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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Geneva (Switzerland), 17 - 28 August 2019

Summary record of the eighth session for committee I

21 August 2019: 09h10 - 12h05

Chair: R. Hay (New Zealand)

Secretariat: T. De Meulenaer
K. Gaynor
M. Hitziger

Rapporteurs: B. Austen
A. Caromel
J. Gray
J. Robinson

Species specific matters (cont.)

Maintenance of the Appendices (cont.)

99. Standard nomenclature (cont.)

The Nomenclature Specialist of the Animals Committee introduced the sections of document CoP18 Doc. 99 pertaining to animals and drew attention to the fact that proposed updates to the list of standard references for CITES-listed animal species were contained in Annex 1 (Rev. 2) to the document, expressed as revisions to the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP17) on *Standard nomenclature*. He supported the Secretariat's version of draft decisions in Annex 7, as amended in the previous session of Committee I. He advised that settlement of unresolved nomenclatural evaluations in Annex 6 would form part of the business of the 31st and 32nd meetings of the Animals Committee. Regarding Annex 5 on bird nomenclature, he recommended that Decision 17.312 directing the Animals Committee to evaluate the results of an analysis of the implications of adopting a new standard nomenclature reference for birds should be renewed.

The Republic of Korea supported the proposed revisions to the list of official standard references for CITES species in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP17), as contained in Annex 1 (Rev. 2) to document CoP18 Doc. 99. Egypt expressed support for continued nomenclature work by the scientific committees.

The European Union, Peru, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America supported the draft decisions in Annex 7 of CoP18 Doc. 99 with the amendment to draft decision 18.DD noted in summary record CoP18 Com I. Rec. 7. Nepal proposed the inclusion of "as standard references" at the end of paragraph a) in draft decision 18.FF in Annex 7, then the Secretariat observed that the text should read : "...[and corals] of the world as standard references."

The European Union was of the opinion that the issue of *Aztekium valdezii* was not yet resolved.

The Republic of Korea expressed reservations regarding the proposed deletion of current standard generic references for plants, as referred to in paragraph 11 of document CoP18 Doc. 99. Echoing this, the United States drew attention to the value of maintaining access to historical references and Nepal highlighted examples of references for plants that it would find useful to have named as standard references for use by Parties.

The United States supported a recommendation that had been announced in session by the Nomenclature Specialist of the Plants Committee for Notifications to be issued to Parties to guide them regarding nomenclature for *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species pending adoption of comprehensive standard references for these.

The revisions to the Annex of Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP17) on *Standard nomenclature* presented in Annex 1 (Rev. 2) to document CoP18 Doc. 99 were accepted. The draft decisions presented in Annex 7 to document CoP18 Doc. 99, with the amendment to draft decision 18.DD noted in summary record CoP18 Com I. Rec. 7, and the amendment proposed by Nepal as corrected by the Secretariat were accepted. It was agreed to delete Decisions 17.306 to 17.317, with the exception of Decision 17.312. It was agreed to revise Decision 17.312 to extend it until the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Annexes 3 (Rev. 1) and 4 (Rev. 1) to document CoP18 Doc. 99 were noted.

Proposals to amend the Appendices

105. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to documents CoP18 Doc. 105.1 on *Secretariat's assessment of the proposals to amend Appendices I and II*, CoP18 Doc 105.2 (Rev. 1) on *Comments from Parties* and CoP18 Doc. 105.3 on *Comments from the statutory consultees* and their annexes. Fifty-seven proposals had been submitted (two having since been withdrawn). If all were adopted, this would add 158 new species to the Appendices.

Proposal CoP18 Prop 50 to include *Widdringtonia whytei* in Appendix II was introduced by Malawi, that drew attention to information document CoP18 Inf. 76, which contained additional information.

Angola, Benin, Chad, Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Thailand, the United States of America, Documentation Centre for Species Protection, TRAFFIC (also on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund), International Wood Products Association and IWMC-World Conservation Trust supported the proposal.

Thailand considered that a proposal for an Appendix-III listing would have been appropriate. The Documentation Centre for Species Protection and IWMC-World Conservation Trust believed that the species warranted an Appendix-I listing.

Proposal CoP18 Prop 50, to include *Widdringtonia whytei* on Appendix II was accepted by consensus.

Proposal CoP18 Prop. 51 to delete *Dalbergia sissoo* from Appendix II was introduced by India.

It was highlighted by India that the non-detriment finding (NDF) study of *Dalbergia sissoo* was conducted and was positive for wild and cultivated stock. It reported that this species was abundant in forested and non-forested areas and did not meet criteria for listing on Appendix II. India noted that it did not permit any export of round logs or sawn wood, which it argued had been the basis for the genus listing in Appendix II at CoP17. It also maintained that this listing had negatively affected the livelihood of several thousand farmers and artisans.

Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, as co-proponents, and Belize, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, Qatar, South Africa, and the Document Centre for Species Protection supported the proposal. South Africa suggested the use of certification schemes and the creation of identification materials to assist with enforcement following the deletion of the species from Appendix II.

Chad, Egypt, the European Union, Nigeria, Switzerland, Thailand and the United States of America, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), World Resources Institute, and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) opposed the proposal. They raised concerns that the species still met the criteria for listing under Annex 2 b) of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on *Criteria for the amendment of Appendices I and II*, as difficulties in identification to the species level created enforcement challenges. They further suggested that the concerns of the proponents might be addressed in proposal CoP18 Prop. 52, concerning amendment of annotation #15 applied to *Dalbergia* spp.

With no consensus, the Chair called for a vote. Thirty Parties voted in favour, 74 against and 13 abstained. Proposal CoP18 Prop. 51 to delete *Dalbergia sissoo* from Appendix II was therefore rejected.

Proposal CoP18 Prop. 52 to amend annotation #15, which applies to the Appendix-II listing of *Dalbergia* spp. and three *Guibourtia* species, was introduced by Canada. The proposal reflected the consensus of an intersessional working group of the Standing Committee. The European Union, as a co-author, drew Parties' attention to information document CoP18 Inf. 29 which contained proposed definitions of terms used within the revised annotation that could be included in the interpretation section of the Appendices.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guatemala, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, and the United States of America supported the proposal. Following a question from the Republic of Korea, the Secretariat explained that extension of the validity of the interim definitions as communicated in Notification No. 2017/078 would need to be decided by the Parties.

Kenya, supported by the United Republic of Tanzania, disagreed with the amendment to part b) of the annotation regarding finished products. Brazil suggested the complete removal of part b) and raised concerns with the definitions in information document CoP18 Inf. 29. Guatemala also suggested amendments to part b) of the annotation. Mexico cited a number of concerns relating to the content of the annotation as a whole and highlighted the need for further discussion. Following the rejection of proposal CoP18 Prop. 51, India suggested the addition of a further part to annotation #15 regarding finished products and items of *Dalbergia sissoo* originating from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal on similar lines of part (e), where such exemptions have been granted to parts and derivatives of all species of *Dalbergia* originating and exported from Mexico, irrespective of their status of conservation.

The Chair established a working group to resolve the issues discussed and refine the annotation and definitions. The working group comprised: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada (Chair), China, the European Union, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, Peru, Spain, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zimbabwe; and International Wood Products Association, League of American Orchestras, Lewis & Clark – International Environmental Law Project, and World Resources Institute.

The meeting was adjourned at 12h05.



Motion Proposal 51 [21.08.2019 11:07:48 AM]

Quorum: Yes > 66.66%

EU-Vote: block

YES: 28.85%

1	Afghanistan	YES
2	Albania	Not Allowed
3	Algeria	Present
4	Angola	Present
5	Antigua and Barbuda	Not Present
6	Argentina	Present
7	Armenia	Not Present
8	Australia	NO
9	Austria	NO (eu)
10	Azerbaijan	Not Allowed
11	Bahamas	NO
12	Bahrain	Not Present
13	Bangladesh	YES
14	Barbados	NO
15	Belarus	Not Allowed
16	Belgium	NO (eu)
17	Belize	YES
18	Benin	NO
19	Bhutan	YES
20	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	NO
21	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Not Allowed
22	Botswana	Present
23	Brazil	NO
24	Brunei Darussalam	Not Allowed
25	Bulgaria	NO (eu)
26	Burkina Faso	NO
27	Burundi	NO
28	Cabo Verde	Present
29	Cambodia	YES
30	Cameroon	NO
31	Canada	NO
32	Central African Republic	NO
33	Chad	NO
34	Chile	NO
35	China	YES
36	Colombia	NO
37	Comoros	NO
38	Congo	Not Allowed
39	Costa Rica	Present
40	Côte d'Ivoire	Present
41	Croatia	NO (eu)
42	Cuba	YES
43	Cyprus	NO (eu)
44	Czech Republic	NO (eu)
45	Democratic Republic of the Congo	ABST
46	Denmark	NO (eu)
47	Djibouti	Not Allowed
48	Dominica	Not Allowed
49	Dominican Republic	NO



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50	Ecuador	NO
51	Egypt	NO
52	El Salvador	Not Allowed
53	Equatorial Guinea	Not Allowed
54	Eritrea	Not Present
55	Estonia	NO (eu)
56	Eswatini	NO
57	Ethiopia	YES
58	European Union	Voted
59	Fiji	ABST
60	Finland	NO (eu)
61	France	NO (eu)
62	Gabon	NO
63	Gambia	Not Allowed
64	Georgia	NO
65	Germany	NO (eu)
66	Ghana	NO
67	Greece	NO (eu)
68	Grenada	Not Allowed
69	Guatemala	Present
70	Guinea	Not Allowed
71	Guinea-Bissau	Not Allowed
72	Guyana	YES
73	Honduras	Not Present
74	Hungary	NO (eu)
75	Iceland	NO
76	India	YES
77	Indonesia	YES
78	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Not Allowed
79	Iraq	Not Allowed
80	Ireland	NO (eu)
81	Israel	NO
82	Italy	NO (eu)
83	Jamaica	NO
84	Japan	YES
85	Jordan	NO
86	Kazakhstan	Not Allowed
87	Kenya	ABST
88	Kuwait	Not Present
89	Kyrgyzstan	Present
90	Lao People's Democratic Republic	ABST
91	Latvia	NO (eu)
92	Lebanon	YES
93	Lesotho	YES
94	Liberia	Not Allowed
95	Libya	Not Allowed
96	Liechtenstein	NO
97	Lithuania	NO (eu)
98	Luxembourg	NO (eu)
99	Madagascar	NO
100	Malawi	NO
101	Malaysia	YES
102	Maldives	YES



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103	Mali	NO
104	Malta	NO (eu)
105	Mauritania	Not Present
106	Mauritius	Not Allowed
107	Mexico	NO
108	Monaco	NO
109	Mongolia	ABST
110	Montenegro	NO
111	Morocco	NO
112	Mozambique	ABST
113	Myanmar	YES
114	Namibia	Not Present
115	Nepal	YES
116	Netherlands	NO (eu)
117	New Zealand	NO
118	Nicaragua	NO
119	Niger	NO
120	Nigeria	NO
121	North Macedonia	Not Allowed
122	Norway	NO
123	Oman	Not Present
124	Pakistan	Not Allowed
125	Palau	NO
126	Panama	Not Allowed
127	Papua New Guinea	NO
128	Paraguay	Not Allowed
129	Peru	YES
130	Philippines	Present
131	Poland	NO (eu)
132	Portugal	NO (eu)
133	Qatar	YES
134	Republic of Korea	NO
135	Republic of Moldova	Present
136	Romania	NO (eu)
137	Russian Federation	ABST
138	Rwanda	Not Allowed
139	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Not Present
140	Saint Lucia	Present
141	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Present
142	Samoa	ABST
143	San Marino	Not Allowed
144	Sao Tome and Principe	Not Allowed
145	Saudi Arabia	ABST
146	Senegal	ABST
147	Serbia	Not Allowed
148	Seychelles	ABST
149	Sierra Leone	Not Present
150	Singapore	NO
151	Slovakia	NO (eu)
152	Slovenia	NO (eu)
153	Solomon Islands	Present
154	Somalia	Not Present
155	South Africa	YES



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156	Spain	NO (eu)
157	Sri Lanka	YES
158	Sudan	Present
159	Suriname	ABST
160	Sweden	NO (eu)
161	Switzerland	NO
162	Syrian Arab Republic	Not Allowed
163	Tajikistan	Present
164	Thailand	NO
165	Togo	Not Present
166	Tonga	YES
167	Trinidad and Tobago	Not Present
168	Tunisia	Not Present
169	Turkey	YES
170	Uganda	YES
171	Ukraine	Not Present
172	United Arab Emirates	ABST
173	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	NO (eu)
174	United Republic of Tanzania	YES
175	United States of America	NO
176	Uruguay	YES
177	Uzbekistan	Not Allowed
178	Vanuatu	Present
179	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Present
180	Viet Nam	YES
181	Yemen	Not Allowed
182	Zambia	YES
183	Zimbabwe	YES