

16/25. PLANT SPECIES IN TRADE

RECALLING that the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was negotiated in order to protect "certain species of wild fauna and flora against over-exploitation through international trade";

RECOGNIZING that trade in certain species of flora presents as serious a threat to their survival as does trade in some species of fauna;

NOTING that implementation of the Convention for plants lags behind that for animals;

NOTING the recommendations for improvement of CITES implementation prepared by the CITES Plant Working Group at its meeting in February 1984;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 16th Session in Madrid, Spain, 5-14 November 1984:

1. RECOMMENDS that the Parties to CITES give favourable consideration to the recommendations of the CITES Plant Working Group and act promptly to implement them after their adoption by the Fifth Conference of the Parties to CITES;
2. RECOMMENDS FURTHER that the Parties instruct the CITES Secretariat, as a matter of priority, to develop proposals for the preparation of a basic CITES plant identification manual suitable for use by Customs Officers and other non-technical enforcement personnel.

