CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES 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.

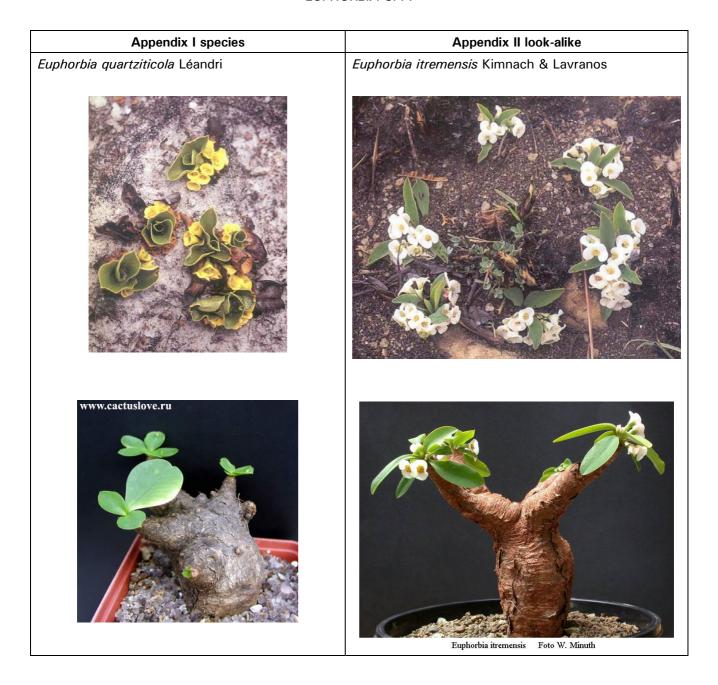
3. The option to include such look-alike species in Appendix I should therefore be analysed. If

Recommendation

appropriate, the range State Madagascar or the Plants Committe should submit corresponding proposals for consideration of CoP15.

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

E. cap-saintmariensis

ALOE SPP.

Appendix I species	Appendix II look-alikes
Aloe calcairophila Reynolds	Aloe inexpectata Lavranos & McCoy
Aloe haworthioides Baker	Aloe florenceae Lavranos & McCoy
Aloe parallelifolia Perrier	Aloe hoffmannii Lavranos
Aloe parvula Berger	Aloe droseroides Lavranos & McCoy
	Aloe pseudoparvula Castillon



A. calcairophila



A. inexpectata



A. parvula



A. droseroides