

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

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Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

Trade in Plant Specimens

STANDARD NOMENCLATURE FOR CACTUS PLANTS

This document is submitted by the Nomenclature Committee on behalf of the Plant Working Group.

1. At the third meeting of the Plant Working Group in conjunction with the second meeting of the Technical Committee (Lausanne, 23-27 June 1986), it was decided that, of all the higher taxon listings of plants in the appendices, assistance in standardization of nomenclature was most necessary to CITES for the family Cactaceae (the cacti). A draft resolution was presented to the plenary session of the Technical Committee on 27 June 1986 and readily accepted in principle, with certain modifications noted in the minutes of that session and incorporated in the annexed draft resolution.
2. It is believed that standardized nomenclatorial references for most other higher plant taxa listed can be prepared without special attention from the Parties, while in some groups, notably orchids and tree ferns, the strategies for conservation of them do not make it so urgent to obtain standardized references to the level of species, subspecies and botanical variety (see for example Resolution Conf. 5.14 and document Doc. TEC. 1.11).

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Standard Nomenclature for Cactus Plants

RECOGNIZING the principles and procedures of Resolution Conf. 4.23, adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Gaborone, 1983), to use standard nomenclature and to develop standard references if necessary;

NOTING the charge in Resolution Conf. 5.14, paragraph c), adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Buenos Aires, 1985), to the CITES Nomenclature Committee to develop a list of standard names for plants included in the appendices together with a list of their synonyms;

OBSERVING that Resolution Conf. 5.14, paragraph b), confirms the need to maintain the higher taxon listing of the family Cactaceae;

AWARE of the recent amendment to the listing of Cactaceae in Appendix II to include specimens not in the Americas;

AWARE also that the names of Cactaceae are in particular need of synthesis and standardization and that the lack of a standard reference with adequate content decreases the effectiveness of CITES in conserving the many threatened species in that family that are listed in Appendix II;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS

- a) that the Nomenclature Committee prepare a standardized nomenclatorial reference for Cactaceae to the extent possible to the level of species, subspecies and botanical variety, with full synonymy and the countries of distribution for the recognized taxa; and
- b) that once prepared and found acceptable by the Nomenclature Committee, the published reference be presented to the Conference of the Parties for adoption as the standardized nomenclatorial reference for Cactaceae, and that this reference be updated in conjunction with certain regular meetings of the Parties for their review and acceptance;

DECIDES that US\$ 10,000 per year from the CITES budget for 1988/1989, if not sooner, be assigned to the development and if necessary publication of the standard nomenclatorial reference for cacti; and

APPEALS for funds for the Nomenclature Committee from Parties and interested individuals, organizations, and other appropriate entities to develop and publish the standard nomenclatorial reference for cacti.