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This issue includes:

- **CITES Training**
- **4th European Regional meeting**
- **10th & 11th meetings of the Plants Committee**
- **CITES Resources**
- **New Publications**

## **Conference of the Parties**

This issue will be the last one before the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP), to be held in Santiago, Chile from 3 - 15 November 2002.

*For those of you new to the world of CITES, the following text is modified from that included on the website of the CITES Secretariat:*

Every two to three years, the COP meets to review the implementation of the Convention. These meetings are usually hosted by one of the Parties and last for about two weeks in order to:

- review progress in the conservation of species included in the Appendices;
- consider (and where appropriate adopt) proposals to amend the lists of species in Appendices I and II;
- consider discussion documents and reports from the Secretariat, Parties, permanent committees or other working groups;
- recommend measures to improve the effectiveness of the Convention; and
- make provisions (including the adoption of a budget) necessary to allow the Secretariat to function effectively.

Meetings of the Conference of the Parties are attended not only by delegations representing CITES Parties but also by observers. Observers may include representatives of States that are not party to CITES, of United Nations agencies and of other international Conventions. Observers from non-governmental organizations involved in conservation or trade are also allowed to participate at the discretion of the Parties. Although they may participate in the meeting, they have no vote. Members of the public may also attend as visitors, although they are not able to participate in the discussions. For further information on the workings of CITES please visit the new and improved ([www.cites.org](http://www.cites.org)).

## **Message from the Chairman of the CITES Plants Committee**

"It is a pleasure for me to see the increasing activity on Plants from the European Parties. The celebration of the 4th European Regional meeting in Turkey, the European Directory, the training activities developed by the Parties and the preparation and distribution of Issue 8 of European *CITES News –Plants* are, indeed, indicators on this. I would like to congratulate the European Parties and thank them for their efforts and excellent work on CITES plant issues. I would like to thank the Turkish Authorities for the superb work done in the preparation of the regional meeting. I would like to mention the success of the last PC meeting in Langkawi and the marvellous organization by Mr Shaari (Asian Representative) and the Authorities of Malaysia. The next PC meeting will be held in The Netherlands and I deeply thank the Dutch Authorities for their kind invitation - I am sure that this meeting also will be a success. I hope to see you in Leiden in May!

Finally congratulations to our Irish colleagues for the ratification of CITES. Welcome!"

*Margarita Clemente, Chairman*

## **Thank you**

Many of you have now sent us your email addresses, for which we are very grateful as this will result in savings of postage, paper, ink and toner. Over 800 newsletters are distributed in English, French and Spanish. It has always been the intention that this newsletter should be simple but informative and it has never been the intention to produce a glossy, coloured and stapled publication. However, now that so many of you are receiving *CITES News - Plants* via your email, you will see that at least the few photographs we have included are in colour!

# CITES TRAINING

## **“Management, Conservation and Control of Species in International Trade” Third Master’s Degree Course, Spain: 2 October - 15 December 2000**

The Third Master’s Course on “Management, conservation and control of species in international trade,” was held from 3 October to 15 December 2000 in Spain. The course was given at the International University of Andalusia (Antonio Machado campus, Baeza), simultaneously in Spanish and English, and amounted to 500 hours of tuition. There were 34 people taking the course, from the Scientific and Management Authorities and non-governmental organizations of 25 countries: Bolivia, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Greece, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Peru, Slovakia, Slovenia, Saint Lucia, Spain, Thailand, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe. The participants were given a grant which fully covered their tuition and accommodation. In addition, nine inspectors from the Spanish Management Authority took part in various weekly modules.

The Third Course was given by 57 experts from 10 countries. Together with the experts from the Spanish Scientific Authority (Ministry of the Environment) and Management Authority (Ministry of the Economy), individuals from the Scientific or Management Authorities of Argentina, Australia, Cuba, France, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, the CITES Secretariat, the Commission of the European Union, the Phytogenetic Resources Secretariat of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), the University of Granada, the Polytechnical University of Madrid, the Spanish Environmental Police (SEPRONA), the Spanish customs authorities, the Forensic Laboratory of the USA, IUCN-World Conservation Union, African Resources Trust and Adena-WWF, and others, also participated as experts.



Facilitation of the Third Master’s course was made possible thanks to the organisation by the International University of Andalusia, with the generous sponsorship of the Fundación Biodiversidad and the assistance of the University of Córdoba, the Spanish Ministries of the Environment and the Economy, the CITES Secretariat, the Botanical Gardens of Córdoba and the zoos of Barcelona and Jerez. A contribution of USD 170,000 was made by Spain to finance the course in the year 2000.

Under the direction of Dr M.A. Clemente, 87 participants have taken this university level Master’s course over three consecutive years (1998, 1999 and 2000). The course provides a solid training for the implementation of CITES and for future work and communication among countries. The participants have come from 35 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe). Additionally, there have been a further 50 participants from the Management Authority of Spain who over the three years have attended various weekly modules to enhance their training.

# 4TH EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING, IZMIR, TURKEY, 23-26 APRIL 2001

The meeting was hosted and organised by the Turkish Ministry of the Environment and attended by 44 delegates from the Scientific or Management Authorities of Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

## Summary of Recommendations

### European contacts directory

Updates to be provided to the European Representatives.  
European Representatives to send Directory updates to the Secretariat for inclusion in their Web site.

### Standardisation of information

European Commission to inform all non-European Union countries within the Region, of general stricter measures and permit costs in the European Union.

### Registration of scientific institutions

Parties to provide registered scientific institutions with information and training on use of the labelling system.

### Information on confiscations

Each country to provide a written presentation for discussions on confiscations at the next meeting.

### Rescue centres for plants in Europe

Management and/or Scientific Authorities to prepare reports on their national rescue centres, for PC12.

### Co-operation between Management Authorities and amateur societies

CITES Authorities to inform national amateur societies on national legislation and/or the EU CITES Regulation.

### Training needs in the European region

Parties to formulate proposals on capacity building to the Secretariat, after needs assessments.  
Parties to seek funding to support these proposals.

### Mechanisms for information exchange

**Articles to be sent to the UK Scientific Authority for inclusion in CITES News - Plants!**

Articles to be sent to the Secretariat for inclusion in *CITES World*.

### Checklist of European orchids

UK and the Irish Scientific Authorities to seek funding for the preparation of a European Orchid Checklist.

### Training Programme in CITES medicinal plants

Parties to continue to provide the German Scientific Authority with information on CITES medicinal plants that have been detected in trade.  
Parties to consider Notification to the Parties No.1999/26 on 'Trade in plants for medicinal purposes' and provide additions and corrections to the checklist to Secretariat.

### Trade in CITES medicinal plants

Parties in the Region to note the recommendations of the TRAFFIC report on the Conservation, Use and Trade in Europe's Medicinal and Aromatic plants.  
Parties to provide a written report on national trade in medicinal plants, at the next meeting.

### Monitoring of non-CITES species in Europe

Parties to inform the European Commission of any Non-CITES species that would benefit from an Annex D listing.

### Checklists and nomenclature

The Austrian Scientific Authority to continue preparation of the *Bulbophyllum* checklist and seek additional funds.

### Capacity Building Project

Management and Scientific Authorities to send the UK Scientific Authority suggestions or images to assist with the development of the slide pack project.

## CITES Strategic Plan

### Objective 1.1– Regional Directories

- Eastern European countries to send information to Ms Hanna Werblan-Jakubiec (PO-SA) and Western European countries to send information to Mr Jan de Koning (E.Rep);
- The two European Representatives to produce a list of botanical experts for distribution within the Region.

### Objective 2.1 – Review of the Appendices to ensure that listed taxa satisfy the CITES criteria

- Countries preparing proposals to contact the European Representative.

### Objective 2.4 – Innovative technologies

- Parties to inform the Secretariat of any relevant innovative technologies to improve implementation of CITES.

### Objective 4.3 – CITES and the Scientific Community

- All Scientific Authorities in the Region should participate actively at scientific meetings and conferences, and encourage participation in CITES issues by the scientific community and report on these activities at the next meeting.

# TENTH PLANTS COMMITTEE MEETING SHEPHERDSTOWN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 11-14 DECEMBER 2000

This meeting was hosted by the United States of America in the excellent facilities of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

☺ In the course of the meeting, the United States of America offered USD 45,000 to the Plants Committee for high-priority projects. The Plants Committee is extremely grateful for this generous donation and will be submitting to the United States of America a selection of projects that might be suitable for financing. ☺

The meeting was attended by 61 participants (23 Parties, one United Nations agency, one intergovernmental organisation and 10 non-governmental organisations). A few of the outcomes of discussions are presented below:

## **Implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision - Actions directed to the Plants Committee**

Actions were analysed and priorities established. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were entrusted with producing a series of proposals for circulation to the members of the Committee and subsequently, once the proposals had been selected, submitting them to the United States of America to seek approval for application of a part of its donation to financing some of the proposals. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have since held a working meeting to discuss the preparation of those proposals.

During this discussion it was pointed out that there is a lot of useful information held within different organisations that people are unaware of. It was therefore agreed that in an effort to avoid duplication of work, the Secretariat's new Head of Capacity Building and Training would contact Parties with regard to the availability, use and adaptation of existing training materials and exercises.

## **Regional reports and directories**

The Regional Representatives are now able to send their Regional Reports and Directories to the Secretariat for inclusion in the new CITES web site (see page 6). An updated *Directory of Management and Scientific Authorities involved in CITES Plant Issues for the European Region* has been prepared by the Jardín Botánico de Córdoba. The Directory can now be accessed through their web site <http://www.uco.es/organiza/servicios/jardin/address/marcdirec.htm>. It and is also available on CD-ROM. Contact: Margarita Clemente.

## **Review of the Appendices**

A working group was established to determine how to move forward with the review and in particular how to proceed in the review of the family Orchidaceae. The group is expected to present its conclusions at the next meeting of the Plants Committee.

## **Significant Trade**

The Plants Committee supported priority to be given to the following projects:

- Trade in plants from Madagascar - The Secretariat gave this project first priority for funding
- Trade in Cycads - The Secretariat agreed to provide funding for part of the project and would review further funding requirements in 2002
- Trade in *Pericopsis elata*
- Second stage of extant Significant Trade projects

The Secretariat is developing a programme to assist Scientific Authorities in their work to ensure trade is sustainable and as a part of this, has contracted the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (UK) to develop a manual on how to conduct significant trade analysis for plants. It is hoped that the manual will be completed and available for presentation at the next meeting of the Plants Committee.

## **\*\*Just published\*\***

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# ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE CITES PLANTS COMMITTEE

## 3-7 SEPTEMBER, LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA

This meeting was hosted by Government of Malaysia and attended by 70 participants (18 Parties, one United Nations agency, one Intergovernmental Organisation, two International Non-Governmental Organisations and five National Non-Governmental Organisations). A short summary of some of the outcomes is presented below:

### Technical Proposals for COP12

- *Harvesting Techniques for Galanthus in Georgia*  
Regional Representatives should act as focal points for the collation of information on the various plant production processes. Germany, Georgia and other Parties were encouraged to continue their co-operation with regard to the sustainable management and harvest of *Galanthus woronowii*.
- *Decision 11.155 - Timber Trade*  
The Secretariat will prepare and present a document for discussion at PC12, on the definition of different production systems, source codes for silvicultural techniques and the certification of sustainably managed forests and their compatibility with the scientific approach to making a non-detriment statement.
- *Exemptions of flaked seedlings*  
It was agreed that there was no urgent need to change the text of the current exemption.

### Implementation of Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.)(cf. Decision 11.117)

- *Trade in plants from Madagascar*  
The proposal to review the trade in plants from Madagascar was supported and it was recommended that, to the extent possible, *Prunus africana* should also be considered within the scope of the project.
- *Cycads*  
The review was supported with the recommendation of dividing the process into manageable stages.
- *Selection of taxa for review*  
A preliminary list of taxa provided by the working group will be edited in consultation with the appropriate experts and the remaining taxa prioritised for review prior to the initiation of the significant trade process.

### Medicinal Plants

- *Trade in Prunus africana - possible future activities*  
The project proposal for the development of a framework and practical guidelines for the sustainable harvesting quotas for *Prunus africana* in Cameroon was supported and the Secretariat will try to find external funding.

### Review of the Appendices

- *Review of Orchidaceae spp.*  
The entire family should remain in the Appendices but those taxa in large scale propagation should be recommended for removal. This process should follow that used to produce the list of Cactaceae supermarket plants. A proposal will be presented to the next Plants Committee meeting.
- *Appendix I Cactaceae*  
Switzerland and Mexico will collaborate to produce a new document on the review of Appendix I Cactaceae.

### Checklists and Nomenclature

- *Bulbophyllum*  
A detailed proposal for the second phase of the project to be presented to PC12.
- *A Preliminary View of the Application of the Convention to Fungi*  
The Vice-Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee and the Secretariat to prepare a document asking the Conference of the Parties to make a decision on whether 'flora' covers both Fungi and Plantae

### Trade in Mexican Cacti

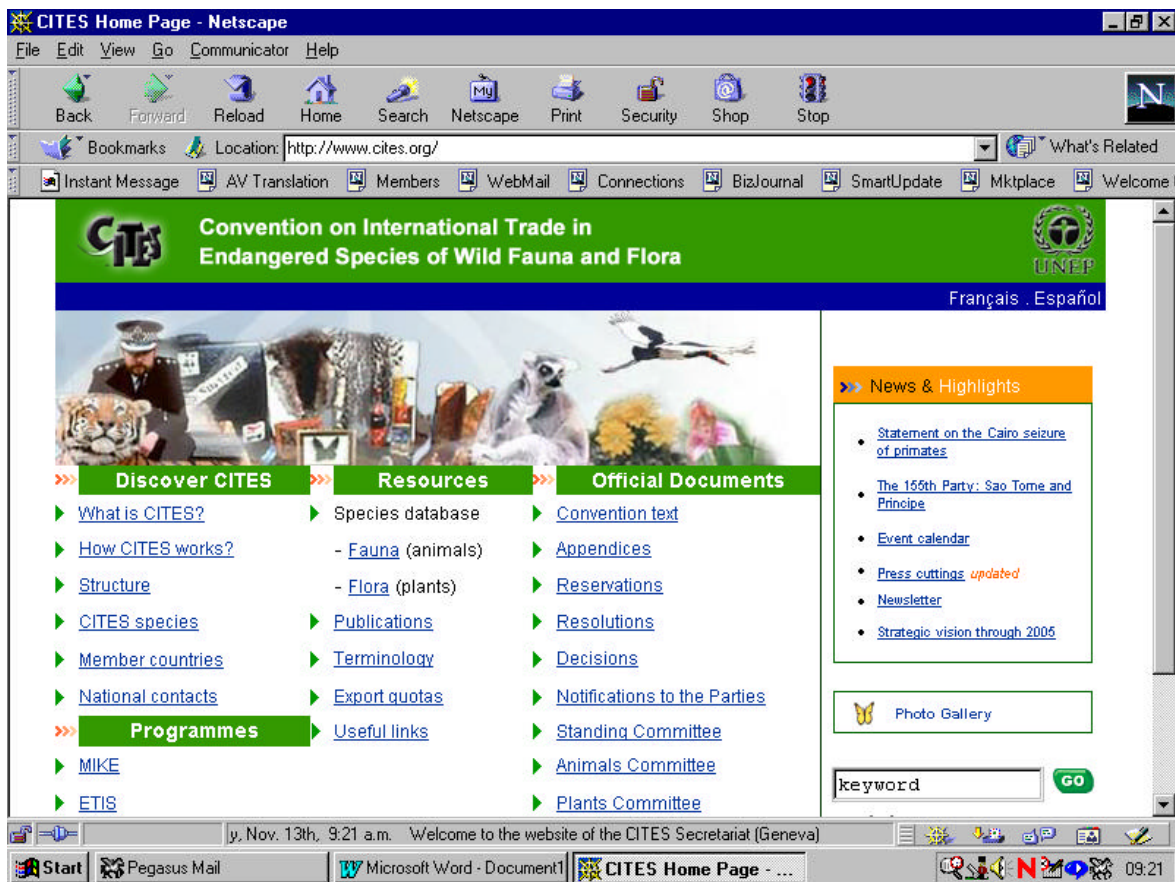
- *Trade in seeds of Mexican Cactaceae included in Appendix II (Inf. 16)*  
Mexico, in collaboration with Austria, & the United States of America to prepare a proposal on sustainable harvesting of seeds and the experience of artificial propagation of cacti species.

### Review of the genus Taxus

A document to be presented to PC12, addressing the issue of the inclusion of additional species of *Taxus* in Appendix II due to trade levels, look-alike problems or the recognition of commodities.

# CITES RESOURCES

New web site for the CITES Secretariat: <http://www.cites.org>



The screenshot shows the Netscape browser window displaying the CITES Home Page. The browser title is "CITES Home Page - Netscape". The address bar shows "http://www.cites.org/". The page features a green header with the CITES logo and the text "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora". Below the header, there are three main navigation columns: "Discover CITES", "Resources", and "Official Documents". The "Discover CITES" column includes links for "What is CITES?", "How CITES works?", "Structure", "CITES species", "Member countries", "National contacts", "Programmes", "MIKE", and "ETIS". The "Resources" column includes "Species database", "Fauna (animals)", "Flora (plants)", "Publications", "Terminology", "Export quotas", and "Useful links". The "Official Documents" column includes "Convention text", "Appendices", "Reservations", "Resolutions", "Decisions", "Notifications to the Parties", "Standing Committee", "Animals Committee", and "Plants Committee". On the right side, there is a "News & Highlights" section with a list of recent news items, a "Photo Gallery" button, and a search box with a "GO" button. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the date and time as "y. Nov. 13th, 9:21 a.m." and the text "Welcome to the website of the CITES Secretariat (Geneva)".

## Species Conservation Database



### Species Conservation Database - WISIA-online - now Available

Overlooking the great number of species conservation conventions, ordinances, and regulations valid for Europe or even for Germany only, is a very difficult task. Besides CITES, there are the EC Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), as well as the German national regulations in the Federal Nature Conservation Act (BNatSchG) and the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species (BArtSchV).

At [www.wisia.de](http://www.wisia.de) the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (Bundesamt für Naturschutz, BfN) has recently launched a searchable database which holds information on the national and international protection status of more than 10,000 animal and plant species.

This internet tool presents, for the first time, a synoptic view of the diverse field of species conservation legislation. A permanent up-date of data is guaranteed by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (Bundesamt für Naturschutz) as soon as the relevant species conservation regulations is amended.

The database holds information on animals of 1407 genera and 7218 species. On the plants side it contains 2821 species from 1034 genera. The CITES-EC Regulation No 338/97 alone, which implements CITES in the European Union, covers 4756 animal species in its Annexes A and B.

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# DIARY 2002

**11 - 15 March**  
46th meeting of the  
Standing Committee  
Geneva  
Switzerland

**13 - 17 May**  
12th meeting of the  
Plants Committee  
Leiden  
The Netherlands

**3 - 15 November**  
12th meeting of the  
Conference of the Parties  
Santiago  
Chile

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Checklist of medicinal and aromatic plants and their trade names covered by CITES and EU Regulation 2307/97.** Lange, D. & Schippmann, U. (1999). Bundesamt für Naturschutz, Germany. pp. 48

Lists of plant species with synonyms, trade and vernacular names.

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**CITES Bulb Checklist.** Davis, A.P. (1999). Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK. pp 131

For the genera *Cyclamen*, *Galanthus* and *Sternbergia*.  
All text in English, French and Spanish.

✉ Kew Enterprises, RBG Kew  
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Fax: +44 (0)20 8332 5161

Price: UK Sterling £10.00 + postage and packing.

**CITES Cactaceae Checklist (Second Edition).**

Hunt, D. (1999). Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK & International Organization for Succulent Plant Study (IOS). pp 315. All text in English, French & Spanish.

✉ Kew Enterprises, RBG Kew

Price: UK Sterling £13.50 + postage and packing.

**CITES Orchid Checklist Volume 3.** Roberts, J.A., Anuku, S., Burdon, J., Mathew, P., McGough, H.N. & Newman, A. (2001). Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK. pp.243. ISBN 1 84246 033 1

For the genera: *Aerangis*, *Angraecum*, *Ascocentrum*, *Bletilla*, *Brassavola*, *Calanthe*, *Catasetum*, *Miltonia*, *Milionioides*, *Milioniopsis*, *Renanthera*, *Renantherella*, *Rhynchostylis*, *Rossioglossum*, *Vanda* and *Vandopsis*.  
All text in English, French and Spanish.

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**CITES Aloe and Pachypodium Checklist.** Eggle, U. (ed.), Newton, L.E. & Rowley, G.D. (2001). Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK. pp.166. ISBN 1 84246 034 X

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**CITES Carnivorous Plant Checklist.** Von Arx, B., Schlauer, J. & Groves, M. (2001). Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK. pp.101. ISBN 1 84246 035 8

✉ Kew Enterprises, RBG Kew

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**Succulents II. The New Illustrated Dictionary.**

Sajeva, M. and Costanzo, M. (2000). Le Lettre, Firenze, Italy. ISBN 88-7166-473-6

Price: L. 95.000 or € 49,06

**Fichas de identificación de especies maderables CITES.** Clemente-Muñoz, M (Ed). 2000. Edición del Servicio de Publicaciones de la Universidad de Córdoba. Cdrom (Spanish). ISBN: 84-7801-521-3. Depósito legal CO. 198/2000

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**Conifers. Status Survey and Conservation Action Plan.** Farjon, A. and Page, C.N. (compilers). 1999. IUCN/SSC Conifer Specialist Group. IUCN, Gland, Switzerland and Cambridge, UK. ix + 121 pp.

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**The Orchids of Madagascar: annotated checklist**  
Du Puy, D., et al. (1999). Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK. pp 376 + 48 p colour plates

✉ Kew Enterprises, RBG Kew

Price: UK Sterling £49 + postage and packing.

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