

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



Seventy-first meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 16 August 2019

Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE IN SPECIMENS OF APPENDIX-II SPECIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the Plants Committee.*
2. This addendum contains the observations and recommendations of the Committee on the species/range State combinations proposed in document SC71 Doc. 12 on the *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*.

Comments and recommendations from the Plants Committee concerning flora cases

3. Regarding ***Nardostachys grandiflora* from Nepal**, the Plants Committee generally supports the recommendation of the Secretariat but suggests that the recommendation be amended slightly to add more specificity regarding information requested with respect to the scientific basis to support the quota. The proposed recommendations would read as follows:

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- a) *acknowledge the progress made by Nepal to implement the recommendations thus far;*
- b) *request Nepal to communicate to the Secretariat a revised precautionary export quota for 2019, along with a scientific justification, in line recommendation b) of the Plants Committee; and*
- c) *request Nepal to report on the implementation of recommendations d) and e), in time for the matter to be reviewed by the Plants Committee and considered at SC73.*

Consistent with the Standing Committee recommendation, and to fulfill the Plants Committee recommendation a), the Plants Committee recommends that a zero quota for wild specimens be published on the CITES website by the Secretariat as soon as possible.

Furthermore, in order to assist Nepal in addressing the concerns of the Plants Committee more precisely, it is suggested that it provides details on the following: a) the scientific basis for the export quota, including the EIA, and any other supporting scientific information that explains why the proposed quota is considered not to be detrimental to the survival of the species; and, b) with a view to ensuring sustainable off-take, an explanation of how the quota is administered over the districts that are subject to harvest. These precisions from the Plants Committee should be included in the letter from the Secretariat to Nepal that will follow this meeting.

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4. Regarding ***Prunus africana*** from Cameroon, the Plants Committee generally supports the recommendation of the Secretariat but suggests that the recommendation be amended slightly to clarify alignment with the Plants Committee recommendations. The proposed recommendations would read as follows:

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- a) *acknowledge the progress made by Cameroon in the implementation of recommendations a) and b) of the Plants Committee;*
- b) *acknowledge the progress made by Cameroon in developing NDFs for *Prunus africana* and making them publicly available on the CITES website;*
- c) *encourage Cameroon to continue the implementation of remaining recommendations c) to e) by consolidating the information it has accrued on non-detriment findings, as well as through the implementation of the relevant project under the CITES Tree Species Programme; and*
- d) *encourage Cameroon to report on the implementation of remaining recommendations c) to e) and any planned increases to the interim quota in accordance with recommendation c) in time for the matter to be considered at SC73.*

5. Regarding ***Pterocarpus santalinus*** from India, the Plants Committee suggests the recommendation be amended slightly to encourage rather than request India to provide regular updates on the amount of confiscated material.

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- a) *encourage India to continue to provide regular annual updates to the Secretariat on the amount of confiscated *Pterocarpus santalinus* that remains in stock; and*
- b) *urge India to implement recommendation b) by 31 December 2019 at the latest.*