

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



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Training initiatives

STANDARD SLIDE PACKAGE: PROGRESS REPORT

1. This document has been prepared by the Scientific Authority for plants of the United Kingdom.
2. Document PC13 Doc. 24.1 outlined progress on the production of a series of standard CITES presentation packs for plants, funded by the UK CITES Management Authority (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Defra). Since the 13th meeting of the Plants Committee (12-15 August 2003) the training manuals have been translated into French and Spanish. They are now in press and will be published in March 2004. Two texts will be published: *CITES and Plants: a User's Guide Version 3* and *CITES and Succulents*. The manuals will be published in trilingual books, with an accompanying PowerPoint presentation on CD-ROM. As the production and publication costs have been sponsored by Defra, free copies will be made available to all CITES users and the CITES Secretariat. However, funds for global distribution of the manuals is not available and assistance is sought to allow distribution of free copies to all who require them.
3. Work has commenced on two new titles: *CITES and Slipper Orchids* and *CITES and Timber*. *CITES and Slipper Orchids* will follow the format of *CITES and Succulents* and cover the genera *Cypripedium*, *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium*.
4. *CITES and Timber* will be a challenging production. The aim is to keep the manual as simple as possible as it is an introductory guide and not a comprehensive reference. However the manual will direct the user to sources of further information and key centres of expertise. The proposed format is as follows:

**Section 1**    How to use the Guide

This will contain user instructions.

**Section 2**    Reference and resources

To include key references to CITES and standard references and guides. This first short list will be an update of what was included in *CITES and Plants - A User's Guide Version 3*. Next will be a series of general references relating to timber trade and tree species. This will be followed by a longer list of references directly relating to the CITES-species. Each citation will include a short sentence outlining the content of the reference and its relevance to CITES users. Lists of CD-ROMs and websites will also be included.

**Section 3**    Nomenclature and identification

This section will include a checklist of trade names, cross referenced to scientific names. Trade names that may include CITES-listed taxa will be highlighted. A list of recommended identification guides will be included. A draft directory of organizations that are willing to identify timber samples for enforcement purposes will also be included.

## Section 4 Slides and speakers notes

Slides 1-7	Introduction slides
Slide 1	Aim of the presentation
Slide 2	What the presentation will cover
Slide 3	What trees are listed on CITES
Slide 4	What parts are controlled
Slide 5	What parts are traded
Slide 6	Use of trade names
Slide 7	Global trade in listed timbers
Slide 8	Trees on CITES ( <b>Chapter-heading slide</b> )
Slide 9	Mahogany – <i>Swietenia</i> spp. General introduction, to outline number of species in the genus, general distribution, habitat and most important species in trade.
Slide 10	<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> – Parts in trade (include customs tariff codes)
Slide 11	<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> – Identification of parts in trade
Slide 12	<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> – Global trade routes
Slide 13	<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> – EU and UK trade routes
Slide 14	Trade in other species of <i>Swietenia</i>
Slide 15	CITES and EU permits required
Slide 16	<i>Swietenia</i> summary This will be followed by further slides covering the same topics for all the major taxa of CITES-listed timber. This we calculate will cover some 40 slides.
Slide 41	Other trees/timbers listed on CITES General introduction to outline other minor timber trees listed.
Slide 42	Minor timbers – Parts in trade (include customs tariff codes)
Slide 43	Minor timbers - Identification of parts in trade
Slide 44	Minor timbers- Global trade routes
Slide 45	Minor timbers - EU and UK trade routes
Slide 46	Minor timbers summary
Slide 47	Implementing the EU Wildlife trade regulations for trees ( <b>Chapter-heading slide</b> )
Slide 48	Enforcement - Checking timber consignments
Slide 49	The non-detriment statement for timber trees
Slide 50	Potential illegal trade
Slide 51	EU stricter measures
Slide 52	Implementation: summary
Slide 53	Additional slides ( <b>Chapter-heading slide</b> )
Slide 54	Exemptions
Slide 55	A history of cites timber listings
Slide 56	Use of new techniques in the identification of timber
Slide 57	Timber identification guides
Slides 58-59	How the timber trade works
Slide 60	Measurement conversion tables
Slide 61	How to sample wood for identification
Slide 62	Medicinal woods

## Conclusion

The comments of the Plants Committee are welcome on:

- a) The proposed format and content of *CITES and Timbers*;
- b) Suitable experts, institutions and identification guides to be included in the relevant directories;
- c) National and regional experts to be consulted in the preparation of the manual; and
- d) Sources of images to include in the manual.