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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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COMMENT FROM THAILAND REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF “ASSISTED PRODUCTION” IN
RESOLUTION CONF. 11.11 (REV.COP18) IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEM 59.2

This document has been submitted by Thailand in relation to agenda item 59.2.*

1. According to Document 59.2, which has been submitted by the Standing Committee, in collaboration with the Chair of the Plants Committee, and SC has been invited the Conference of the Parties to adopted the amendment Resolution Conf. 11.11 and 12.3.
2. Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. Cop17) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, amendment is made for the new definition of ‘assisted production’ which refers the plant specimens as well as derivatives thereof that:
 - a) do not comply with the definition of “artificially propagated” and
 - b) are considered not to be ‘wild’ because they are propagated or planted in an environment with some level of human intervention for the purpose of plant production;
3. Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. Cop17) on *Permit and Certificate*, amendment is made for the new source code ‘Y’ which refer to the plants which come from assisted production.
4. The same document, the Secretariat recommends deleting the section of artificially propagated in paragraph 1-4 in Resolution Conf. 16.10 on Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa in order to avoid duplicate and promote simplicity.

In this regard Thailand would like to make statements in following:

1. Concerning the definition of ‘assisted production’;
 - a) Thailand is concerned about the clarity of the definition of "an environment with some level of human intervention" because the document is not sufficiently detailed in determining the criteria for level of human intervention,
 - b) It was unclear what the scenarios on using “assisted production” in the permit and certificate will promote the conservation,

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- c) How to ensure that the parent stock of "assisted production" is coming from artificially propagated or wild-collected, which it is difficult to trace back on legal acquisition and risk of endangered for that species, and
 - d) The burden and difficulty for the competent authorities of both the exporting and importing countries to inspect and differentiated between 'Y' and 'W' in assisted production system because there are many interpretation for level of human intervention.
2. Concerning the Resolution Conf. 16.10;
- a) the recommendation from the Secretariat deleting the section of artificially propagated, Thailand do not agreed to deleted para 4 (para 1-3 is already state in 'under control condition') because it will make the tree of agarwood which grown in garden or backyard or state in mixed plantation has disappeared, in addition the registration for agarwood which cultivated in specific manner after Cop 16 will disadvantage and discourage the livelihood way.
 - b) Thailand would like to support the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa* to robust cultivate of agarwood for the livelihood to confirm of the legal acquisition.