

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/026

Geneva, 14 March 2023

CONCERNING:

Decisions 18.304 to 18.306 (Rev. CoP19) on *Cactaceae Checklist and its Supplement*

1. Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature* lists the following taxonomic reference for all Cactaceae, except *Aztekium valdezii*:

[CITES Cactaceae Checklist](#) third edition (2016, compiled by D. Hunt) as a guideline when making reference to names of species of Cactaceae, and the amendments and updates outlined in [A Supplement to the CITES Cactaceae Checklist](#) third edition 2016 (Hunt, D. 2018).

2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19, Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 18.304 (Rev. CoP19) directed to the Parties, as follows:

18.304 (Rev. CoP19) *Parties shall inform the Secretariat on their experience in using the CITES Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition) and its Supplement (2018) and any issues that may arise as they apply these lists, including feedback to improve it in the light of relevant updates of cacti taxonomy.*

3. The Secretariat suggests that possible issues with the CITES Cactaceae Checklist and its supplement could include, *inter alia*:
 - a) recently described taxa in the family Cactaceae spp. that are not yet included in the current standard nomenclature references (except for the genera *Pereskia* spp., *Peresklopsis* spp. and *Quiabentia* spp. which are not included in CITES Appendices);
 - b) nomenclature or taxonomic changes, including changes in accepted names, of taxa included in the current standard nomenclature references for the family Cactaceae spp.;
 - c) oversights in the current standard nomenclature references for Cactaceae spp., such as spelling mistakes or incorrect synonyms;
 - d) issues in relation to species distribution and range States or in relation to the country/area checklists; or
 - e) practical issues, including in relation to synonyms, common names or trade names, arising when using current standard nomenclature references for implementing CITES regulations.

4. Parties are invited to submit information as required in Decision 18.304 (Rev. CoP19) to the Secretariat by 30 March 2023. Information should be submitted to Mr. Martin Hitziger (martin.hitziger@un.org).
5. Based on the responses received to the present Notification, and in accordance with [Decision 18.305 \(Rev. CoP19\)](#), the Secretariat will prepare a report for consideration of the Plants Committee at its 26th meeting (Geneva, 5-9 June 2023).