# ASSESSMENT OF TRADE IN EPIPHYTIC CACTI AND REVIEW OF LISTING OF CACTACEAE SPP. IN APPENDIX II

- 1. This document has been prepared by Mr James Grogan under contract with the CITES Secretariat. 1
- 2. Background information can be found in two key CITES documents:
  - CoP15 Doc. 55, submitted by the Management Authority of Switzerland, describes the issue under consideration in this report, whether certain genera of epiphytic cacti (seven as listed below) should be excluded from Appendix II based on the preponderance of artificially propagated compared to wildcollected specimens in international trade; IUCN Red List conservation status is reviewed, and trade data for gross exports of wild-collected specimens from range nations during 1975–2008 are presented;
  - PC19 Doc. 14.1, prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on the Periodic Review with assistance from the Scientific Authority of Mexico, presents further analysis of trade data during 1998–2008 including the number of specimens of epiphytic cacti in trade that were artificially propagated, number of records and specimens that were wild collected, confiscated or seized, or of unknown origin during this period, and geographic ranges of species in question.

# Natural range, morphology & taxonomy of the epiphytic cacti

- 3. The Cactaceae are a New World family except for one species, the epiphytic *Rhipsalis baccifera*, which is also found in Africa, Madagascar and as far east as Sri Lanka. Seven genera are considered here: *Disocactus, Epiphyllum, Hatiora, Lepismium, PseudoRhipsalis, Rhipsalis, and Schlumbergera.*
- 4. These genera are grouped in two tribes of the subfamily Cactoideae within the Cactaceae family:

Hylocereeae: Disocactus, Epiphyllum, PseudoRhipsalis

Rhipsalideae: Hatiora, Lepismium, Rhipsalis, Schlumbergera

- 5. Disocactus, Epiphyllum, and PseudoRhipsalis have mainly Mexican and Central American distributions, with some species found in the Caribbean, northern South America, and points further south. Hatiora, Rhipsalis, and Schlumbergera are found almost exclusively in southeast Brazil's Atlantic Forest (Mata Atlântica), with exceptions. The main region of occurrence for Lepismium is eastern Bolivia and northern Argentina, with extension into southeastern Brazil. A complete species list with natural ranges is provided in Annex 1.
- 6. Species in these genera are predominantly epiphytic or epilithic plants with a scrambling, pendant growth habit. Terete or flattened stems tend to branch frequently and irregularly; flattened stems are often crenate or serrate with areoles arranged along the margins producing hairs or bristles but rarely spines (see Annex 2A for representative images). The epiphytic cacti tend to be forest rather than desert species, requiring higher rainfall and humidity and lower light levels than the more typical heavily armed globe and columnar cacti.
- 7. The taxonomic status of these plus several other closely related genera of 'vine cacti' (*Hylocereus, Pfeiffera, Selenicereus, Weberocereus*; all are Hylocereeae) has been in flux since classification of the Cactaceae began. Anderson (2001) lists 102 species plus 24 sub-species or varieties among the seven genera under consideration (Annex 1). Minor differences if any are expected between this source and Hunt et al.'s The New Cactus Lexicon (2006), which could not be accessed for the purposes of the present study. Discrepancies between Anderson's (2001) list of accepted taxa and species listed in the CITES/UNEP-WCMC species database are minor; see annotations in Annex 1 for comparison.

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- 8. Recent phylogenetic studies have confirmed the tribe Rhipsalideae as a monophyletic group containing the four genera listed above plus Rhipsalidopsis, reconsituting a genus that had been merged with *Hatiora* (that is, *H. gaertneri* & *H. rosea* are proposed to reconstitute the genus *Rhipsalidopsis*). Researchers have also proposed major adjustments to *Lepismium*, including re-instatement of the genus *Lymanbensonia* (to include *Lepismium incachacana* plus two previously 'unrelated' Pfeiffera species) in a third tribe of epiphytic cacti, the Lymanbensonieae. As well, recent publications describe one new *Rhipsalis* species (*R. aurea*) and rediscovery of the long-lost *Rhipsalis triangularis*, both in Brazil's Atlantic Forest. These findings suggest that current taxonomic understanding of the epiphytic cacti may yet see nomenclatural adjustments with implications for CITES listings (see references by Calvente et al., Korotkova et al. & Nyffeler).
- 9. The high species diversity of the epiphytic cacti means that distinguishing species within and among genera based on vegetative or even fertile (flowering) material can be difficult for non-experts. As an example, all genera except *Schlumbergera* and *Hatiora* contain both flat-stemmed, non-spiny species and round-stemmed, spiny or bristly species. Also, several closely related genera of scrambling 'vine cacti' noted above that tend to root in the ground may superficially resemble epiphytic cacti, especially at the small (juvenile) sizes that are typically traded. In particular, several *Selenicereus* species bear striking vegetative and floral resemblance to members of *Epiphyllum* (for example, *S. anthonyanus* vs. *E. anguliger*). Annex 2B highlights similarities and differences among the epiphytic cacti considered in this report.

## Conservation status

- 10. As of November 2011, no changes in IUCN Red List status for the seven genera considered here had been registered since March 2010 (see CoP15 Doc. 55, Annex 3). A total of 18 species are listed, with one Endangered (EN), four Near Threatened (NT), seven Least Concern (LC), and six Data Deficient (see Annex 1 this document). The major threat cited for EN, NT and LC species is habitat loss due to agriculture, logging, or 'a variety of factors'. Wild-collected specimens in international trade were recorded or inferred for only three species on the IUCN Red List, all three of Least Concern. This trade represented 28 specimens during the period 1975–2010 (20, 3 and 5 specimens of Epiphyllum phyllanthus, Lepismium cruciforme and L. warmingianum, respectively; see analysis below).
- 11. While past IUCN categories of threat are not completely comparable to the current system, several previously listed epiphytic cacti species are omitted from the current Red List. For example, using 1994 IUCN categories of threat, Taylor (1997) cited the conservation status of additional species from the Brazilian Atlantic Forest as follows:

Extinct in the Wild (EW) Rhipsalis pentaptera

Endangered (EN) Hatiora epiphylloides ssp. epiphylloides

Vulnerable (VU) H. epiphylloides ssp. bradei, H. herminiae, R. baccifera ssp.

hileabaiana, R. burchellii & R. mesembryanthemoides

Low Risk (LR) H. salicornioides, Lepismium lumbricoides, R. baccifera ssp.

baccifera, R. campos-portoana, R. cereuscula, R. clavata,

R. grandiflora, R. neves-armondii, R. pachyptera,

R. puniceodiscus, R. teres & R. trigona

Data Deficient (DD) H. gaertneri, H. rosea, R. dissimilis, R. ewaldiana, R. juengeri,

R. pulchra, Schlumbergera opuntioides & S. orssichiana

12. It should also be noted that Calvente et al. (2005) considered several Brazilian epiphytic cacti as more threatened at local or regional levels than indicated by current or past IUCN Red List status, further highlighting inconsistencies and inadequacies in coverage of the epiphytic cacti by the IUCN Red List:

Endangered (EN) R. mesembryanthemoides

Vulnerable (VU) S. opuntioides & S. russelliana

Near Threatened (NT)

L. houlletianum, R. cereuscula, R. grandiflora,

R. neves-armondii, R. paradoxa, R. pulchra & S. truncata

## Trade analysis: Methods

- 13. The analysis provided here summarizes UNEP-WCMC trade records for the seven genera under consideration during the period 1976–2010. Data for the year 2010 are incomplete but are sufficiently robust to indicate trends. The analysis is based on total reported trade, that is, it combines reported exports and imports for a given species over time. Where trade records do not match, for example, where X specimens are recorded exported by a given nation but no corresponding specimens are recorded imported by the destination nation, or vice versa, or where recorded export (or import) values exceed import (or export) values within records, the largest of the two values is considered to be the number of specimens in trade.
- 14. 4236 trade records were provided. 58 records were eliminated because they clearly represented double-counting, that is, separate records from exporting and importing nations documenting the same transaction during the same year. This left a total of 4178 trade records. Species-level trade was sub-divided by source code (A = artificially propagated, W = wild collected, I = confiscated or seized, U = unknown origin, blank = no source code provided). The reported country origin of specimens coded W, I, U and blank was compared to species' natural ranges to determine whether these specimens could possibly have been wild collected; the definition of 'range nation' was applied generously, including all neotropical nations, in case range information was incomplete or erroneous. This means that W totals by species may or may not include W, I, U and blank specimens, depending on whether exported specimens originated from a potential range nation. No attempt was made to account for re-exports because this trade status could not be determined with certainty for any given report. Any doubt about a given record under these codes was treated conservatively, considering those specimens as wild collected.

# Trade analysis: Results

- 15. Nearly 29.2 million specimens of epiphytic cacti in the seven genera under consideration were reported traded during 1976–2010 when export and import data are combined as described above. Considered separately, reported exports equalled 20.7 million specimens (70.9% of the combined total), while reported imports equalled 9.6 million specimens (33.2%). This means that nearly 30% of total specimens considered to be in trade were not recorded by exporters, while 67% of total specimens in trade were not recorded by importers.
- 16. Exports of epiphytic cacti could be attributed to 64 nations during 1976-2010. Three exporting nations Denmark, the Netherlands, and Canada accounted for 91.4% of combined reported export trade over this period. The top ten exporting nations accounted for 99.1% of combined trade, with only one range nation for the epiphytic cacti, Guatemala (2.4%), contributing significantly to international trade (Table 1). Imports of epiphytic cacti could be attributed to 110 nations during this period. By far the most important importing nation was the USA, accounting for 58.4% of combined reported import trade. The top ten importing nations accounted for 90.9% of reported combined trade, with no range nations in the top ten (Table 1).

TABLE 1. The top 10 exporting and importing nations of the epiphytic cacti during 1976-2010, with % of total. Based on combined reported trade for both exports and imports (see text explanation).

EXPORTING	% Total	IMPORTING	% Total
Denmark	34.3	United States	58.4
Netherlands	30.0	Switzerland	7.9
Canada	27.1	Sweden	4.2
Guatemala	2.4	Canada	3.9
Poland	2.1	Germany	3.7
Tanzania	1.6	Austria	3.4
United States	0.6	Norway	2.6
Australia	0.5	Denmark	2.4
Germany	0.3	Finland	2.3
Thailand	0.3	United Kingdom	2.2

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17. Annual trade data (combined total for exports and imports) indicate that trade quantities of epiphytic cacti surged between 1986–1997, driven mainly by trade in artificially propagated specimens of *Schlumbergera* spp., *Epiphyllum* spp., and *Hatiora* spp. (Fig. 1). Trade dropped off sharply in 1998 and again in 2001.

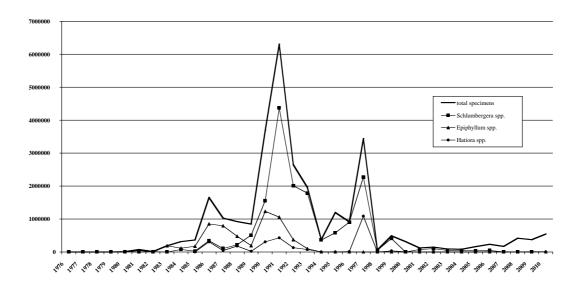


Figure 1. Annual levels of trade in epiphytic cacti, 1976–2010 (darkest line = total specimens), including the three species (or 'spp.') with the highest level of trade during this period.

18. Examining annual trade data as above during 2001–2010, we see steady increase in trade quantities during the past decade (Fig. 2). The main driver of trade during the 1980s and 1990s, *Schlumbergera* spp., essentially disappeared from international trade by 2007, while *Epiphyllum* spp. and *Hatiora* spp. also declined in importance compared to other species that came into significant trade after 2001. The most important of these were *Rhipsalis baccifera*, *Rhipsalis* spp., *R. pilocarpa*, *Hatiora salicornioides*, and *R. ewaldiana*. Except for *Rhipsalis* spp., none of these were traded in significant quantities before 2005.

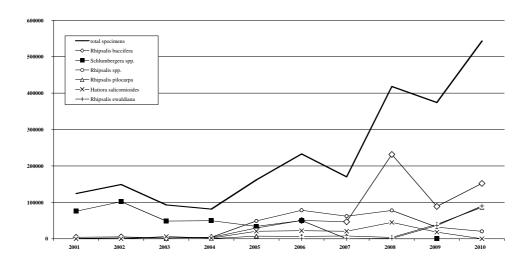


Figure 2. Annual levels of trade of epiphytic cacti, 2001–2010 (darkest line = total specimens), including the six species (or 'spp.') with the highest level of trade during this period.

19. Trade data (exports and or imports) were recorded for 106 species, sub-species, 'spp.' and 'hybrid' in the seven genera under review during 1976–2010 as follows (see Annex 3 for complete data):

	No. specimens	
Disocactus	18 including 'spp.' & 'hybrid'	257,440
Epiphyllum	16 including 'spp.'	5,661,505
Hatiora	7 including 'spp.' & H. x graeseri	4,138,209
Lepismium	14 including 'spp.'	40,462
PseudoRhipsalis	4 including 'spp.'	56,329
Rhipsalis	39 including 'spp.' & 7 sub-species	2,591,685
Schlumbergera	8 including 'spp.' & S. x buckleyi	16,416,434
TOTAL SPECIMENS		29,162,064

20. Export and or import data coded W, I, U or blank were recorded for 48 species, sub-species and 'spp.' during this period as follows:

	No. specimens	
Disocactus	7 including 'spp.'	1,426
Epiphyllum	6 including 'spp.'	2,972
Hatiora	4 including 'spp.'	10,981
Lepismium	6 including 'spp.'	114
PseudoRhipsalis	2	19
Rhipsalis	20 including 'spp.' & 3 sub-species	30,703
Schlumbergera	3 including 'spp.'	336,732
TOTAL SPECIMENS		382,947

21. As described above, records coded W, I, U or blank were further analyzed by comparing reported nation of origin with species' natural ranges. This eliminated 14 species (leaving 34 species, sub-species and 'spp.') from reported or possible trade in wild-collected species, as well as the large majority of W, I, U and blank coded specimens as follows (see Annex 4 for data with countries of origin for wild-collected specimens):

	No. specimens	
Disocactus	7 including 'spp.'	107
Epiphyllum	4 including 'spp.'	394
Hatiora	2 including 'spp.'	3
Lepismium	6 including 'spp.'	58
PseudoRhipsalis	2	3
Rhipsalis	10 including 'spp.' & 2 sub-species	458
Schlumbergera	3 including 'spp.'	150
TOTAL SPECIMENS		1,173

22. To summarize, this analysis found that 1,173 wild-collected or possibly wild-collected specimens of 34 species, sub-species or 'spp.' were traded internationally during the 35 years since 1976 (Annex 4). These numbers represented almost 0% to 73% of total reported specimens for a given species, and 0.004% of total specimens in trade during this period.

- 23. Other notable results from this analysis include:
  - 98.7% of all specimens in trade were coded A (Artificially propagated).
  - 87.7% of all specimens were traded as 'spp.', that is, of indeterminate specific origin.
  - The rate of wild collection or possible wild collection for named species was higher than for 'spp.' records, but the difference was not large considering the number of specimens in trade (0.0075% for named species vs. 0.0036% for 'spp.'). That is, the large numbers of 'spp.' in trade do not appear to hide significant trade of wild-collected specimens of named species.

# Conclusions

- 24. Available trade data indicate that quantities of wild-collected epiphytic cacti in international trade are negligible. This conclusion applies also to species traded in increasing quantities since 2005 (Fig. 2).
- 25. The vast majority of trade, on both exporting and importing ends, involves artificially propagated specimens originating outside of range nations. The near disappearance in recent years of formerly prominent species in trade *Schlumbergera* spp., *Epiphyllum* spp., and *Hatiora* spp., Figs. 1 & 2) indicates that 'homegrown' industries may now exist in former importing nations to supply domestic markets with extremely popular ornamental hanging cacti.
- 26. The epiphytic cacti discussed here are highly diverse. This means that distinguishing species is difficult due to convergent growth forms within and among genera (Annex 2). While most species assume a pendant growth habit in the wild, this habit may not be obvious when specimens are packed for international shipment and inspection by customs agents, especially when specimens in trade are juvenile plants. As well, juvenile plants may exhibit bristly or spiny dimorphism (see Annex 2B, *Rhipsalis paradoxa*), further blurring distinctions between epiphytic and non-epiphytic cacti.
- 27. A second identification issue concerns the four genera of 'vine cacti' not included in the present study (*Hylocereus, Pfeiffera, Selenicereus, Weberocereus*), as well as other essentially terrestrial cacti that may assume a pendent growth habit under both natural and artificial growing conditions (for example, some *Cleistocactus* species). That vine cacti are ground rooting rather than epiphytic in habit may not be obvious at the moment of transport across international borders. Also, juvenile plants may be indistinguishable between the two groups of plants. These additional genera thus present significant look-alike issues that should be assessed if a proposal for de-listing the epiphytic cacti from Appendix II moves forward.
- 28. Molecular studies could introduce formal adjustments to taxonomic relationships among the epiphytic cacti in the near future. As noted, reconstitution of *Rhipsalidopsis* (*Hatiora gaertneri* + *H. rosea*) has recently been proposed, as well as re-instatement of the genus *Lymanbensonia* and the tribe Lymanbensonieae. Any proposal to de-list the epiphytic cacti from Appendix II will need to account for these proposed changes, ideally including a mechanism to account for future changes.

# Recommendations

- 29. The Cactaceae are a New World group of up to 1800 species, representing a wide range of adaptations to arid or semi-arid environments, often with barely perceptible morphological differences among species. As reviewed in the next section, the family has been listed on CITES Appendix II since 1975 in response to intense harvest pressures on certain species and wild populations, and to the difficulty of distinguishing among highly similar species. Considering the small population size and highly restricted range of many Cactaceae, this family-level listing continues to play an essential conservation role through regulation of international trade.
- 30. Many epiphytic cacti species face significant threats to survival, especially in Brazil's Atlantic Forest where habitat loss continues. But no species considered in this report appears threatened by wild collection for international trade. Unlike many epiphytic orchids, for example, market demand for wild-collected epiphytic cacti appears to be low, perhaps because floral characters of most species are relatively nondescript compared to the highly diverse Orchidaceae.
- 31. Trade analysis presented here indicates that the epiphytic cacti do not meet the criteria of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) for inclusion of species in Appendix II, and should be considered for deletion. They are not frequently traded internationally except as artificially propagated specimens, and identification

issues appear surmountable given the relatively small number of species involved and morphological categories represented.

32. If it is determined that the epiphytic cacti do not meet the criteria for inclusion on Appendix II, then Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2b, which states that species may be included in Appendix II if "... specimens of the species in the form in which they are traded resemble specimens of a species included in Appendix II", does not apply to this group.

# Review of the listing of Cactaceae spp. in Appendix II

33. The Cactaceae are a primarily New World plant family adapted to arid environments, with exceptions as noted in this report. All American species of the Cactaceae were listed on Appendix II at the inception of CITES in 1975. The current annotation #4 reads:

All parts and derivatives, except:

- a) seeds (including seedpods of Orchidaceae), spores and pollen (including pollinia). The exemption does not apply to seeds from Cactaceae spp. exported from Mexico, and to seeds from Beccariophoenix madagascariensis and Neodypsis decaryi exported from Madagascar:
- b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers;
- c) cut flowers of artificially propagated plants;
- d) fruits and parts and derivatives thereof of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genus Vanilla (Orchidaceae) and of the family Cactaceae;
- e) stems, flowers, and parts and derivatives thereof of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genera Opuntia subgenus Opuntia and Selenicereus (Cactaceae); and
- f) finished products of Euphorbia antisyphilitica packaged and ready for retail trade.
- 34. Exclusions from Appendix II within the taxa adopted at CoP10 (1997, Harare) and remaining in effect until the present time are as follows:

Artificially propagated specimens of the following hybrids and/or cultivars are not subject to the provisions of the Convention:

Hatiora x graeseri;

Schlumbergera x buckleyi;

Schlumbergera russelliana x Schlumbergera truncata:

Schlumbergera orssichiana x Schlumbergera truncata;

Schlumbergera opuntioides x Schlumbergera truncata;

Schlumbergera truncata (cultivars);

Cactaceae spp. colour mutants grafted on the following grafting stocks: *Harrisia* "Jusbertii", *Hylocereus trigonus* or *Hylocereus undatus*;

Opuntia microdasys (cultivars).

35. These *Hatiora* and *Schlumbergera* species crosses and cultivars are widely marketed houseplants popularly known as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter cacti, named for the time of year they flower (November, December, and March-April, respectively). Cactaceae spp. colour mutants requiring grafting stocks are among the most popular houseplants in the world.

- 36. Three additional Cactaceae genera were excluded from Appendix II at CoP14 (2007 The Hague): Pereskia, Pereskiopsis and Quiabentia. These are easily identifiable leafy cacti artificially propagated and traded internationally in large numbers.
- 37. Since CoP3 (1981 New Delhi), six Cactaceae genera ('spp.') and 41 species among an additional 13 genera have been uplisted to Appendix I. These generally are genera or species with highly restricted or specialized habitat that additionally are under threat from collectors for horticultural purposes. Three species of Ariocarpus and six species of Turbinicarpus had already been listed on Appendix I when those genera were uplisted in 1992.
- 38. Three species representing three genera have subsequently been restored to Appendix II, including an epiphytic cactus in one of the seven genera under consideration in this report: Disocactus macdougallii was uplisted to Appendix I at CoP4 (1983 Baborone) and restored to Appendix II at CoP11 (2000 Gigiri); Leuchtenbergia principis and Mammillaria plumosa were uplisted to Appendix I at CoP4 (1983 Gaborone) and restored to Appendix II at CoP9 (1994 Ft. Lauderdale).
- 39. This leaves six Cactaceae genera plus an additional 29 species representing 11 genera currently listed in Appendix I as follows:

Ariocarpus spp. Melocactus paucispinus Discocactus spp. Obregonia denegrii Pelecyphora spp. Pachycereus militaris Strombocactus spp. Pediocactus bradyi Turbinicarpus spp. Pediocactus knowltonii Uebelmannia spp. Pediocactus paradinei Astrophytum asterias Pediocactus peeblesianus

Aztekium ritteri Pediocactus sileri

Coryphantha werdermannii Sclerocactus brevihamatus ssp. tobuschii

Echinocereus ferreirianus ssp. lindsayi Sclerocactus erectocentrus Echinocereus schmollii Sclerocactus glaucus

Escobaria minima Sclerocactus mariposensis Escobaria sneedii Sclerocactus mesaeverdae

Mammillaria pectinifera Sclerocactus nyensis

Sclerocactus papyracanthus Melocactus conoideus Sclerocactus pubispinus Melocactus deinacanthus Sclerocactus wrightiae

Melocactus glaucescens

Mammillaria solisioides

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#### **ANNEX 1**

# SPECIES LIST FOR EPIPHYTIC CACTI, WITH NATURAL RANGES

Species without annotation are listed by Anderson (2001), appear in the CITES/UNEP-WCMC species list, and were traded internationally during 1976-2010. Annotation key: † not listed by Anderson (2001); § not included on CITES/UNEP-WCMC species list; ¶ no reported trade. IUCN Red List categories: EN endangered, VU vulnerable, NT near threatened, LC least concern, DD data deficient.

SPECIES NATURAL RANGE + IUCN RED LIST STATUS +

**NOTES** 

Disocactus ackermannii Mexico
Disocactus ackermannii var. ackermanii § ¶
Mexico
Disocactus ackermannii var. conzattianus § ¶
Mexico

Disocactus amazonicus Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua,

Panama, Peru, Venezuela

Disocactus aurantiacus Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua

Disocactus biformis Guatemala, Honduras

Disocactus cinnabarinus El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Disocactus eichlamii Guatemala
Disocactus flagelliformis Mexico
Disocactus kimnachii Costa Rica
Disocactus macdougallii Mexico
Disocactus macranthus Mexico
Disocactus martianus Mexico

Disocactus nelsonii Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Disocactus phyllanthoidesMexicoDisocactus quezaltecusGuatemalaDisocactus schrankiiMexicoDisocactus speciosusMexico

Disocactus hybrid (x hybridus) † § Mexico; => D phyllanthoides x D speciosus

Epiphyllum anguliger Mexico

Epiphyllum cartagenseCosta Rica, PanamaEpiphyllum caudatumMexico; may = E pumilum

Epiphyllum columbiense Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama, Venezuela

Epiphyllum costaricense Costa Rica, Panama

Epiphyllum crenatum Var. crenatum § Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama

Epiphyllum crenatum var. kimnachii § Mexico
Epiphyllum floribundum Peru

Epiphyllum grandilobum Costa Rica, Panama

Epiphyllum guatemalense Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Epiphyllum hookeri Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala,

Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Trinidad and

Tobago, Venezuela

Epiphyllum laui Mexico
Epiphyllum lepidocarpum Costa Rica

Epiphyllum oxypetalum Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico,

Nicaragua

**SPECIES** NATURAL RANGE + IUCN RED LIST STATUS +

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Epiphyllum phyllanthus Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French

Guyana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname,

Uruguay, Venezuela; LC

Epiphyllum pittieri Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama Epiphyllum pumilum Belize, Guatemala, Mexico Epiphyllum rubrocoronatum Colombia, Ecuador, Panama

Epiphyllum thomasianum Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua

Colombia Epiphyllum trimetrale Hatiora epiphylloides Brazil Hatiora epiphylloides ssp. bradei Brazil Hatiora epiphylloides ssp. epiphylloides Brazil Hatiora gaertneri **Brazil** Hatiora graeseri † Brazil Brazil Hatiora herminiae Hatiora rosea Brazil Hatiora salicornioides Brazil

Hatiora x graeseri † § Brazil; = H. gaertneri x H. rosea

Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay; may be sub-population of Lepismium aculeatum

L. lumbricoides

Lepismium bolivianum Bolivia

Lepismium brevispinum Peru, Ecuador Lepismium crenatum Bolivia, Peru

Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay; LC Lepismium cruciforme

Lepismium houlletianum Argentina, Brazil; LC Lepismium ianthothele Argentina, Bolivia

Bolivia Lepismium incachacanum

Argentina, Bolivia Lepismium Iorentzianum

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay Lepismium lumbricoides

Lepismium micranthum Peru Bolivia Lepismium miyagawae

Lepismium monacanthum Argentina, Bolivia

Lepismium paranganiense Bolivia

Lepismium warmingianum Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay; LC

Costa Rica, Panama PseudoRhipsalis acuminata

PseudoRhipsalis alata Jamaica

Costa Rica, Panama PseudoRhipsalis himantoclada PseudoRhipsalis horichii Costa Rica, Panama

Costa Rica PseudoRhipsalis lankesteri

Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, PseudoRhipsalis ramulosa

El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica,

Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela

Antiqua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Rhipsalis baccifera

> British Virgin Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba. Dominican Republic, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana,

Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica,

Madagascar, Martinique, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles

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Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. baccifera Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican

Republic, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico,

Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States,

Venezuela

Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. erythrocarpa Kenya, Tanzania

Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. hileiabaiana Brazil

Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. horrida Madagascar

Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. mauritiania Angola, Comoros, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mauritius,

Réunion, Seychelles, Sierra Leona, South Africa, Sri

Lanka

Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. shaferi Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay

Rhipsalis burchellii Brazil
Rhipsalis campos-portoana Brazil
Rhipsalis cereoides Brazil; VU

Rhipsalis cereuscula Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay

Rhipsalis clavata
Rhipsalis crispata
Brazil; VU
Rhipsalis cuneata
Rhipsalis dissimilis
Rhipsalis elliptica
Rhipsalis ewaldiana
Brazil; LC
Rhipsalis ewaldiana
Brazil

Rhipsalis floccosa Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay,

Venezuela; LC

Rhipsalis floccosa ssp. floccosa ¶ Brazil

Rhipsalis floccosa ssp. hohenauensis ¶ Argentina, Paraguay

Rhipsalis floccosa ssp. oreophila ¶ Brazil

Rhipsalis floccosa ssp. pittieri Venezuela

Rhipsalis floccosa ssp. pulvinigera Brazil

Rhipsalis floccosa ssp. tucumanensis Argentina, Bolivia, Peru

Rhipsalis goebeliana
Rhipsalis grandiflora
Brazil
Rhipsalis hoelleri
Brazil; DD
Rhipsalis juengeri ¶
Brazil
Rhipsalis lindbergiana
Brazil
Rhipsalis mesembryanthemoides
Brazil
Rhipsalis mesembryanthoides † ¶
Brazil

Rhipsalis micrantha Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru,

Venezuela

Rhipsalis neves-armondii Brazil
Rhipsalis oblonga Brazil; NT

Rhipsalis occidentalis Ecuador, Peru, Suriname

Rhipsalis olivifera ¶ Brazil
Rhipsalis ormindoi ¶ Brazil
Rhipsalis pacheco-leonis Brazil; DD
Rhipsalis pacheco-leonis ssp. catenulata Brazil

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Rhipsalis pacheco-leonis ssp. pacheco-leonis Brazil

Rhipsalis pachyptera Brazil, Guyana, Suriname

Rhipsalis paradoxa Brazil; LC
Rhipsalis paradoxa ssp. paradoxa
Rhipsalis paradoxa ssp. septentrionalis ¶
Brazil

Rhipsalis pentaptera Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil

Rhipsalis pilocarpa Brazil; VU
Rhipsalis pulchra Brazil
Rhipsalis puniceodiscus Brazil
Rhipsalis russellii Brazil; VU
Rhipsalis sulcata Brazil; DD
Rhipsalis teres Brazil
Rhipsalis trigona Brazil

Schlumbergera buckleyi † Brazil; S. x buckleyi = S. russelliana x S. truncata Schlumbergera exotica (x exotica) † Brazil; S. x exotica = S. opuntioides x S. truncata

Schlumbergera kautskyi Brazil; EN
Schlumbergera microsphaerica Brazil; DD
Schlumbergera microsphaerica ssp. candida
Schlumbergera microsphaerica ssp. Brazil

microsphaerica §

Schlumbergera opuntioides Brazil; NT Schlumbergera orssichiana Brazil

Schlumbergera reginae (x reginae) † Brazil; S. x reginae = S. orssichiana x S. truncata

Schlumbergera russelliana Brazil Schlumbergera truncata Brazil

# **ANNEX 2A**

# IMAGES OF REPRESENTATIVE EPIPHYTIC CACTI

Note similarities among genera.

Images are scanned from Anderson (2001).









Disocactus ackermannii

Epiphyllum pittieri

Hatiora salicornioides

Lepismium cruciformis (with fruit)







PseudoRhipsalis himantoclada

Rhipsalis baccifera

Schlumbergera orssichiana ssp. baccifera

### **ANNEX 2B**

# MORE SIMILARITIES AMONG GENERA OF EPIPHYTIC CACTI

Top row: rounded/tubular stems with conspicuous bristles or spine. Bottom row: flattened, segmented stems. Images are scanned from Anderson (2001).





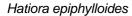


Disocactus martianus

Lepismium ianthothele

Rhipsalis paradoxa (showing dimorphic stems)







Rhipsalis elliptica



Schlumbergera opuntioides ssp. epiphylloides (with fruit)

# ANNEX 3

UNEP-WCMC trade data for seven genera of epiphytic cacti, 1976-2010. 'Total Specimens' shows sum of reported Imports + Exports as explained in the text. Source codes: A = Artificially propagated, W = wild-collected, I = confiscated or seized, U = unknown, blank = no code reported. 'No. of nations' shows the number of Importing and Exporting nations reporting trade during this period. 'Range Export' indicates the number of range nations reporting trade.

	Total	By source code:	:				Reported:		No. of na	tions:	Range
Species	Specimens	A	w	I	U	blank	Imports	Exports	Import	Export	Export
Disocactus ackermannii	71	71					6	71	12	5	0
Disocactus amazonicus	250	250					160	247	21	4	2
Disocactus aurianticus	50	41	5			4	29	23	8	4	1
Disocactus biformis	38	38					6	38	9	2	0
Disocactus cinnabarinsis	53	53					7	46	12	4	0
Disocactus eichlamii	25	25					0	25	6	1	0
Disocactus flagelliformis	13,321	13,316	4			1	9,235	4,117	31	15	1
Disocactus hybrid	6	6					6	0	1	1	0
Disocactus kimnachii	2	2					0	2	1	1	0
Disocactus macdougallii	2	2					0	2	1	1	0
Disocactus macranthus	5,572	5,572					5,012	565	16	6	0
Disocactus martianus	304	297	4		2	1	28	278	13	7	1
Disocactus nelsonii	74	69		3		2	5	69	11	5	1
Disocactus phyllanthoides	83	81		2			10	74	13	5	1
Disocactus quezaltecus	20	20					5	20	6	2	0
Disocactus schrankii	23	22	1				1	22	12	2	1
Disocactus speciosus	249	249					10	244	13	3	0
Disocactus spp.	237,297	235,900	25	56		1,316	3,294	234,100	36	21	7
DISOCACTUS TOTALS	257,440	256,014	39	61	2	1,324	17,814	239,943			
Epiphyllum anguliger	1,631	1,631					1,297	346	16	8	0
Epiphyllum cartagense	76	76					24	69	10	5	1
Epiphyllum caudatum	30	26	4				5	26	8	2	1
Epiphyllum crenatum	5,462	5,461		1			797	4,667	19	8	0
Epiphyllum floribundum	29	29					3	26	6	1	0
Epiphyllum grandilobum	10	10					5	9	4	4	1
Epiphyllum guatemalense	31	31					2	29	10	2	0
Epiphyllum hookeri	1,085	1,082	2	1			13	1,079	19	7	2
Epiphyllum laui	23	23					10	23	4	1	0
Epiphyllum lepidocarpum	19	19					16	19	3	3	1
Epiphyllum oxypetalum	796	773	21	2			93	709	18	13	1
Epiphyllum phyllanthus	10,118	10,098	19			1	10,054	9,571	13	12	7
Epiphyllum pittieri	14	14					13	11	3	3	1
Epiphyllum pumilum	27	27					6	27	11	2	0
Epiphyllum thomasianum	107	107					25	106	13	3	2
Epiphyllum spp.	5,642,047	5,639,126	47	189	31	2,654	4,493,353	1,165,864	57	42	19
EPIPHYLLUM TOTALS	5,661,505	5,658,533	93	193	31	2,655	4,505,716	1,182,581			

	Total	By source code	:				Reported:		No. of nat	tions:	Range
Species	Specimens	A	w	I	U	blank	Imports	Exports	Import	Export	Export
Hatiora epiphylloides	1	1					0	_		1	0
Hatiora gaertneri	972,089	971,998		12		79	29,001	943,103	28	9	0
Hatiora herminiae	20	20					0	20	1	1	1
Hatiora rosea	1,283	1,234	1	48			1,010	276	14	7	0
Hatiora salicornioides	476,981	476,976	2	2		1	165,455	326,886	28	10	1
Hatiora x graeseri	1,288	1,288					1,288	0	1	1	0
Hatiora spp.	2,686,547	2,675,711		479	100	10,257	126,359	2,571,830	45	14	1
HATIORA TOTALS	4,138,209	4,127,228	3	541	100	10,337	323,113	3,842,116			
Lepismium aculeatum	25	18	3			4	20	9	4	5	2
Lepismium bolivianum	26,833	26,833					21,772	25,724	13	5	0
Lepismium crenatum	1	1					0	1	1	1	0
Lepismium cruciforme	1,220	1,215	2	2		1	880	348	12	9	3
Lepismium houlletianum	357	357					305	53	12	4	0
Lepismium ianthothele	47	43				4	10	37	13	3	2
Lepismium lorentzianum	17	17					0	17	5	1	0
Lepismium lumbricoides	3,971	3,890	5			76	1,684	2,290	13	7	1
Lepismium micranthum	24	24					1	24	6	2	0
Lepismium miyagawae	38	38					3	35	6	1	0
Lepismium monacanthum	116	116					103	14	8	4	1
Lepismium paranganiense	41	41					3	38	10	3	0
Lepismium warmingianum	4,507	4,502	5				4,492	15	5	5	1
Lepismium spp.	3,265	3,253	8	4			3,192	96	10	8	2
LEPISMIUM TOTALS	40,462	40,348	23	6	0	85	32,465	28,701			
Pseudorhipsalis alata	2	2					0	2	1	1	0
Pseudorhipsalis himantoclada	4	3		1			1	3	2	2	1
Pseudorhipsalis ramulosa	185	167	15			3	108	93	15	7	2
Pseudorhipsalis spp.	56,138	56,138					0	56,138	1	1	0
PSEUDORHIPSALIS TOTALS	56,329	56,310	15	1	0	3	109	56,236			
Schlumbergera kautskyi	630	630					0	630	1	1	0
Schlumbergera microsphaerica	33	33					23	33	4	2	0
Schlumbergera opuntioides	257	257					204	254	13	3	0
Schlumbergera orssichiana	229	229					139	91	5	3	0
Schlumbergera russelliana	3,746	3,744		2			3,634	112	10	6	1
Schlumbergera truncata	448,680	437,255		1	1	11,423	56,887	392,920	26	19	2
Schlumbergera x buckleyi	709	709					2	709	2	2	0
Schlumbergera spp.	15,962,150	15,636,844	8	706	100,196	224,395	3,042,445	13,844,405	66	24	7
SCHLUMBERGERA TOTALS	16,416,434	16,079,701	8	709	100,197	235,818	3,103,334	14,239,154			

# ANNEX 4

Estimated numbers of wild-collected specimens of epiphytic cacti traded internationally during 1976-2010 by species or 'spp.' with origin of wild-collected (W) specimens. 'Total no. of Specimens' shows sum of reported Imports + Exports as explained in the text. Source codes: A = Artificially propagated, W = wild-collected, I = confiscated or seized, U = unknown, blank = no code reported. W, I, U or blank records were omitted from estimated number of wild-collected (W) specimens if country of origin did not match natural range (see text for explanation).

	Est. no. of	Total no. of	By source code	:				
Species	W specimens	Specimens	A	W	I	U	Blank	Origin of W collected specimens*
Disocactus aurianticus	4	50	41	5			4	Honduras 1990
Disocactus flagelliformis	4	13,321	13,316	4			1	Mexico 1993
Disocactus martianus	4	304	297	4		2	1	Mexico 1992-1993
Disocactus nelsonii	3	74	69		3		2	Mexico 1996
Disocactus phyllanthoides	2	83	81		2			Mexico 2004
Disocactus schrankii	1	23	22	1				Mexico 1993
Disocactus spp.	89	237,297	235,900	25	56		1,316	various 1979-2006
Epiphyllum caudatum	4	30	26	4				Mexico 1992
Epiphyllum hookeri	2	1,085	1,082	2	1			Belize 1999
Epiphyllum phyllanthus	20	10,118	10,098	19			1	various 1992-2001
Epiphyllum spp.	368	5,642,047	5,639,126	47	189	31	2,654	various 1987-2007
Hatiora salicornioides	2	476,981	476,976	2	2		1	Brazil 1991
Hatiora spp.	1	2,686,547	2,675,711		479	100	10,257	Brazil 1998
Lepismium aculeatum	7	25	18	3			4	Argentina 1985, Uruguay 2005
Lepismium cruciforme	3	1,220	1,215	2	2		1	Paraguay 1993, Brazil 2008
Lepismium ianthothele	4	47	43				4	Argentina 1986
Lepismium lumbricoides	27	3,971	3,890	5			76	Argentina 1986, 1997
Lepismium warmingianum	5	4,507	4,502	5				Argentina 1997
Lepismium spp.	12	3,265	3,253	8	4			Bolivia 1999/2006, Ecuador 2001
Pseudorhipsalis himantoclada	1	4	3		1			Costa Rica 2008
Pseudorhipsalis ramulosa	2	185	167	15			3	Dominican Republic 1995
Rhipsalis baccifera	56	613,802	613,739	36			27	various 1981-2007
Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. horrida	8	1,374	1,366	8				Madagascar 1991-2005
Rhipsalis cereuscula	4	101,234	101,230	2	2			Mexico 1990, Paraguay 1993, Brazil 2008
Rhipsalis clavata	1	2,191	2,189		1		1	unknown (code = I) 2002
Rhipsalis floccosa ssp. tucumanensis	63	86	23	7			56	Argentina 1986, 1996
Rhipsalis grandiflora	1	215	214		1			Brazil 2008
Rhipsalis micrantha	4	2,174	2,169	4			1	Ecuador 2001
Rhipsalis occidentalis	1	17	16	1				Ecuador 2001
Rhipsalis puniceodiscus	5	60	55	5				Suriname 1994
Rhipsalis spp.	315	1,360,237	1,330,360	76	64	1	29,736	various 1988-2008
Schlumbergera russelliana	2	3,746	3,744		2			Mexico 2004
Schlumbergera truncata	1	448,680	437,255		1	1	11,423	Mexico 2003
Schlumbergera spp.	147	15,962,150	15,636,844	8	706	100,196	224,395	various 1979-2007
TOTAL	1,173							