

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



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 17 and 20-23 July 2020

COMPENDIUM

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat has summarized in this compendium the status of implementation of decisions directed to the Secretariat and the Plants Committee that feature in its workplan (see document PC25 Doc. 7.2) regarding *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and Guidance on the term “artificially propagated”*.

Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

3. At its 18th meeting (CoP18; Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.49 to 18.51 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* as follows:

18.49 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) *publish and maintain updated on its website the summary of the Periodic Review proposals submitted to Conference of the Parties for amendments to Appendices I and II, taxa selected for Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II, and Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix II species, with relevant updates derived from the 23rd and 24th meetings of the Plants Committee and the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;*
- b) *in collaboration with the Plants Committee, update the report on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) [see document CoP17 Doc. 14.6 (Rev. 1)], taking into account the analysis contained in information document PC24 Inf. 6, as well as the relevant outcomes of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and provide it to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) for further consideration by the CBD at the 15th meeting of its Conference of the Parties;*
- c) *consult the Secretariat of CBD concerning the post-2020 future of the GSPC, and collaborate with the Plants Committee in drafting any required revision of Resolution Conf. 16.5 on Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020; and*
- d) *report on progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) to c) to the Plants Committee.*

18.50 Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) *consider the Secretariat's updated report as per Decision 18.49 above;*
- b) *in collaboration with the Secretariat and if considered appropriate, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5, taking into account the discussions under CBD regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC, with a view to ensure that a two-way collaboration between both Conventions is reflected; and*
- c) *present its recommendations to the Standing Committee or the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.*

18.51 Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider any report prepared in response to Decision 18.50, and in coordination with the Plants Committee, convey its recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

4. Regarding Decision 18.49, paragraph a), updated information on Periodic Review proposals and the Review of Significant Trade that concern flora species is reported (respectively) in documents AC31 Doc. 41.1/PC25 Doc. 39.1, and PC25 Doc. 15.1 to PC25 Doc. 15.5, which are available on the CITES website.
5. Regarding Decision 18.49, paragraph b), the Secretariat presents the proposed updated report to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in an information document.
6. Regarding paragraph Decision 18.49, paragraph c), the Secretariat notes that, at the 23rd meeting of CBD's *Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice* (SBSTTA, Montreal, 2019), CBD's Executive Secretary provided a report on progress towards the targets of the GSPC 2011-2020, as well as perspectives relevant for taking the Strategy beyond 2020 (see information document [CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/12](#)).
7. Furthermore, during the meetings of the *Collaborative Partnership on Forests* (CPF) that took place on 27 and 28 January 2020 at FAO Headquarters in Rome, the Secretariat has been in close consultation with the Secretariat of the CBD on post-2020 scenarios for the GSPC. At the time of writing, it remained unclear whether a specific proposal to update the GSPC beyond 2020 will be brought for consideration of the 15th meeting of its Conference of the Parties of the CBD. It is therefore not yet possible to draft revisions of Resolution Conf. 16.5 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020*.
8. Regarding Decision 18.50, following the present meeting and by electronic means the Secretariat will coordinate with the Plants Committee's lead for Decision 18.50 (as per PC25 Doc. X.2) consultations and feedback to the proposed report in PC25 Inf. XX. Based on the outcomes of these consultations, the Secretariat will submit the consolidated version of the report on CITES contribution to the GSPC to the CBD Secretariat, in time for CBD-COP15.
9. The Secretariat will present an updated report on the implementation of Decision 18.49, paragraphs a) to c), for consideration of the Plants Committee at its 26th meeting.

Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated'

10. At its 18th meeting (CoP18; Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 18.178 on *Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated'*, as follows:

18.178 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:

- a) *commission the preparation of guidance materials for the Parties on aspects of artificial propagation including the terms 'under controlled conditions', 'cultivated parental stock'*

and the new source code or such terms as may be adopted at CoP18, to supplement the publication A Guide to the application of CITES source codes;

- b) report to the Plants Committee at its 26th meeting on progress on paragraph a); and*
- c) after review and revision by the Plants Committee, if directed by the Plants Committee, publish the final guidance on the CITES website.*

11. The Secretariat estimates the cost of the preparation and publication of the guidance materials called for under paragraph a) of Decision 18.178 at USD 65,000 (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2020/032](#)). At the time of writing, thanks to the availability of the Swiss funds, half of this estimated budget is available, and the Secretariat is able to initiate the implementation of Decision 18.178 while continuing to seek further funding.
12. The Secretariat will maintain the Plants Committee informed on any progress regarding the preparation of guidance materials, and will report to its 26th meeting, as per paragraph b) of Decision 18.178.

Recommendations

13. The Plants Committee is invited to take note of the Secretariat's progress in the implementation of Decision 18.49 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* and Decision 18.178 on *Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated'*.