

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Strategic matters

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

The Committee recommended that the Secretariat brings to the attention of the Plants Committee the future relevant technical and scientific results of the CITES Tree Species Programme for its review.

The Committee recognized the value of the CITES Tree Species Programme (CTSP) and recommended that the Standing Committee, in its implementation of Decision 18.16, take into account the Plants Committee's support for the further implementation of the programme.

Species specific matters

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

The Committee established an in-session working group on trade in medicinal and aromatic plant species with the mandate to:

- a) consider the draft decisions in the Annex to the addendum, taking into account progress reported in document PC25 Doc. 30 and its addendum, and information document CoP18 Inf. 11; and
- b) make any additional recommendations for the Plants Committee to consider.

The membership* was decided as follows:

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

Parties: **Argentina**, Cambodia, Canada, China, Georgia, Germany, Kenya, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

Observers: International Union for Conservation of Nature, American Herbal Products Association, Humane Society International, International Federation for Essential Oils and Aroma Trades, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and World Wide Fund for Nature.

* The working group members indicated in bold were added on 4 June 2021 since they were not able to express an interest for technical reasons on 3 June 2021.

Strategic matters

Cooperation with organizations and Multilateral Environmental Agreements

13. Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
[Resolution Conf. 16.5 and Decision 18.50]..... PC25 Comp. and Addendum

The Committee agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties the submission of draft decision 19.AA as follows:

19.AA Directed to the Plants Committee and the Secretariat

The Plants Committee shall, in collaboration with the Secretariat:

- a) taking into account the relevant outcomes under CBD regarding the post-2020 future of the GSPC, consider the need to revise Resolution Conf. 16.5 on *Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation*;
- b) if considered appropriate, draft a revision to Resolution Conf. 16.5 with a view to ensure that a two-way collaboration between both Conventions is reflected; and c) present its recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

32. Orchids checklists

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

and

32.2 Appendix-II orchids checklist PC25 Doc. 32.2

The Committee agreed to include the consideration of the recommendations under documents PC25 Doc. 32.1 and Doc. 32.2 as part of the mandate of the in-session working group under agenda item 31.

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

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

- a) consider document PC25 Doc. 31 and its addendum, and documents PC25 Doc. 32.1 and 32.2;
- b) concerning *Aloe* and *Pachypodium*, consider the progress and recommendations reported in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 31, and the pertinence of drafting nomenclature-related draft decisions to further this work for consideration of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19);
- c) concerning Cactaceae, consider the progress and recommendations reported in paragraph 7 and the Annex to the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 31, and the pertinence of revising and extending the mandate of Decisions 18.304 to 18.306 on *Nomenclature (Cactaceae Checklist and its Supplement)* for consideration at CoP19;
- d) concerning *Diospyros* spp. (populations of Madagascar), consider the progress and recommendations reported in paragraph 8 of the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 31, and the pertinence of drafting nomenclature-related draft decisions for consideration at CoP19;
- e) concerning Orchidaceae, consider the progress reported in paragraph 9 of the present addendum, together with the update and checklists contained in documents PC25 Doc. 32.1 and PC25 Doc. 32.2, and the pertinence of drafting nomenclature-related draft decisions and recommendations for consideration of CoP19;

- f) concerning *Taxus* spp., consider the progress and recommendations reported in paragraph 10 of the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 31, and develop recommendations to update the standard nomenclature references in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Standard nomenclature* for consideration at CoP19;
- g) concerning *Guibourtia* spp., consider the progress and recommendations reported in paragraph 11 of the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 31, and develop recommendations to update standard nomenclature references in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) for consideration at CoP19; and,
- h) concerning new priorities in matters related to nomenclature, consider paragraphs 12 to 15 of the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 31, and develop recommendations for consideration at CoP19, including drafting nomenclature-related draft decisions where appropriate.

The membership* was decided as follows:

Members: specialist on botanical nomenclature (Ms. Klopper) (Chair), representative for Africa (Mr. Mahamane), representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Ms. Núñez Neyra);

Parties: **Austria**, Cambodia, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Mexico, Peru, 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; Humane Society International, and Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh.

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

The Committee established an in-session working group on a *Dalbergia* Checklist with the mandate to:

- a) consider document PC25 Doc. 34 and its addendum;
- b) review Annexes 1 and 2 to the addendum and provide comments for consideration by the Royal Botanical Gardens Kew (RBG Kew);
- c) develop advice for the Secretariat and RBG Kew in the process of developing the Checklist, as per step i) paragraph 3 of document PC25 Doc. 34;
- d) consider the pertinence of including the final Checklist as a standard reference in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Standard nomenclature*; and
- e) propose to the Conference of the Parties the extension and revision of Decisions 18.307 and 18.308, as contained in paragraph 8 e) of the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 34.

The membership* was decided as follows:

Members: specialist on botanical nomenclature (Ms. Klopper) (Chair);

Parties: Austria, Cambodia, China, India, Madagascar, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

Observers: Chambre Syndicale de la Façture Instrumentale, **Confédération des Industries Musicales Européennes**, and International Wood Products Association.

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

and

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

The Committee established an in-session working group on orchid annotations with the mandate to:

- a) consider priorities for additional research, as proposed in paragraph 8 of document PC25 Doc. 37;
- b) consider the amendment to annotation #4, as proposed by Switzerland in paragraph 11 of document PC25 Doc. 38, and the best way of contributing findings in this regard to the ongoing discussions in the Standing Committee's intersessional working group on annotations;
- c) consider the submission to the Conference of the Parties of the draft decisions contained in the Annex to the addendum of document PC25 Doc. 38; and
- d) report its recommendations to the Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

<u>Members:</u>	representative for Europe (Ms. Moser) (Chair);
<u>Parties:</u>	Cambodia, Canada, China, India, Ireland, Madagascar, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and
<u>Observers:</u>	International Union for Conservation of Nature; American Herbal Products Association, Forest Trends, and TRAFFIC.

Interpretation and implementation matters

Regulation of trade

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

The Committee noted document PC25 Doc. 19, its addendum and its Annex. The Committee requested the Secretariat, in close collaboration with the Plants Committee and with relevant experts, to publish on the relevant section of its website relevant elements of the revised compendium of timber identification resources, as contained in the Annex to the addendum, in line with Decision 16.58 (Rev. CoP18), paragraph b), and Decision 18.142 paragraph b). The Committee agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties the draft decisions in paragraph 39 c) of the addendum and requested the Secretariat to take note of the proposed edits by the representative for North America (Ms. Gnam) as underlined above and below:

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Plants Committee, and subject to external resources:

- a) liaise with relevant organizations and experts in the development of a depository of timber identification resources and a dedicated webpage, taking into account the progress and recommendations reported in document PC25 Doc. 19 and its addendum;
- b) in undertaking the above, consideration should be given to tailor the compilation of timber identification resources for both frontline enforcement officers and to experts involved in identifying timber for forensic or legal purposes; and
- c) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee at its first regular meeting after CoP19 and seek its advice and input.

19.BB Directed to Parties

Parties are encouraged to collaborate with the Secretariat in sharing relevant information in support of the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

19.CC Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.AA;
- b) make recommendations to the Secretariat, the Standing Committee, and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

19.DD Directed to the Plants Committee (copied from Decision 18.140 with additional edits shown as a double underline)

The Plants Committee shall, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and building on information on existing initiatives, and progress to date:

- a) determine gaps and complementarities in various tools and knowledge sources for timber identification, such as existing field identification guidelines and keys, and on their availability and usefulness;
- b) develop standardized information templates and other tools that could be used by Parties to facilitate sharing information on the content and status of wood sample collections, and exchange with research institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other authorities;
- c) assist Parties to identify existing laboratory services for the identification of timber and wood products and to strengthen screening and forensic capacity to identify CITES- listed tree species in trade;
- d) determine methods to stimulate global, regional and national exchange of best practices in wood identification technologies between Parties; and
- e) update the Standing Committee, as appropriate, on progress made on the implementation of Decisions 19.AA to 19.DD; and report its findings and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ~~19th~~^{20th} meeting.

19.DDEE Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider any report by the Plants Committee relating to the implementation of Decision 19.CC and convey, as appropriate, any recommendations it may have to the Conference of the Parties.

Species specific matters

27. African cherry (*Prunus africana*) [Decision 18.260] PC25 Doc. 27

and

28. African tree species [Decision 17.302] PC25 Doc. 28 and Addendum

The Committee agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties the following draft decisions:

19.AA Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) update the list of African tree species and associated CITES processes contained in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 28;

- b) based on documents PC25 Doc. 27, PC25 Doc. 28 and PC25 Doc. 28 Add., establish priorities to strengthen the implementation of the Convention for the African tree species, including priorities for future work on *Prunus africana*;
- c) liaise with Parties in advancing the priorities identified above; and
- d) report the outcomes of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

19.BB Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, upon request of the Plants Committee, assist in the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

19.CC Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider any report from the Plants Committee regarding Decision 19.AA and develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

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

and

- 26.3 Report of the working group PC25 Doc. 26.3

The Committee noted documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, Doc. 26.2 and Doc. 26.3.

The Committee agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties the draft decisions with the edits proposed by the representative for North America (Ms. Gnam) as follows:

19.AA Directed to the Secretariat

Subject to external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) in consultation with the Plants Committee, develop the objectives of the proposed study of rosewood tree species, taking into account findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- ~~a~~b) commission a study on the conservation and trade rosewood-tree species identified, taking into account the priorities, findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- ~~b~~c) report on the progress of the study to the Plants Committee;
- ~~e~~d) taking into account the above, organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts, with a view to presenting and discussing the results, and develop recommendations; and
- ~~d~~e) submit the final study for consideration by the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop, if held.

19.BB Directed to the Plants Committee

The Plants Committee shall consider any progress reported by the Secretariat in relation to the implementation of Decision 19.AA, work with the Secretariat to develop the objectives of

the study, and make recommendations to the Secretariat, the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

19.CC *Directed to the Parties*

Parties are invited to collaborate with the Secretariat and the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB, and support the work of the study and the international workshop, including seeking external resources from relevant organizations and stakeholders.

19.DD *Directed to the Standing Committee*

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report relating to the implementation of Decision 19.AA to 19.CC;
- b) identify any implementation and enforcement issues associated with the international trade in rosewood tree species, particularly those identified as a priority by the Plants Committee; and
- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.