



To Proposal 17.50

The elephant foot tree is a succulent tree. Mexico already protects elephant foot trees on a national level and assiduously enforces its national laws. Inclusion in Appendix II of CITES would be an important supplement to the national efforts of Mexico. So DCSP recommends, support this proposal.

Thank you Madame Chair.

Excerpt from the Summary record of the
Seventh session of Committee I
28 September 2016: 14h30 - 17h30
Chair: K.Gaynor (Ireland)

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 50 to include the genus *Beaucarnea* in Appendix II was introduced by Mexico.

Canada, Senegal, the United States of America and the **Documentation Center for Species Protection** supported the proposal. The European Union and its member States, along with Switzerland, supported the proposal, but noted that *Beaucarnea* species were well established in cultivation and that there was a large amount of trade in artificially propagated plants. They believed the listing might impose a considerable reporting burden on Parties and considered that the proposal might benefit from the inclusion of an annotation. The Republic of Korea observed that there appeared to be little export from Mexico. China did not consider the genus to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II. Both stated they would support the proposal only if it were limited to Mexican populations

The Republic of Korea, supported by Switzerland, further indicated that their support was conditional on the inclusion of an annotation. The United States pointed out that any discussion about annotations would have to take into consideration the fact that the genus not only occurred in Mexico, but also in a number of other countries in Central America. Mexico reported that they were preparing identification material to support the listing. They considered an annotation unnecessary. With no consensus, the Chair called for a vote, noting that the European Union was voting as a Party.

Sixty-nine Parties voted in favour, 8 against and 27 abstained. Proposal CoP17 Prop. 50 to include the genus *Beaucarnea* in Appendix II was therefore accepted (see Annex 1)

Thank you Madame Chair.