

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



Tenth meeting of the Plants Committee
Shepherdstown, West Virginia, United States of America, 11 – 15 December 2000

Species proposals for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

ARAUCARIA ARAUCANA

1. The current listing of *Araucaria araucana* in the CITES Appendices has been the subject of some discussion, for which reason the Secretariat has prepared this document for consideration by the Plants Committee at its 10th meeting.
2. The current listing is as follows:
 - Appendix I: the populations of Argentina and Chile.
 - Appendix II: remaining populations.
3. The Appendices with regard to *Araucaria araucana* are correct because the proposal to CoP11 was to transfer the Argentine population of this species to Appendix I and this was adopted.
4. In the last paragraph of this proposal it was mentioned that one of the reasons for the proposed transfer was to eliminate the current split-listing. It was for this reason that the Plants Committee supported the proposal.
5. After the meeting it was realized that, when this proposal was adopted, populations of this species other than those specified as being in Appendix I would remain in Appendix II. These populations are introduced populations, not natural ones, of which at least one exists in Switzerland.
6. The Plants Committee is requested to consider the following:
7. Should the current split-listing be maintained or not?
8. Resolution Conf. 9.24 Annex 3 recommends that split-listings should be avoided as much as possible. It was with that in mind that the Plants Committee supported the proposal by Argentina. As explained above, the current split-listing has all the wild populations in Appendix I and the remaining introduced populations in Appendix II. Where conservation status of populations allow it and where it poses no serious enforcement problems, split-listing should be stimulated.
9. If the current listings of *Araucaria araucana* should be maintained, does the Committee think that there is a need to develop guidelines for Parties with regard to proposals relating to species for which introduced

populations exist? If so, the Secretariat could draft appropriate text, applicable to fauna and flora. This text could be included in Annex 6 of the Resolution on criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II.

10. If the Committee is of the opinion that the current listing should be amended, it should seek a Party to present such a proposal. It should, however, bear in mind that, if such a proposal is adopted, several Parties might wish to enter Reservations, which could result in enforcement problems. Also, to include introduced populations in Appendix I would seem a bit peculiar, since it does not serve any conservation purpose.