

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



Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Bangkok (Thailand), 3-14 March 2013

Summary record of the fourth session of Committee I

6 March 2013: 11h30-12h00

Chair: C. Caceres (Canada)
Secretariat: D. Morgan
M. Sosa Schmidt
Rapporteurs: A. Mathur
R. Parry-Jones

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

67. Agarwood-producing taxa

67.1 Report of the Plants Committee

and

67.2 Draft resolution on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*

Thailand, as one of the co-proponents of document CoP16 Doc. 67.2 (Rev. 1) introduced the draft resolution regarding *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*.

Malaysia, Viet Nam and the Assam Agarwood Association supported the draft resolution.

Ireland, on behalf of the Member States of the European Union and Croatia, requested clarification on how the resolution would apply with respect to "gardens, homes and community gardens". Indonesia clarified that agarwood grown in home gardens could not be described as being of wild origin.

The United States of America supported the draft resolution in principle, but expressed concern over the definition of "artificially propagated", noting that the proposed definition could allow regular, repeated wild-collection of specimens and their subsequent export as artificially propagated. The United States proposed the adoption of a decision to monitor implementation of the draft resolution to assess possible impacts as follows:

Decision 16.XX The Plants Committee shall monitor the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.XX Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa to assess any potential conservation impacts to the long-term survival of agarwood-producing species and possible problems arising from the implementation, and shall report on these issues at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Australia, Canada, Ireland, on behalf of the Member States of the European Union and Croatia, supported the adoption of the draft resolution with the draft decision proposed by the United States.

China, Indonesia, Kuwait and Thailand agreed to the draft decision proposed by the United States. This and the draft resolution in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 67.2 (Rev. 1) were accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 12h00.