



**SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE  
CITES PLANTS COMMITTEE  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND 20, 21, 23-26 JULY 2018**

All meeting documents prepared by the CITES Secretariat unless otherwise indicated.  
SC=Standing Committee AC=Animals Committee PC=Plants Committee RC=Resolution Conf. CoP=Conference of the Parties  
▶▶ indicates document for joint sessions of AC30 and PC24

ISSUE		PROPOSED ACTION	SSN RECOMMENDATION
<b>1. Agenda</b>  PC24 Doc. 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides the provisional agenda of the meeting for consideration and adoption.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Working Programme</b>  PC24 Doc. 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides the provisional working programme of the meeting for consideration and adoption.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Rules of Procedure</b>  PC24 Doc. 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 17.7 directs the Secretariat to propose revisions to the AC/PC RoP in relation to RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on Establishment of committees.</li> <li>Provides RoP adopted at PC22 with amendments suggested by the Secretariat including, <i>inter alia</i>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing the term 'Acting Members';</li> <li>Deleting requirement for credentials;</li> <li>Clarifying that Members elect the Chair;</li> <li>Including text on declaration of conflict of interest;</li> <li>Requiring a quorum for a session;</li> <li>Providing rules on establishment of working groups; and</li> <li>Entitling Parties to make points of order, except when calling for a vote (also being considered by SC).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Admission of observers</b>  PC24 Doc. 4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not available at the time this document was prepared.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Plants Committee strategic planning for 2017-2019 (CoP17-CoP18)</b>			
<b>5.1</b>	Implementation of the work plan for 2017-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<b>5.2</b>	Preparation of the report of the Chair of the Plants Committee for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>

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<p>▶▶6. Review of Terms of Reference of the Animals and Plants Committees contained in RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP17)</p> <p>AC30 Doc. 6/PC24 Doc. 6</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by AC/PC Chairs on behalf of the intersessional working group on the review of the terms of reference of AC and PC.</li> <li>Decisions 17.5 and 17.9 direct AC/PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, review their Terms of Reference as contained in RC 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Establishment of Committees</i> and provide proposed amendments to the SC for the CoP.</li> <li>Provides proposed amendments (Annexes 1 and 2) that, <i>inter alia</i>, clarify the role of the Committees and provide greater detail on election of Members.</li> <li>Invites AC/PC to agree on the changes and submit them to SC70.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that AC adopt the recommendations in the document.</li> </ul>
7. CITES Strategic Vision		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<p>▶▶8. Appendix-I listed species</p> <p>AC30 Doc. 8/PC24 Doc. 8</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 17.24 directs AC/PC to review a report on conservation status of, and legal and illegal in trade in, species included in Appendix I, and formulate recommendations to Parties and to CoP18.</li> <li>Reports that the Secretariat was unable to identify any donors interested in partially or fully funding the research project.</li> <li>Invites AC, if appropriate, to draft revised Decisions concerning Appendix-I species for consideration at CoP18, including terms of reference for a consultant to carry out the work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN considers that this is a significant undertaking and agrees that the consultant requires a clear mandate.</li> <li>SSN recommends that AC prepare a draft decision for CoP18 that includes the terms of reference for the consultant.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Capacity building</b>			
9.2	<p>The CITES tree species programme: Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>PC24 Doc. 9.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describes the work to be conducted under the CITES Tree Programme.</li> <li>Provides a CITES-EU press release regarding related funding (Annex 1); expected outcomes and activities (Annex 2) and structure (Annex 3) of the Programme; terms of reference of the related advisory committee (Annex 4); requirements for proposal submission (Annex 5); list of project documents received from Parties (Annex 6); and criteria for project evaluation (Annex 7).</li> <li>Invites PC to note this document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC note this document.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Non-detriment findings</b>			
10.1	<p>▶▶ Report of the Secretariat</p> <p>AC30 Doc. 10.1/PC24 Doc. 10.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides draft Decisions for CoP18 that, <i>inter alia</i>, direct: the Secretariat and AC/PC to review materials available to the Parties on making non-detriment findings (NDFs), make recommendations on additional needs/research, and organize and participate in one or more workshops on NDFs.</li> <li>Provides response of Colombia to Notification regarding the making of NDFs (Annex).</li> <li>Invites AC/PC to provide comments on the draft Decisions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that AC/PC revise the draft Decisions to include clear timeframes that emphasize the importance of the work.</li> <li>In the decision directed to the Secretariat, insert in para. b) “at the joint session of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Animals Committee and the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Plants Committees” after “in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees and Parties.” The same language should be added to para a) in the decision directed to AC/PC after “Review the</li> </ul>

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			Secretariat's gap analysis of NDF materials and guidance."
10.2	<p>Draft version of the "information guide on the development of sustainable forest management programmes and standardized technical documents for harvesting mahogany (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>) under CITES"</p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 10.2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by Mexico.</li> <li>Provides a description of a guide for the making of non-detriment findings for mahogany.</li> <li>Invites PC to recommend that, <i>inter alia</i>, the Secretariat post the protocol on its website and Parties to provide feedback on the guide.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC note the report.</li> </ul>
11. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
12. Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) of the Convention on Biological Diversity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides an update on activities concerning the GSPC.</li> <li>Provides a draft decisions that, <i>inter alia</i>, directs the Secretariat to continue its work on the GSPCA; PC to draft a revision to RC 16.5 on <i>Cooperation with the GSPC of the CBD</i> and make CBD's tools and information available to Parties; and SC to consider the revisions to RC 16.5 and submit these to CoP19.</li> <li>Invites PC to note the progress achieved and adopt the draft decisions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC implement the recommendations.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</b>			
13.1	<p>Overview of the Review of Significant Trade</p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 13.1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RC 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</i> directs the Secretariat to report at each meeting of PC on implementation by the range States concerned of recommendations made by PC.</li> <li>Presents a list of species for which the Review is ongoing, including an indication of the current status of the Review (Annex).</li> <li>Invites PC to note the document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC note the document.</li> </ul>
13.2	<p>Species selected following CoP17</p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 13.2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding species selected at PC23, provides: Responses of range States (Annex 1); and UNEP-WCMC's species report (Annex 2), including recommended categorizations.</li> <li><i>Inter alia</i>, the report recommends that the following species/country combinations be classified as 'Action is needed': <i>Dalbergia</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that AC agree to the recommended classifications as "Action is needed" in the species report.</li> <li>SSN encourages PC to bring issues of illegal trade in <i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i> (Cambodia, Viet Nam) to the attention of SC as a separate</li> </ul>

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		<i>cochinchinensis</i> (Saimese rosewood)-Lao PDR; <i>Dalbergia retusa</i> (cocolobo)-Nicaragua, Panama; <i>Pericopsis elata</i> (afromosia)-Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Republic of Congo.	agenda item as a non-compliance issue.
<p>►► <b>14. Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA</b></p> <p><b>AC30 Doc. 14/PC24 Doc. 14 (Rev. 1)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 17.89 directs the Secretariat to review relevant CITES provisions, Resolutions and Decisions to examine how Parties have applied the interpretation of RC 9.6 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in readily recognizable parts and derivatives to wildlife products produced from synthetic or cultured DNA</i> to wildlife products produced from synthetic or cultured DNA; Decision 17.90 directs AC/PC to review Secretariat's report.</li> <li>Provides: Terms of reference (ToR) for the review (Annex 1); responses from Parties to Notification 2018/013 requesting information (Annex 2); overview of different technologies (Annex 3), identification and distinction of products (Annex 4) and a partial draft of the report (Annex 5).</li> <li>Recommends, <i>inter alia</i>, that AC/PC review the draft and endorse the term "synthetic biology" in lieu of "specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that AC/PC use a general term such as "alternatively produced specimens" rather than "synthetic biology," which does not include specimens produced from natural stem cells.</li> <li>SSN notes that the draft report only addresses part of the ToR, and urges AC/PC to stress that the final report should focus primarily on issues of specific concern to CITES as set out in the ToR; these include production of genetically or physically identical replicas of specimens (such as rhino horn, elephant ivory, and pangolin scales). The report should avoid conclusions on the impacts, positive or negative, of producing such specimens. The positive impacts assumed in the report disregard conservation concerns noted by scientists, economists, and advocates. <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup></li> </ul>	
<b>15. Timber identification</b>			
<p><b>15.1</b></p> <p>Report of the intersessional working group</p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 15.1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by Co-Chairs of the Timber Identification Working Group (WG).</li> <li>Provides conclusions of the WG.</li> <li>Provides a reference list of <i>Dalbergia</i> and <i>Diospyros</i> from Madagascar (Annex 1); revision of Decision 17.167 for CoP18 (Annex 2); and revision of RC 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Implementation of the Convention for Timber Species</i> to include a section on identification and forensics for tree species.</li> <li>Invites PC to consider re-establishing the group's mandate and continuing its work; and inclusion of a section on identification and forensics for tree species in RC 10.13 (Rev. CoP15), taking into account the examples and initiatives developed for rosewood timber identification.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC recommend adoption by the CoP of the revised texts of Decision 17.167 and RC 10.13 (Rev. CoP15).</li> <li>SSN also that PC adopt the recommendations of the working group.</li> </ul>	
<b>15.2</b>	Report of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decisions 17.166 to 17.16, <i>inter alia</i>, direct PC to prioritize taxa for the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC act on the</li> </ul>

1 <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/cop/17/InfDocs/E-CoP17-Inf-22.pdf>

2 [http://www.rhinosourcecenter.com/pdf\\_files/146/1463925428.pdf](http://www.rhinosourcecenter.com/pdf_files/146/1463925428.pdf)

3 [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Douglas\\_Crookes/publication/318646674\\_Does\\_a\\_reduction\\_in\\_the\\_price\\_of\\_rhino\\_horn\\_prevent\\_poaching/links/59800b33aca272d56819fbbd/Does-a-reduction-in-the-price-of-rhino-horn-prevent-poaching](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Douglas_Crookes/publication/318646674_Does_a_reduction_in_the_price_of_rhino_horn_prevent_poaching/links/59800b33aca272d56819fbbd/Does-a-reduction-in-the-price-of-rhino-horn-prevent-poaching)

4 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20337676>

5 [http://www.rhinosourcecenter.com/pdf\\_files/146/1463925428.pdf](http://www.rhinosourcecenter.com/pdf_files/146/1463925428.pdf)

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	Secretariat  <b>PC24 Doc. 15.2</b>	<p>adoption of new or updated standard nomenclature references, determine for all CITES-listed tree species, the locations and availability of existing reference samples or collections, consider how best to assist and strengthen capacities for forensic work on identification of CITES-listed tree species in trade, and update the SC on progress made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports on progress including CITESwoodID (for identification of CITES-listed timber species), UNODC Best Practice Guide for Forensic Timber Identification and additional efforts by the EU and North America.</li> <li>• Invites PC to note the report and propose whether to revise or delete Decisions 17.166 to 17.169.</li> </ul>	recommendations.
<b>16. Definition of the term ‘artificially propagated’</b>			
<b>16.1</b>	Report of the intersessional working group  <b>PC24 Doc. 16.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted by co-chairs of the intersessional WG.</li> <li>• Decisions 16.156 (Rev. CoP17), 17.175 and 17.176, <i>inter alia</i>, direct PC to assess definitions of ‘artificial propagation’ in RC 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Regulation of trade in plants</i>.</li> <li>• Provides a synopsis of case studies (Annex 1); a report on a possible intermediate source code between A and W for managed production systems (Annex 2); proposed revisions to RC 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) (Annex 3); and The Netherlands submission on an expanded A as an alternative to a new source code (Annex 4).</li> <li>• Invites PC, <i>inter alia</i>, to discuss options for a new source code OR an expanded source code A, and for consolidation of other definitions in RC 11.11; and to make recommendations to SC70.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSN is concerned that creation of a new source code or expansion of the A code to include wild-sourced specimens will create unnecessary confusion and may mask problems raised by some types of managed production systems, including their effect on natural ecosystems (e.g. if exotic timber plantations replace natural forest).</li> <li>• SSN agrees with The Netherlands (Annex 4) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supplying more details about individual production systems may lead to better decisions than the use of a ‘catch-all’ intermediate code;</li> <li>▪ Managed systems form a continuum that should not be artificially divided; and</li> <li>▪ A new code may create laundering opportunities and hamper enforcement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SSN urges PC to not recommend use of an expanded code A or introduction of a new code; code W should be the default code (with the required accompanying non-detriment finding (NDF)) for specimens that do not meet the requirements of code A.</li> </ul>
<b>16.2</b>	<b>Definition of plantation</b>  <b>PC24 Doc. 16.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted on behalf of the co-chairs of the intersessional WG.</li> <li>• Provides draft definitions of ‘plantation’ and ‘planted forest’ as used by a number of Parties, as well as objections to some of these definitions.</li> <li>• Invites PC to discuss whether a CITES definition of ‘plantation’, or ‘planted forest’, or both terms is needed; and consider the need for further action.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSN notes that no agreed-upon definitions of ‘plantation’, or ‘planted forest’ exist, and that these terms have differing meanings in the domestic legislation of different Parties.</li> <li>• SSN notes Canada’s view that the word ‘monospecific’ may provide the information necessary.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN disagrees with the adoption of a new source code for plants (see Doc. 16.1).</li> <li>SSN recommends that PC direct the working group to consider further alternatives to either definitions or a new source code.</li> </ul>
<b>17. Agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.)</b>			
17.1	Implementation of RC 16.10 on <i>Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa</i> : Report of the PC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
17.2	Report of the Secretariat <b>PC24 Doc. 17.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 17.199 directs PC to consider the report of the Secretariat on implementation of Decisions related to agarwood (Decisions 17.194 and 17.197) and report to CoP18.</li> <li>Reports that the 2<sup>nd</sup> <i>Regional Workshop on the Management of Wild and Planted Agarwood Taxa</i> will be held 28-29 June 2018 in Indonesia and that Malaysia has submitted a project proposal on <i>Reducing Harvesting Pressure on the Aquilaria malaccensis (Thymelaeaceae) Natural Populations in Peninsular Malaysia through the Establishment of Arboreta and Germplasm</i>.</li> <li>Invites PC to consider the Secretariat's report; prepare a report for CoP18; and, after the workshop is held, consider that these Decisions related to agarwood have been implemented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC implement the recommendations and consider the Decisions on agarwood to have been implemented after the June 2018 workshop.</li> </ul>
<b>18. Malagasy ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.)</b>			
18.1	Report of Madagascar <b>PC24 Doc. 18.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by Madagascar.</li> <li>Provides a table summarizing Madagascar's implementation of Decision 17.204 under points a, b and c.</li> <li>Reports, <i>inter alia</i>, that an initial version of the NDFs for these species will be presented at a side-event during CoP18.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC note this document.</li> </ul>
18.2	Report of the Secretariat <b>PC24 Doc. 18.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides: Decisions 17.203 to 17.208 on Malagasy ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.) (Annex); and text of SC69's conclusion that the suspension of trade in these species from Madagascar should continue.</li> <li>Reports that the Secretariat will provide an oral update on a technical workshop in Madagascar in June 2018 regarding the 'use' plan for these species.</li> <li>Invites PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, review the reports of the Secretariat and of Madagascar, and provide recommendations to Madagascar on NDFs, quotas and identification materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC: note this report; and provide a draft Decision to CoP18 directing PC to review resulting materials regarding Madagascar's NDFs and quotas for these species and provide recommendations to SC.</li> </ul>

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<b>19. Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]</b>		
<p><b>19.1</b> Report of the Plants Committee</p> <p><b>PC30 Doc. 19.1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by PC Chair.</li> <li>Decision 17.234 directs PC to, <i>inter alia</i>, formulate recommendations concerning rosewood timber species for CoP18.</li> <li>Provides recommendations of PC23 on this issue; and related work of SC69.</li> <li>Recommends that PC, <i>inter alia</i>, invite Parties to share information on identification and NDFs for these species; consider whether PC should seek a mandate at CoP18 to undertake a study of status and trade in these species; and consider whether other recommendations regarding rosewood species should be formulated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC adopt the recommendations and submit a Decision to CoP18 providing them with the mandate to undertake the study.</li> </ul>
<p><b>19.2</b> International trade in the timber producing species "Mukula" (<i>Pterocarpus</i> spp.) from dry mimobo forests (central / Southern Africa)</p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 19.2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by Germany and Belgium.</li> <li>Describes how expansion of the demand for Hongmu [rosewood] to supply Chinese markets has led to an unprecedented interest in Mukula (<i>Pterocarpus</i> spp.) timber in the main producer countries within its range, notably (but not exclusively) in Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.</li> <li>In some places, there may be problems regarding the legality and sustainability of the logging operations.</li> <li>Recommends that PC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the desirability of listing unlisted <i>Pterocarpus</i> spp. that are affected by trade in Appendix II;</li> <li>Encourage improvement of information on these species, including status of populations and impact of extractions for trade; and</li> <li>Encourage Parties to support studies on these issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC support the recommendations and prepare related Decisions for consideration at CoP18.</li> <li>Though <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. have traditionally been the main target for the Hongmu trade, as these species have become less available trade has shifted to <i>Pterocarpus</i> spp. as a replacement.<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>20. African cherry (<i>Prunus africana</i>): Report of the Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 20</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 17.252 directs PC to review the recommendations of an <i>International Workshop on the sustainable use and the control of international trade in Prunus africana</i>, make recommendations to SC, and report to CoP18.</li> <li>Reports that the workshop will be held in Côte d'Ivoire and provides a list of <i>P. africana</i> projects currently being undertaken.</li> <li>Invites PC to consider the information to be presented orally by the Secretariat on Decisions 17.250 and 17.251, and agree on a way forward to implement Decision 17.252.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC consider asking CoP18 to extend Decision 17.252 so that work can continue through CoP19.</li> <li>SSN shares the Secretariat's concern (para. 6) that trade in medicinal and aromatic plants generally is largely unregulated and poorly understood, and urges PC to address this issue.</li> </ul>
<p><b>21. African tree species: Report of the Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 21</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision 17.302 directs PC to form a working group on African tree species to, <i>inter alia</i>, identify species for potential inclusion in the Appendices and bring any issues on implementation and enforcement to the attention of PC.</li> <li>The working group was established at PC23, but has not yet identified species of concern and relevant range States.</li> <li>Provides a related questionnaire distributed via Notification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC adopt the recommendations in the report, and include identification of unlisted species that could benefit from inclusion in the Appendices among the key topics to be addressed.</li> </ul>

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	<p>(Annex 1) and responses received (Annex 2).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invites PC to consider the information in this document, and ask the working group to identify and report on key topics related to the implementation of CITES listings for African tree species for consideration by PC and consider any recommendations on this issue for CoP18.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>22. Neotropical tree species: Report of the intersessional working group</b></p> <p>PC24 Doc. 22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared by the Chair and Vice Chair of the working group.</li> <li>Provides information on the status of <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>, <i>Cedrela odorata</i> (and other <i>Cedrela</i> spp.), <i>Dalbergia</i> spp., <i>Aniba rosaeodora</i> and <i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i>.</li> <li>Summarizes information submitted by the following range States: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, USA, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Uruguay and Colombia.</li> <li>Recommends continuing efforts to provide financial mechanisms to the Parties, so that they can: a) generate studies on the status of populations of Neotropical tree species, with emphasis on those that have recently entered the CITES Appendices; b) implement traceability and chain of custody systems that strengthen transparency and sustainable trade in timber species; c) develop identification and training materials on the different methods that exist, with emphasis on those that can be easily used by the enforcement authorities; d) promote exchange of experiences and capacities among the countries within the distribution area of neotropical tree species; and e) support the countries that are in any of the phases of the Review of Significant Trade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC note the report, and support the recommendation to continue to seek financial support for work on these species.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>23. East African sandalwood (<i>Osyris lanceolata</i>): Report of the intersessional working group</b></p> <p>PC24 Doc. 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>24. Possible amendments to RC 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on Implementation of the Convention for timber species: Report of the Secretariat</b></p> <p>PC24 Doc. 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides the proposed amendments to RC 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) agreed to at PC23 (Annexes 1 and 2), including changing ‘timber species’ to ‘tree species’ throughout.</li> <li>Invites PC to consider the proposed amendments and how to address other issues, such as NDFs for trees at the genus level, and the use of tree-to-timber conversion factors in NDFs for trees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC adopt the amendments and consider the other issues.</li> <li>SSN notes that genus-level NDFs may mask the poor status of rare species in mixed populations and are not consistent with the requirements of CITES, which state that NDFs must relate to the species concerned.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>25. Periodic Review of the Appendices</b></p>			
25.1	Overview of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RC 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Periodic review of the Appendices, inter</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC adopt the</li> </ul>

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<p>species under Periodic Review</p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 25.1</b></p>	<p><i>alia</i>, directs the Secretariat to maintain a list of species previously reviewed by PC, including dates of the review and links to the appropriate documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lists plant species selected for review between CoP13 and 15, CoP15 and 17, and CoP17 and 19 (Annexes 1, 2, 4); ongoing reviews prior to CoP17 (Annex 3); list of abbreviations (Annex 5); and ISO country codes (Annex 6).</li> <li>• Invites PC to note this document and consider the review of <i>Lewisia serrata</i> in PC24 Doc. 25.2.</li> </ul>	<p>recommendations in the document.</p>
<p><b>25.2</b> Species reviews</p>		
<p>25.2.1 <i>Lewisia serrata</i> – Report of the United States of America</p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 25.2.1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted by USA.</li> <li>• <i>Lewisia serrata</i> (saw-toothed lewisa).</li> <li>• Species was proposed for delisting by Switzerland, as the Depository Government for CITES, at CoP11 in 2000; proposal was withdrawn so that USA could undertake a periodic review.</li> <li>• Recommends that the species be retained in Appendix II.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSN recommends that PC agree to maintain <i>L. serrata</i> in Appendix II.</li> <li>• <i>L. serrata</i> is a rare, narrowly endemic, perennial succulent native to native to two counties in the USA.</li> <li>• Plants are not recorded in trade (seeds are exempt) but poaching has been a threat to wild populations.</li> </ul>
<p>▶▶ <b>26. Appendix-III listings</b></p> <p><b>AC30 Doc. 31/PC24 Doc. 26</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted by the Co-Chairs of the Joint AC/PC intersessional working group on Appendix III listings.</li> <li>• Decision 17.305 directs AC/PC to advise the SC working group on possible guidance for range States on characteristics of species that may benefit from inclusion in Appendix III.</li> <li>• Provides biological and trade characteristics for listing.</li> <li>• Raises issues involving changes of nomenclature for species listed in Appendix III.</li> <li>• Considers it appropriate for AC/PC to assist in the review of a species in Appendix III if requested by the listing Party.</li> <li>• Requests AC/PC to adopt this report for consideration by the SC in its work on Appendix III listings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSN recommends that AC/PC adopt this report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>27. Report of the specialist on botanical nomenclature</b></p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 27</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted by the Nomenclature Specialist of PC.</li> <li>• Reviews issues to be addressed by PC.</li> <li>• Recommends that PC convene a working group to, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ -Consider whether the cactus checklist should be subject to a limited revision for CoP18</li> <li>▪ --Make recommendations on when an update of the lists for CITES of Madagascar <i>Dalbergia</i> and <i>Diospyros</i> spp. would be most practical.</li> <li>▪ --Review the recommendation that the <i>Aloe</i> and <i>Pachypodium</i> Checklist be updated for CoP19.</li> <li>▪ --Confirm the adoption of a standard reference for <i>Paubrasilia echinata</i> and give a view whether the inclusion <i>Platymiscium pleiostachium</i> Donn. Sm. In <i>Platymiscium parviflorum</i> Benth. Would expand the intent of the 1975 listing.</li> <li>▪ Review the proposed changes to Species+ for <i>Aloe</i> and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSN supports the establishment of the working group.</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>Gyrinops/Aquilaria</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make recommendations for options to produce a science based and practical <i>Dalbergia</i> checklist.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>28. Annotations for Appendix II orchids: Report of the intersessional working group</b></p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 28</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by Switzerland and prepared by the Chair of the working group on annotations for Appendix-II orchids.</li> <li>Notes that orchid-based cosmetics, though widely traded, are usually reported only as ‘derivatives’; provides a draft definition of ‘cosmetic’ for use in annotations and annual reports.</li> <li>Provides: Decisions 17.318 to 17.319 on Annotations for Appendix II orchids (Annex 1); <i>Summary of Case study on species of Cymbidium used in the cosmetic and personal care industry</i> (Annex 2); and names of species used in the cosmetic industry (Annex 3).</li> <li>Invites PC to: endorse the draft definition of “cosmetic”; endorse draft revisions to Decisions 17.318 to 17.319; and consider the work carried out to date.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends clarifying the draft definition by inserting the words “either directly or by means of a spray” after the word “applied”.</li> <li>SSN notes that the conservation impact of the cosmetic trade on orchid species is poorly understood, and agrees that further work, including consultation, is needed before cosmetics including orchid species are deemed to be exempt from CITES controls.</li> <li>SSN also agrees that further in-depth studies are needed on other finished products that contain orchids, including medicinals and food, and urges PC to identify funding sources for these studies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>29. Annotations</b></p> <p><b>PC24 Doc. 29</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by the Chair of SC working group on annotations.</li> <li>Provides an interim report on the work of the group.</li> <li>Invites PC to note the report and provide comments on the tasks included in the working group Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSN recommends that PC note this report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>30. Regional reports</b></p> <p><b>PC24 Docs. 30.3-30.5</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The regional reports for Europe and North America were available at the time this document was prepared.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>31. Any other business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>32. Time and venue of the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>33. Closing remarks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment.</li> </ul>



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