

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



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

GUIDANCE ON THE TERM 'ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED'

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Members: representative for Oceania (Mr. Wrigley) (Chair);
- Parties: Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Georgia, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and
- Observers : United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre; International Union for Conservation of Nature, Center for International Environmental Law, ForestBased Solutions, Humane Society International, International Wood Products Association, and TRAFFIC.

Mandate

The in-session working group shall:

- a) review and, if appropriate, revise the draft guidance in the Annex to the addendum to document PC25 Doc. 22;
- b) agree on the best way to publish a consolidated version of the guidance on terms relating to 'artificially propagated', including consider incorporating it in a new edition of the publication A Guide to the application of CITES source codes;
- c) consider the draft decisions in paragraph 5 of this addendum; and
- d) report its recommendations to the Committee.

Recommendations

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee agree to the following:

- a) regarding the best way to publish a consolidated version of the guidance on terms relating to 'artificially propagated', including consideration for incorporating it in a new edition of the publication 'A Guide to the application of CITES source codes', the Plants Committee is invited to agree to
 - (i) the continuation of the working group on review of the draft Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated' formed at PC25, to enable the working group to sign-off a consolidated version of the Guidance for the term 'artificially propagated', until the date of approval incorporating as many of the comments made at the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee and as detailed in information document PC25 Inf. 22 as possible, to enable the Chair of the Plants Committee, in consultation with the Members of the Plants Committee and the members of the in-session working group, to

agree on the interim version of the Guidance for the term 'artificially propagated', but no later than December 2021; and to

- (ii) ~~request invite~~ the Secretariat, ~~after direction from the PC Chair,~~ to publish an ~~consolidated~~ interim version of the *Guidance for the term 'artificially propagated'* on the CITES website as a stand-alone document, ~~after sign-off by the working group on Guidance for the term 'artificially propagated' formed at PC25, and the Chair of the Plants Committee,~~ incorporating as many of the comments made at PC25 as possible within the time frame, and being clear that it is an interim version making it clear that it is an interim version that will be improved and expanded in the future.
- b) regarding the draft decisions in paragraph 5 of the document PC25 Doc. 22 Add., the Plants Committee is invited to agree to the following draft Decisions:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:

- a) commission the revision, including recommendations made at the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee, and expansion of the guidance for Parties relating to 'artificially propagated' to cover all regulatory aspects pertaining to artificially propagated plant species, and trade in their parts and derivatives; and
- b) report to the 26th meeting of the Plants Committee on progress on paragraph a).

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall consider the progress reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.AA and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.CC The Standing Committee shall consider any report from the Plants Committee as per Decision 19.BB, including recommendations related to the publication of the final guidance on the CITES website.
- c) The working group recommends that the Plants Committee report on the outcomes of its work to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its 19th meeting.