

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



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until the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

STRATEGIC PLANNING: REVIEW OF THE ACTION PLAN OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE
[DECISIONS 12.9 B) AND 12.11 A)]

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat and is based on documents PC13 Doc. 8.1 and PC13 WG1 Doc. 1.
2. The tables below indicate the level of priority (High, Medium or Low) that the Plants Committee has decided to allocate to the different items in its work programme for the period until the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The list of tasks is based on the currently valid Resolutions and Decisions directed to the Plants Committee as well as those requiring its assistance or consulting or informing it.

TABLE 1: RESOLUTIONS DIRECTED TO THE PLANTS COMMITTEE				
No.	Title	Reference	Priority	Remarks
9.24 (Rev. CoP12)	Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II	Fifth RESOLVES; and Annex 4, paragraph C	H	
11.1 (Rev. CoP12)	Establishment of Committees	<i>Regarding the establishment of committees; and Regarding regional representation in the Animals and Plants Committees; and Annex 2</i>	H	
12.8	Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species	First DIRECTS	H	

TABLE 2: RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE CONSULTING OR INFORMING THE PLANTS COMMITTEE				
No.	Title	Reference	Priority	Remarks
9.19	Guidelines for the registration of nurseries exporting artificially propagated specimens of Appendix-I species	Annex 3, RESOLVES, paragraph d)	L	
9.25 (Rev.)	Inclusion of species in Appendix III	First RECOMMENDS, paragraph c); REQUESTS; and URGES	L	
11.11	Regulation of trade in plants	<i>Regarding education about plant conservation through CITES,</i> RECOMMENDS, paragraph c)	L	
11.19	Identification Manual	DIRECTS, paragraph g)	M	
12.2	Procedure for approval of externally funded projects	Annex 1, paragraph 2. c)	M	

Table 3: DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE PLANTS COMMITTEE			
No.	Title	Priority	Remarks
12.9	Work programme of the Plants Committee		<i>See table 5 below</i>
12.10	Work programme of the Plants Committee	H/L	<i>Depending on proposals</i>
12.11 a)	Work programme of the Plants Committee		
12.11 b)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	H	
12.11 c)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	L	
12.11 d)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	H	
12.11 e)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	M	
12.11 f)	Work programme of the Plants Committee		<i>Ongoing</i>
12.11 g)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	L	
12.11 h)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	L	
12.11 i)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	L	
12.11 j)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	L	
12.11 k)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	M	
12.11 l)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	L	
12.11 m)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	L	
12.11 n)	Work programme of the Plants Committee	M	
12.12	Work programme of the Plants Committee	M	
12.13	Regional meetings of the Plants Committee	H	
12.14	Regional directories	L	
12.24	Technical implementation issues	M	
12.66	<i>Aquilaria</i> species	L	
12.67	<i>Aquilaria</i> species	L	

12.68	<i>Aquilaria</i> species	L	
12.69	<i>Aquilaria</i> species	H	
12.70	<i>Aquilaria</i> species	H	
12.71	<i>Aquilaria</i> species	M	
11.114 (Rev. CoP12)	<i>Guaiaacum</i> species	L	
12.73	Review of Significant Trade	H	
12.74	Review of Significant Trade	H	
12.75	Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade	H	
12.97	Review of the criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II	H	
11.118 (Rev. CoP12)	Annotations for medicinal plants in the Appendices	H	
10.86	Trade in alien species	L	<i>Chairman's report for CoP13</i>

TABLE 4: DECISIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE

12.17	Establishment of an Export Quota Working Group	L	
12.63	<i>Harpagophytum</i> species	M	
12.64	<i>Harpagophytum</i> species	L	
12.65	<i>Harpagophytum</i> species	L	
12.91	Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species	L	

TABLE 5: Actions currently directed to the Plants Committee and given a high priority pursuant to the CITES Action Plan and Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP12) and potential future priority actions (*indicated in bold and italics*)

Reference	Action point number	Description	Status	Priority
a)		Provide advice and guidance to the Conference of the Parties, the other committees, working groups and the Secretariat, on all matters relevant to international trade in plant species included in the Appendices, which may include proposals to amend the Appendices.	Ongoing work of the PC.	H
	4.6.1	<i>As part of Objective 4.6 "to strengthen knowledge, promote awareness and facilitate enforcement on flora issues in CITES": "Ensure that adequate attention is given to plant conservation in all activities related to the implementation of this Plan."</i>	<i>Identify the activities.</i>	H

f)	2.1.3	Continue the Review of Significant Trade as initiated by the Parties in Resolution Conf. 8.9. (Rev.) ¹ .	<u>Taxon based:</u> – Cycads – <i>Prunus africana</i> – <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> – <i>Aloe</i> spp. for extract from Eastern Africa – <i>Pericopsis alata</i> <u>Country based:</u> – Madagascar	H
h)	2.1.2	Regularly review the Appendices to ensure that listed taxa satisfy the relevant criteria.	<u>Done for:</u> – Orchidaceae <u>Ongoing for:</u> – Appendix-I Cactaceae	L
g)	2.1.4	Evaluate trade and biological information on currently unlisted species subject to significant international trade to determine whether they would qualify for and benefit from CITES listing.	Parties have started to look at the following unlisted taxa: – <i>Harpagophytum</i> spp. – <i>Guaiacum</i> spp. – <i>Taxus</i> spp. other than <i>T. wallichiana</i> – Tree species	M L L L
e)	1.7.2	Develop regional directories that list the botanists and zoologists in each region who are experts in CITES-listed species.	Done for all regions. Future activities: find mechanisms for coordinated update and improvement, and for publication on the CITES website.	L

¹ Replaced by Resolution Conf. 12.8.

Actions with lower priority and potential future priority actions (<i>indicated in bold and italics</i>)				
b)		Assist the Nomenclature Committee in the development and maintenance of a standardized list of species names.	Lead with Nomenclature Committee. Ongoing work of the PC.	L
c)		Assist the Secretariat with the implementation of the Resolution on the Identification Manual and Decisions related to it and, upon request of the Secretariat, review proposals to amend the Appendices with regard to possible identification problems.	Lead with the Secretariat. Ongoing work of the PC.	L
d)	1.7.1	Develop a manual specifying the obligations and procedures of the Scientific Authorities in order to encourage the development of specific training courses for them.	Lead with the Secretariat. Cooperate with the Secretariat on the implementation of its programme of work to assist Scientific Authorities.	L
e)	1.7.3	Communicate to the Parties the importance and advisability of including plants experts within the structure of the Scientific Authorities.	To establish mechanisms with the SC.	L
i)		Make available advice on management techniques and procedures for range States requesting such assistance.	To establish mechanisms with the SC.	L
j)		Draft resolutions on matters related to animals or plants, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.	Ongoing work of the PC.	H
k)		Perform any other functions that may be entrusted to them by the CoP or the SC.	Chairman and/or members selected by the Chairman of PC to attend technical meetings as experts such as in the Criteria Working Group.	L
l)		Report to the CoP and, if so requested, to the SC, on the activities the PC has carried out or supervised between meetings of the CoP.	PC Chairman reports at SC meetings.	H
	1.1.6 (new for PC)	<i>Develop further regulations to prevent unnecessary loss during harvesting, storage and transportation of live [...] plants.</i>	<i>PC working group preparing guidelines to improve chances of survival of live specimens during transportation.</i>	Done

	2.2.2	Encourage Parties to consult with the Animals Committee and Plants Committee as appropriate to assist in the preparation of proposals to amend the Appendices.	To establish mechanisms with the SC. Ongoing work of the PC.	H
	2.2.3	For identified commodities, develop standardized units of measure for permits, trade analysis and reporting.	Ongoing work of the PC.	L
	4.3.2	Participate actively at scientific meetings and conferences, and encourage participation in CITES issues by the scientific community.	PC members and observers at PC meetings attend scientific meetings and explain CITES issues.	M