

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2021

Opening of the meeting

Opening remarks of the Chair and the Secretary-General..... *No document*

The Chair of the Plants Committee and the Secretary-General gave opening addresses for this first online meeting of the Plants Committee.

Administrative and financial matters

1. Confirmation of the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair..... *No document*

The Committee noted 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 Committee noted that no Member declared a financial interest that he or she considers calls into question his or her impartiality, objectivity or independence regarding any subject on the agenda for the meeting.

3. Rules of Procedure..... PC25 Doc. 3

The Committee noted 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.

4. Agenda

4.1 Adoption of the agenda..... PC25 Doc. 4.1 (Rev. 1)

The Committee adopted its agenda as set out in document PC25 Doc. 4.1 (Rev. 1).

4.2 Annotated agenda..... PC25 Doc. 4.2

The Committee noted the annotated agenda as set out in document PC25 Doc. 4.2.

5. Working programme..... PC25 Doc. 5

The Committee adopted its working programme as set out in document PC25 Doc. 5.

6. Admission of observers PC25 Doc. 6

The Committee noted 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 Committee noted document PC25 Doc. 7.1.

- 7.2 Plants Committee workplan PC25 Doc. 7.2

The Committee noted the 2020-2022 workplan, including the identified leads or co-leads among the members of the Plants Committee, as shown in Annexes 1 and 2 to document PC25 Doc. 7.2.

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

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 and Addendum

The Committee noted document PC25 Doc. 15.1 and its addendum and welcomed the progress made with the implementation of Decision 17.108 (Rev. CoP18) on the development of a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database.

- 15.2 Species selected following CoP16 *No document*

and

- 15.3 Species selected following CoP17 *No document*

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

- 15.4 Species selected following CoP18 PC25 Doc. 15.4

The Committee noted document PC25 Doc. 15.4 and further noted that the selection of new species/country combinations for review will be postponed until the first regular meeting of the Committee after the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

- 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 and Addendum

The Committee established an in-session working group on *Pterocarpus erinaceus* with the mandate to:

- a) consider document PC25 Doc. 15.5 and its Annex "Report of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* in all range States", and the addendum; and
- b) decide which, if any, *Pterocarpus erinaceus*/country combination should be included in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade process.

The membership* was decided as follows:

Members: **representative for Africa (Mr. Mahamane)**, representative for North America (Ms. Gnam) (Chair);

Parties: Austria, **Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso**, China, Germany, **Mali, Nigeria, Togo**, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

Observers: United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre; Center for International Environmental Law, Environmental Investigation Agency USA, **Forest Trends**, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and World Wide Fund for Nature.

Regulation of trade

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

The Committee established an in-session working group on the term ‘artificially propagated’ with the mandate to:

- 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.

The membership was decided as follows:

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.

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

The Committee established an in-session working group on wild-collected seeds or spores that are deemed to be artificially propagated with the mandate to:

- 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;

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- 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.

The membership* was decided as follows:

- 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.

Species specific matters

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

The Committee established an in-session working group on agarwood-producing taxa with the mandate to:

- a) formulate recommendations regarding potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*, as well as the Agarwood glossary and the Agarwood NDF guidance; and
- b) report its recommendations to the Committee.

The membership* was decided as follows:

- Members: **representative for Asia (Ms. Atikah)**, alternate representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng) (Chair);
- Parties: Cambodia, Canada, China, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, 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 Tropical Timber Organization**, Humane Society International, **International Federation for Essential Oils and Aroma Trades**, and World Wide Fund for Nature.

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

The Committee established an in-session working group on Boswellia trees with the mandate to:

- a) consider the information in document PC25 Doc. 25 and its Addendum and Annexes;
- b) discuss key gaps in knowledge and information documents PC25 Inf. 7 and PC25 Inf. 18, and propose recommendations to address the sustainable use and conservation of these species, and consider whether any Boswellia species could meet the criteria for listing in the Appendices;
- c) consider the pertinence of extending or revising Decisions 18.205 to 18.208; and
- d) report its recommendations to the Committee.

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The membership* was decided as follows:

- Members: representatives for Africa (Ms. Khayota and M. Mahamane), representative for Europe (Ms. Moser), alternate representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng);
- Parties: China, Germany, India, Ireland, Kenya, Oman, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and
- Observers: American Herbal Products Association, **doTERRA**, Forest Trends, International Federation for Essential Oils and Aroma Trades, Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and World Wide Fund for Nature.

Strategic matters

Cooperation with organizations and Multilateral Environmental Agreements

12. Towards a resolution on CITES and forests PC25 Doc. 12 and Addendum

The Committee established an in-session working group on a resolution on *CITES and forests* with the mandate to:

- a) consider document PC25 Doc. 12 and its addendum;
- b) consider the value of developing a new resolution on CITES and forests;
- c) explore the pertinence of developing draft decisions that could be put forward by the Secretariat for consideration of the CoP;
- d) provide any additional recommendation, for the Secretariat to consider should it bring forward a draft resolution on CITES and forests.

The membership was decided as follows:

- Members: representative for Africa (Ms. Koumba Pambo) (Chair), representatives for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Beltetón Chacón and Ms. Núñez Neyra), representative for Europe (Mr. Carmo), representative for North America (Ms. Gnam);
- Parties: Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Germany, Kenya, Malaysia, Peru, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and
- Observers: Animal Welfare International, Center for International Environmental Law, Chambre Syndicale de la Façonne Instrumentale, Confédération des Industries Musicales Européennes, ForestBased Solutions, Forest Trends, Humane Society International, International Wood Products Association, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and World Wide Fund for Nature.

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

The Committee adjourned consideration of this agenda item at its next session.

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