

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement issues

MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANNOTATIONS TO *EUPHORBIA* SPP.
AND ORCHIDACEAE SPP. INCLUDED IN APPENDIX II

1. This document has been submitted by Switzerland.

Background

2. At its 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted a proposal to exempt certain artificially propagated orchid hybrids from CITES controls. At the same time, Parties and the Plants Committee were instructed to monitor the implementation of the annotation that allowed this exemption and, for the latter, to report at the present meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Decisions 13.98 and 13.99). With Notification to the Parties No. 2005/047 of 11 August 2005, the Secretariat therefore requested on behalf of the Plants Committee that Parties provide information to fulfil Decision 13.98, and the Plants Committee considered an evaluation of this information at its 16th meeting (Lima, July 2006).

Rationale

3. If the proposals to amend the annotations to *Euphorbia* spp. and Orchidaceae included in Appendix II (proposals CoP14 Prop. 29 and Prop. 34 respectively) are adopted, then it seems appropriate first to renew the Decisions related to Orchidaceae, and second to adopt a similar approach for *Euphorbia* spp. Consequently the following draft decisions are proposed for adoption in order to provide Parties and the Plants Committee with a mandate to monitor the implementation of those annotations.

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat notes that two of the draft decisions require the gathering of information. In keeping with paragraph d) of Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP13), Parties should consider “whether such information could be sought via the annual or biennial report, or if a special report is needed, and generally ensure that the reporting burden is kept to a minimum”.
- B. Should Parties determine that special reporting is needed in relation to the two annotations, they might consider the following alternative text:

Draft decisions relating to the proposal to amend the annotation to Orchidaceae spp.
and *Euphorbia* spp. included in Appendix II

Directed to the Parties

- 14.XX All Parties should monitor the implementation of the annotation to *Euphorbia* spp. and Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II and report to the Plants Committee at its 18th meeting. The reports should particularly note whether these revised annotations have had any adverse effects on the conservation of *Euphorbia* spp. and Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 14.XX The Plants Committee shall report at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of the annotation to *Euphorbia* spp. and Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II.

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II

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- 14.XX The Plants Committee shall report at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of the annotation to Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II.

Draft decisions relating to the proposal to amend the annotation to
Euphorbia spp. included in Appendix II

Directed to the Parties

- 14.XX All Parties should monitor the implementation of the annotation to *Euphorbia* spp. included in Appendix II, with an emphasis on possible illegal trade in wild-collected plants, and report to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 14.XX The Plants Committee shall report at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of the annotation to *Euphorbia* spp. included in Appendix II.