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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Periodic review of plant species included in the CITES Appendices

LOOK-ALIKES OF MALAGASY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. This document has been submitted by the Management Authority of Switzerland in relation to agenda item 16.1.1*.

Background





2. The Periodic Review of the Appendices includes Malagasy species of the genera *Euphorbia* and *Aloe* that are listed in Appendix I. It has been pointed out in deliberations of the Plants Committee, that look-alike problems of these taxa should be addressed in the context of the review of these species. In fact, a number of species that are listed in Appendix I have close look-alikes. Some of them were rather recently discovered and described and are (implicitly) listed in Appendix II. This situation could lead to enforcement problems and stimulate false declarations in order to disguise illegal trade in wild-collected plants of species that are listed in Appendix I.





Recommendation

3. The option to include such look-alike species in Appendix I should therefore be analysed. If appropriate, the range State Madagascar or the Plants Committee should submit corresponding proposals for consideration of CoP15.





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EUPHORBIA SPP.

Appendix I species	Appendix II look-alike
<p><i>Euphorbia quartzitcola</i> Léandri</p>  <p>www.cactuslove.ru</p> 	<p><i>Euphorbia itremensis</i> Kimmach & Lavranos</p>   <p><i>Euphorbia itremensis</i> Foto W. Minuth</p>

Appendix I species	Appendix II look-alike
<p><i>Euphorbia ambovombensis</i> Rauh & Razafindrats <i>Euphorbia cap-saintemariensis</i> Rauh <i>Euphorbia cylindrifolia</i> Marnier-Lapostolle & Rauh <i>Euphorbia decaryi</i> Guillaumin <i>Euphorbia parvicyathophora</i> Rauh <i>Euphorbia tulearensis</i> (Rauh) Rauh</p>	<p><i>Euphorbia suzannae-marnierae</i> Rauh & H. Pétignat</p>
 <p><i>E. decaryi</i></p>	
 <p><i>E. ambovombensis</i></p>	 <p><i>E. suzannae-marnierae</i></p>
 <p><i>E. cap-saintemariensis</i></p>	

ALOE SPP.

Appendix I species	Appendix II look-alikes
<i>Aloe calcairophila</i> Reynolds	<i>Aloe inexpectata</i> Lavranos & McCoy
<i>Aloe haworthioides</i> Baker	<i>Aloe florenceae</i> Lavranos & McCoy
<i>Aloe parallelifolia</i> Perrier	<i>Aloe hoffmannii</i> Lavranos
<i>Aloe parvula</i> Berger	<i>Aloe droseroides</i> Lavranos & McCoy <i>Aloe pseudoparvula</i> Castillon
 <p><i>A. calcairophila</i></p>	 <p><i>A. inexpectata</i></p>
 <p><i>A. parvula</i></p>	 <p><i>A. droseroides</i></p>