

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



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Follow-up of CoP12 Decisions

GUAIAACUM SPP. [DECISION 11.114 (REV. COP12)]: PROGRESS REPORT

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 12th meeting (Santiago, 2002) the Conference of the Parties adopted a proposal to include *Guaiaacum* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention and Decision 11.114 (Rev. CoP12) on *Guaiaacum* species as follows:

The Plants Committee shall assess the status of Guaiaacum species in the wild, the status in trade and threats to the species.

3. At the 13th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC13, Geneva, August, 2003), the observer from Mexico summarized the progress of current research on the population status and management of *Guaiaacum sanctum* in Mexico. The Plants Committee encouraged Mexico to take this work further.
4. Following PC13 the Secretariat contracted the *Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad* (CONABIO) which is the Scientific Authority of Mexico to study the distribution, abundance, and population dynamics of *Guaiaacum sanctum* (and sympatric populations of *G. coulteri* if identified) in Mexico in order to determine the conservation status and availability of the species. The study should provide a basis for determining the viability of exploiting wild populations of *Guaiaacum sanctum* in a sustainable manner in compliance with Article IV of the Convention. The study will be completed in November 2005.
5. The Plants Committee may wish to review progress on this work as outlined in information document PC14 Inf. 1 (English only) and to consider whether the study can be used as a model for work in other countries.