

For any *P. erinaceus*/country combination agreed for inclusion in Stage 2 of the RST process, the Plants Committee will be invited to request the Secretariat to initiate consultations as per paragraph 1 d) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).

- 15.6 Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews* [Decision 18.72] AC31 Doc. 13.5/
PC25 Doc. 15.6

The document by the Secretariat presents parallels between the work on country-wide Significant Trade Reviews, capacity-building (Decisions 18.38 to 18.46) and the Compliance Assistance Programme (Decisions 18.68 to 18.70).

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to request the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees and the leads on Decision 18.72 as per their respective workplans (AC31 Doc. 7.2 and PC25 Doc. 7.2) to work with the Secretariat to develop recommendations on country-wide Significant Trade Reviews and present the outcomes of this work to CoP19.

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

- 16.1. Report of Madagascar on the implementation of Decision 18.96 PC25 Doc. 16.1

Document PC25 Doc. 16.1 by Madagascar outlines progress in the implementation of Decision 18.98, with emphasis on the establishment of an intersessional advisory group (IAG) on Malagasy palisanders and rosewoods and ebonies to assist and advise Madagascar on the implementation of all measures regarding *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. Madagascar may be invited to provide an oral update. The Plants Committee will be invited to note this information.

- 16.2. Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 18.99 No document

The Secretariat will provide an oral update on any relevant progress in the implementation of Decision 18.99. The Plants Committee will be invited to note the oral update by the Secretariat.

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Regulation of trade

17. Non-detriment findings* [Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) and Decisions 18.132 and 18.133] AC31 Doc. 14.1/PC25 Doc. 17

Addendum

AC31 Doc. 14.1/PC25 Doc. 17
Add

The document and its addendum by the Secretariat provide updates on the implementation of Decisions 18.132 to 18.134. The addendum presents the terms of references for a Technical Advisory Committee and draft decisions to extend the work beyond CoP19. The Annex to the addendum presents a summary of responses to consultations with the Animals and Plants Committees and with Parties, a synthesis of gaps and weaknesses, and workstreams to address these gaps.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to review the Secretariat's suggestions regarding priority gaps and weaknesses, and corresponding workstreams, as proposed in the Annex to the addendum; review the draft terms of reference of the Technical Advisory Committee; and consider the adoption of the draft decisions proposed in paragraph 9 of the addendum.

18. Identification materials* [Decision 18.137] AC31 Doc. 15/PC25 Doc. 18

Addendum

AC31 Doc. 15/PC25 Doc. 18
Add.

The document by the Secretariat and its addendum by the co-chairs of the joint intersessional working group of the Animals and Plants Committees on identification materials and the Secretariat provides information on the implementation of Decision 17.161, paragraph c) and progress on Decision 18.135. The addendum also draws attention to new and additional species identification guides from Parties that have been added to the CITES Virtual College. The addendum presents to the Committees a new proposed draft resolution as set out in the Annex.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to consider the draft resolution in the Annex to the Addendum and instruct the Secretariat to forward it to the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting for consideration and onward submission to CoP19. If no consensus is achieved on the final text of the draft resolution, the Animals and Plants Committees will be asked to prepare a draft decision to continue this work beyond CoP19.

19. Identification of timber and other wood products [Decision 18.140] PC25 Doc. 19

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 19 Add.

The document by the Secretariat and its addendum by the co-chairs of the working group on identification of timber and other wood products outline the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.140 to 18.143 and 16.58 (Rev. CoP18). The Annex to the addendum consists of the revised compendium of timber identification resources, modified by the Secretariat from information document PC25 Inf. 11.

The Plants Committee will be invited to agree on the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 39 of the addendum, which relate to the publication of the compendium in the Annex to the addendum, and on the pertinence of draft decisions proposed in paragraph 39 c) of the addendum to continue the work on identification of timber and other wood products.

20. Specimens produced through biotechnology* [Decision 18.148] AC31 Doc. 17/PC25 Doc. 20

The document by the Secretariat presents the study *Wildlife products produced from synthetic or cultured DNA* as set out in the Annex to document AC31 17/PC25 Doc. 20. Work on specimens produced through biotechnology is ongoing through an intersessional working group of the Standing Committee and will be brought to the Animals and Plants Committees, as appropriate, when the work of the working group concludes.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to take note of document AC31 Doc. 17/PC25 Doc. 20 and to request the Chairs to provide inputs on behalf of the Animals and Plants Committees to discussions at the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee.

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21. Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source* **[Decision 18.172]** AC31 Doc. 19.3/PC25 Doc. 21

The document by the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees provides an overview of work implemented under Decision 18.172 and the ongoing work by the intersessional working group of the Standing Committee under Decision 18.173.

Implementation of “Review of CITES provisions related to trade in specimens of animals and plants not of wild source” is ongoing through an intersessional working group of the Standing Committee and will be brought to the attention of the Animals and Plants Committees, as appropriate, when the work of the working group concludes.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to take note of document AC31 Doc. 19.3/PC25 Doc. 21. The Animals and Plants Committees will also be invited to endorse the Chairs of the Committees to provide input on behalf of the Committees at SC74.

22. Guidance on the term ‘artificially propagated’ **[Decision 18.178]** PC25 Comp.

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 22 Add.

The document and its addendum by the Secretariat outline progress in the implementation of Decision 18.1787 and include draft guidance on the term ‘artificially propagated’, contained in the Annex to the addendum which the Secretariat commissioned UNEP-WCMC to develop.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group with the mandate to review the draft guidance, agree on the best way to publish a consolidated version of the guidance, and consider draft decisions to propose an extension of the guidance to cover all terms in the Appendices that relate to artificial propagation.

The Plants Committee is expected to report the outcomes of its work at CoP19.

23. Specimens grown from wild-collected seeds or spores that are deemed to be artificially propagated **[Decision 18.179]** PC25 Doc. 23

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 23 Add.

The document by the Chair of the Plants Committee and its addendum by the Secretariat in consultation with the representative of Oceania (Mr. Damian Wrigley) outline progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.179 to 18.181.

The addendum includes in its Annex a report commissioned by the Secretariat to UNEP-WCMC on specimen grown from wild-collected seeds or spores that are deemed to be artificially propagated. The report is based on consultations with range States that registered nurseries of Appendix I-listed species that take a long time to reach reproductive age.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group with the mandate to review the report in the Annex to the addendum, consider conservation benefits to wild populations and any adverse effects on the conservation of Appendix-I species that have been subject to the implementation of paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, and consider whether any amendments to said paragraph are required.

The Plants Committee will be invited to report the outcomes and recommendations of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

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Species specific matters

24. Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.) PC25 Doc. 24
[Resolution Conf. 16.10 and Decision 18.203]

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 24 Add.

The document by the Chair of the Plants Committee and its addendum by the Secretariat in collaboration with the regional representative of Asia (Ms. Tika Dewi Atikah) outline progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.203 and 18.204.

The addendum notes that, based on the findings of preliminary consultations with the Plants Committee and relevant Parties, current provisions in Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa* are considered largely adequate, but that differing opinions exist as to whether provisions under the newly adopted source code “Y” code should replace the special provisions for trade in artificially propagated agarwood, as contained in paragraph 3 of said Resolution.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group with the mandate to formulate recommendations regarding potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10, the agarwood glossary and agarwood NDF guidance.

The Plants Committee is expected to report the outcomes of its work at CoP19.

25. Boswellia trees (*Boswellia* spp.) [Decision 18.205] PC25 Doc. 25

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 25 Add.

The document by the Secretariat and its addendum by the regional representative of Europe (Ms. Ursula Moser) outline the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.205 to 18.208. They also refer to the substantial amount of information that was received in response to Notification No. 2020/056, issued as per Decision 18.205 and presented in information document PC25 Inf. 3.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish a working group with the mandate to discuss key gaps in knowledge and propose recommendations for further efforts to address the sustainable use and conservation of these species, including whether any *Boswellia* species could meet the criteria for listing in the Appendices and to consider the pertinence of extending or revising Decisions 18.205 to 18.208 based on the progress achieved.

The Plants Committee is expected to report the outcomes of its work at CoP19.

26. Rosewood tree species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)] **[Decision 18.236]**

26.1 Report of the Secretariat: PC25 Doc. 26.1

26.2 International trade in the African *Pterocarpus* rosewood species PC25 Doc. 26.2

26.3 Report of the working group PC25 Doc. 26.3

Documents PC25 Doc. 26.1 by the Secretariat, PC25 Doc. 26.2 by the European Union in consultation with its Member States, and PC25 Doc. 26.3 by the co-chairs of the working group on rosewood tree species outline the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.234 to 18.237.

The Plants Committee will be invited to agree the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 36 of document PC25 Doc. 26.3, including *inter alia* the pertinence of submitting draft decisions to CoP19 to continue the work on rosewood tree species.

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27. African cherry (*Prunus africana*) [Decision 18.260] PC25 Doc. 27
28. African tree species [Decision 17.302] PC25 Doc. 28

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 28 Add.

Documents PC25 Doc. 27 and PC25 Doc. 28 by the Secretariat and its addendum by the co-chairs of the working group on African tree species outline progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.260 to 18.262 on *Prunus africana* and Decision 17.302 on *African tree species*.

The Plants Committee will be invited to agree the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 13 of the addendum including, *inter alia*, to consider the publication of draft recommendations on *Prunus africana* and the pertinence of submitted draft decisions to CoP19 to continue the work on African tree species.

29. Neotropical tree species [Decision 18.299] PC25 Doc. 29

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 29 Add.

The document by the Secretariat and its addendum by the co-chairs of the working group on Neotropical tree species outline the progress achieved in the implementation of Decision 18.299.

The Plants Committee will be invited to agree the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 59 of the addendum including, *inter alia*, to consider the pertinence of submitted draft decisions to CoP19 to continue the work on Neotropical tree species.

30. Trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species [Decision 18.302] PC25 Doc. 30

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 30 Add.

The document by the Secretariat and its addendum by the co-chairs of the working group on trade in medicinal and aromatic plants outline the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.300 to 18.303.

The Plants Committee will be invited to agree the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 9 of the addendum including, *inter alia*, to consider the pertinence of submitting draft decisions to CoP19 to continue the work on trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species.

Maintenance of the Appendices

31. Report of the nomenclature specialist [Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18)] PC25 Doc. 31

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 31 Add.

The document and its addendum by the nomenclature specialist set out the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions on nomenclature for flora and on the workplan for the Plants Committee in matters related to nomenclature. This covers aspects relevant to checklists and standard references for *Aloes*, cacti, *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp., *Guibourtia* spp., Appendix II-listed orchids, *Pachypodium* spp., and *Taxus* spp.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group with a mandate in line with the revised recommendations contained in paragraph 16 of the addendum, including drafting nomenclature-related decisions where appropriate.

The Plants Committee is to report the outcomes of this work at CoP19.

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32. Orchids checklists

32.1 Orchids checklist in the Republic of Korea PC25 Doc. 32.1

32.2 Appendix-II orchids checklist PC25 Doc. 32.2

Documents PC25 Doc. 32.1 by the Republic of Korea and PC25 Doc. 32.2 by the United Kingdom and Great Britain and Northern Ireland represent a comprehensive review and updates of current standard references for Appendix II-listed orchids.

The Plants Committee will be invited to include the consideration of the recommendations under these documents as part of the mandate of the potential in-session working group under agenda item 31.

33. Nomenclature of Appendix-III listings* [Decision 18.313] AC31 Doc. 39/PC25 Doc. 33

Addendum AC31 Doc. 39/PC25 Doc. 33
Add.

The document by the nomenclature specialists of the Animals and Plants Committees, with assistance from the Secretariat, presents an outline of the scope of the problem with regard to nomenclatural changes to species listed in Appendix III. The addendum summarises input from the members of the working group on zoological nomenclature in paragraph 7 and notes that the work on preparing revisions to the Annex to document AC31 Doc. 39/PC25 Doc. 33 is continuing in paragraph 8.

The nomenclature specialist of the Animals Committees will be invited to provide an oral update on any progress.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to take note of the information contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the addendum. The Animals and Plants Committees will also be invited to consider the update provided by the nomenclature specialist of the Animals Committee, and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

34. Production of a CITES Checklist for *Dalbergia* spp. [Decision 18.308] PC25 Doc. 34

Addendum PC25 Doc. 34 Add.

The document and its addendum by the Secretariat, in cooperation with the nomenclature specialist, outline the progress achieved in the implementation of Decision 18.307 to 18.308, with emphasis on the preliminary results of the "CITES Checklist for *Dalbergia* spp.", commissioned by the Secretariat and developed by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG, Kew).

Annex 1 to the addendum summarizes the methodology followed to produce the checklist. Annex 2 consists of an Excel document on the progress of the literature review.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group with the mandate to provide comments on the draft outcomes of the basic checklist, discuss the pertinence of including the final basic checklist in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Standard nomenclature*, and consider a draft set of decisions to continue the work towards the development of an annotated CITES Checklist for *Dalbergia* spp.

The Plants Committee is to report the outcomes of this work at CoP19.

35. Annotations* [Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP18)] AC31 Doc. 40/PC25 Doc. 35

The document by Canada, as Chair of the Standing Committee working group on annotations, provides an overview of activities of that working group and identifies challenges pertaining to the implementation and interpretation of annotations. The work on annotations has continued, and progress was presented at the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee as outlined in document SC73 Doc. 25.

The Chair of the Standing Committee's working group on annotations will be invited to provide an oral update on any progress.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to take note of document AC31 Doc. 39/PC25 Doc. 33 and any oral update provided.

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36. Annotation #15 [Decision 18.321] PC25 Doc. 36

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 36 Add.

The document by the Secretariat and its addendum by the Secretariat in collaboration with the regional representative of Oceania (Mr. Damian Wrigley) provide updates on the implementation of Decision 18.321. The addendum also brings to the attention of the Committee information document PC25 Inf. 12 on the summary of responses received to Notification to the Parties No. 2020/033, which could be relevant in support of the study to assess the effects of the exemption contained in annotation #15 on *Dalbergia/Guibourtia* species in international trade.

In line with the revised recommendations in paragraph 6 of the addendum, the Plants Committee will be invited to take note of the document and the progress reported and of the Secretariat's intention to report to the Standing Committee that an extension of the mandates in Decisions 18.321 and 18.322 until CoP20 seems warranted.

37. Products containing specimens of Appendix-II orchids PC25 Doc. 37
[Decision 18.329]

and

38. Annotations for Appendix-II orchids PC25 Doc. 38

Addendum

PC25 Doc. 38 Add.

Documents PC25 Doc. 37 by the Secretariat, PC25 Doc. 38 by Switzerland and Liechtenstein, and the addendum to document PC25 Doc. 38 by the Secretariat in collaboration with the regional representative of Europe (Ms. Ursula Moser) relate to the implementation of Decisions 18.327 to 18.330 on *Products containing specimens of Appendix II orchids*.

In document PC25 Doc. 37, the Secretariat reviews available information on the conservation impacts of potential exemptions of orchid specimens from CITES regulations and proposes additional studies to address this matter further. In document PC25 Doc. 38, Switzerland presents its intention to submit a listing proposal relating to exemptions of trade in specimens of five orchid species.

Depending on the outcome of the discussion, the Plants Committee could be invited to establish an in-session working group with the mandate to consider priorities for additional research, the amendment to Annotation #4 as proposed by Switzerland and how to contribute to the ongoing discussions in the Standing Committee working group on annotations; and to consider the draft decisions contained in the Annex to the addendum.

The Plants Committee is to make recommendations to the Standing Committee.

39. Periodic review of species included in Appendices I and II
[Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17)]

39.1 Overview of species under Periodic Review*

AC31 Doc. 41.1/PC25

Doc. 39.1

The document by the Secretariat present an overview of the animal and plant species in the periodic review process during the period CoP17-CoP19. The document provides a record of animal species selected for review by the Animals Committee between CoP13-CoP15 in Annex 1A, CoP15-CoP17 in Annex 1B, CoP16-CoP18 in Annex 1C, CoP17-CoP19 in Annex 1D and a summary of all cases as of April 2020 in Annex 1E; and a record of plant species selected for review by the Plants Committee between CoP13-CoP15 in Annex 2A, CoP15-CoP17 in Annex 2B, CoP17-CoP19 in Annex 2C and a summary of all cases as of April 2020 in Annex 2D.

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to take note of document AC31 Doc. 41.1/PC24 Doc. 39.1.

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39.2 Periodic review of *Ariocarpus retusus* PC25 Doc. 39.2

The document by Mexico provides a periodic review of *Ariocarpus retusus*, a cactus endemic to Mexico, which has been included in Appendix II in 1975 and transferred to Appendix I in 1992. The document outlines the biology, status, trade, and management of the species and notes that there is a high demand for *A. retusus*.

The document recommends that *A. retusus* remain in Appendix I in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on *Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II*, Annex 1: A (i, ii, iii, v), B (i, ii, iii, iv), C (i, ii).

The Committee will be invited to provide comments on this review.

39.3 Periodic review of *Ceratozamia hildae* PC25 Doc. 39.3

The document by Mexico provides a periodic review of *Ceratozamia hildae*, the bamboo cycad, which has been included in 1977 as part of the Zamiaceae family and transferred to Appendix I in 1985 as part of the genus *Ceratozamia* spp. The document outlines the biology, status, trade, and management of the species of the species and notes that trade in *C. hildae* is moderate.

The document recommends maintaining *Ceratozamia hildae* in CITES Appendix I, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on *Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II*, Annex 1, criteria A (ii), B (i) and C (ii).

The Committee will be invited to provide comments on this review.

40. Guidance for the publication of the Appendices* [Decision 18.331] AC31 Doc. 42/PC25 Doc. 40

The document by the Secretariat presents draft guidance for the publication of the Appendices as of May 2020, but the work on this guidance has continued and an updated guidance is presented in document SC73 Doc. 26 (Rev. 1).

The Animals and Plants Committees will be invited to take note of document AC31 Doc. 42/PC25 Doc. 40.

Regional matters

41. Regional reports

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| 41.1 <u>Africa</u> | <i>No document</i> |
| 41.2 <u>Asia</u> | <i>No document</i> |
| 41.3 <u>Central and South America and the Caribbean</u> | <i>No document</i> |
| 41.4 <u>Europe</u> | PC25 Doc. 41.4 |
| 41.5 <u>North America</u> | PC25 Doc. 41.5 |
| 41.6 <u>Oceania</u> | PC25 Doc. 41.6 |

The Members of the Plants Committees from the six major geographical regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Central and South America and the Caribbean, and Oceania) were invited to submit a regional report on activities undertaken in the region since the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Plants Committee will be invited to take note of each of the regional reports.

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Conclusion of the meeting

42. Any other business *No document*

The Plants Committee will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Delegations wishing to propose subjects for discussion under this item are invited to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.

43. Time and venue of the 26th meeting of the Plants Committee *No document*

The Secretariat will inform the Plants Committee on plans for time and venue of the 26th meeting of the Plants Committee that will take place after CoP19.

44. Closing remarks *No document*

The Chair will close the meeting.

A consolidated executive summary for the two plenary sessions and the joint session will be posted during the two week-break and adopted at the final session of the Committee. The decisions taken at PC25 will come into effect as soon as the consolidated executive summary has been endorsed by the Committee. The summary record will be prepared based on paragraph 2 of Rule 19 and include further details on the discussions at the meeting. Any comments or views expressed in the chat of the meeting will not be included in the summary record unless such comments have been read into the record. The list of participants will be finalized by the Secretariat after the meeting. These documents will be posted on the CITES website.

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