

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



Fifty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
The Hague (Netherlands), 2 June 2007

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE APPENDICES: PLANTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP13) on Establishment of Committees [Annex 2, paragraph h)], the Animals and Plants Committees should:
 - h) undertake a periodic review of animal or plant species included in the CITES Appendices by:*
 - i) establishing a schedule for reviewing the biological and trade status of these species;*
 - ii) identifying problems or potential problems concerning the biological status of species being traded;*
 - iii) consulting the Parties on the need to review specific species, working directly with the range States in the selection process, and seeking their assistance in such reviews; and*
 - iv) preparing and submitting amendment proposals resulting from the review, through the Depositary Government, for consideration at meetings of the Conference of the Parties.*
3. At the 51st meeting of the Standing Committee (Bangkok, October 2004), it was agreed that the Plants Committees should select the species to be reviewed in consultation with the Standing Committee.
4. At its 15th meeting (Geneva, May 2005), the Plants Committee agreed a list of taxa to be reviewed between the 13th and 15th meetings of the Conference of the Parties and established an intersessional working group. The list was modified after the meeting, at the request of the Chairman of the working group, and was agreed by correspondence.
5. The Secretariat, communicated this list to the Parties through Notification to the Parties No. 2005/037 of 19 July 2005. Range States of the species chosen were requested to send their comments on the need to review these species by 18 September 2005. Only one Party submitted comments.
6. At its 16th meeting (Lima, July 2006), the Plants Committee finalized its selection of the taxa to be reviewed before CoP15 as follows:

Medicinal plants

Euphorbia antisyphilitica
Dioscorea deltoidea
Saussurea costus

Timber species

Balmea stormiae
Platymiscium pleiostachyum
Podocarpus parlatorei

Ornamental plants, small taxa

Agave arizonica
Agave parviflora
Agave victoriae-reginae
Hedychium philippinense
Nolina interrata
Orothamnus zeyheri
Protea odorata
Tillandsia harrisii
Tillandsia kammii
Tillandsia kautskyi
Tillandsia mauryana
Tillandsia sprengeliana
Tillandsia sucrei
Shortia galacifolia
Welwitschia mirabilis

Ornamental plants, big taxa

Cactaceae

Pereskia spp.*
Pereskiaopsis spp.*
Sclerocactus spp.

Cycadaceae

Cycas beddomei

Didieriaceae

Didieraceae spp.

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia species in Appendix I

Liliaceae

Aloe species of Madagascar in Appendix I

Orchidaceae

Peristeria elata

Action required

7. The Standing Committee is requested to endorse the species selection made by the Plants Committee.

* NB: If these species are deleted from the Appendices at CoP14, they will be removed from the list.