

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Ten Year Review Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Oreomunnea (Engelhardtia) pterocarpa from Appendix I and Caryocar costaricense, Quercus copeyensis, Vantanea barbourii, Cynometra hemitomophylla, Platymiscium pleiostachyum, Tachigali versicolor and Batocarpus costaricensis from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

The eight plant species mentioned in this proposal have been considered under the Ten Year Review at earlier meetings of Committees and of the Conference of the Parties. At the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties at Lausanne (1989) Caryocar costaricense, Vantanea barbourii, Oreomunnea (Engelhardtia) pterocarpa, Cynometra hemitomophylla, Platymiscium pleiostachyum and Batocarpus costaricensis have been proposed for deletion from Appendix I, and Quercus copeyensis for deletion from Appendix II, as species having not been in international trade since their listing. These proposals were formally submitted by Switzerland. Tachigali versicolor was proposed for deletion from Appendix I by Switzerland and for transfer to Appendix II by the United States of America, on the basis of the same supporting statement [Doc. 7.41 Annex 1 (Rev.)]. The difference of treatment was apparently only due to a legal problem in the United States of America (Doc. 7.41 Annex 2).

Following the discussion in Committee I [Com. I 7.4 (Rev.)], the Conference of the Parties decided to transfer six of the seven species listed in Appendix I to Appendix II (Plen. 7.7) while the status of Oreomunnea (Engelhardtia) pterocarpa and Quercus copeyensis was not changed. These decisions were taken on the basis of the recommendation of the Plants Committee "That Caryocar costaricense be downlisted from Appendix I to Appendix II, rather than being removed from the appendices altogether. Further discussion on this case underlined the recommendation that if there is no evidence of international trade in this species, and in the species covered by proposals 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 23, they should be removed from the appendices of the Convention at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties" (Com. 7.1).

By letter dated September 10, 1991, the Management Authority of Costa Rica states that the export is prohibited and that there is no international trade in the species concerned. It is noted, however, that the species are traded internally, and the following figures on internal trade are given:

<u>Caryocar costaricense</u>	1290 m3
<u>Quercus copeyensis</u>	1000 m3
<u>Vantanea barbourii</u>	7000 m3
<u>Oreomunnea pterocarpa</u>	2491 m3

<u>Cynometra hemitomophylla</u>	1356 m3
<u>Platymiscium pleiostachyum</u>	2000 m3
<u>Tachigali versicolor</u>	-
<u>Batocarpus costaricensis</u>	337 m3

The Costa Rican Management Authority expresses furthermore the view that the absence of international trade in the species concerned would not justify their exclusion from the appendices. It opposes a delisting on the grounds that the populations of the species concerned, being slowly growing plants, have not been able to sufficiently recover during the time of their protection under CITES.

Since no international trade has been documented, and since Costa Rica's position is not consistent with the decisions taken at the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the present proposals are resubmitted by Switzerland merely with a view to allowing the Committee I to formally discuss the issue and to allow an appropriate follow-up to the recommendations of the Plants Committee contained in document Com. 7.1 and the decision of the Conference of the Parties based on that recommendations or to revised recommendations of Committee I.