

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



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Plants Committee
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SPECIMENS GROWN FROM WILD-COLLECTED SEEDS OR SPORES
THAT ARE DEEMED TO BE ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Members: representative for Africa (Mr. Mahamane), representative for Asia (Ms. Atikah), representative for Europe (Mr. Carmo), representative for Oceania (Mr. Wrigley) (Chair);
- Parties: Chile, China, Guatemala, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and
- Observers: United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre; Species Survival Network, and TRAFFIC.

Mandate

The in-session working group shall:

- a) review the implementation of paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on Regulation of trade in plants;
- b) 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;
- c) on the basis of the above, consider the pertinence of changing paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) and draft possible editorial amendments to improve its clarity;
- d) report its recommendations to the Committee.

Recommendations

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee agree to:

- a) accept the report from the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and acknowledge its findings;
- b) note that there currently is a limited number of examples of the implementation by Parties of paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, and any amendments of paragraph 4 at this stage are not necessary until a later date, at which more examples of its implementation are anticipated to have been identified;
- c) note that any future revision of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) should also include a review of paragraph 4;

- d) also note that certain revisions to Resolution Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15) on *Registration of nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I plant species for export purposes* could be considered jointly with amendments to paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18);
- e) encourage Parties to submit case studies and examples of non-detriment findings on the use of the exception in paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) to meetings of the Plants Committee, and report on best practice examples on implementation of paragraph 4 to the Plants Committee for the formulation of future guidance;
- f) invite the Secretariat to publish indications in the registry of nurseries to identify those registered nurseries that implement paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18); and
- g) consider that Decisions 18.179 and 18.180 are completed.