



Convention on the Conservation
of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 138 (2008) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 27 November 2008, on the European Strategy for Plant Conservation 2008-2014

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention,

Having regard to the aims of the Convention to conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats;

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 2 of the convention requires Parties to give particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species;

Recalling that Article 3 of the convention requires Parties to take the necessary steps to promote national policies for the conservation of wild fauna and natural habitats, with particular attention to endangered and vulnerable species, especially endemic ones, and endangered habitats;

Recalling that Article 4.1 of the convention requires Parties to take appropriate and necessary legislative and administrative measures to ensure the conservation of the habitats of the wild flora and fauna species, especially those specified in Appendices I and II, and the conservation of endangered natural habitats;

Recalling that Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Convention requires Parties to take appropriate and necessary legislative and administrative measures to ensure the special protection of the wild flora species listed in Appendix I;

Referring to its Recommendation No. 30 (1991) on the conservation of species in Appendix 1 of the Convention;

Referring to its Recommendation No. 40 (1993) on the elaboration of conservation or recovery plans for species in Appendix I of the Convention;

Referring to its Recommendation No. 87 (2001) on the European Plant Conservation Strategy, recognised as a valuable contribution to the Global Strategy on Plant Conservation adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);

Noting that integrated ecosystem management and habitat protection have great advantages for the preservation of biodiversity and should go hand in hand with species protection efforts;

Recalling Decision V/6 of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD on the Ecosystem Approach, adopted in 2000, and including the 12 principles of the Ecosystem Approach;

Recalling the 2003 Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity, which includes the commitment to ‘halt the loss of biodiversity by 2010’, as adopted by Environment Ministers and Heads of delegation from 51 countries in the Pan-European region;

Recalling the 2005 Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and its finding that “unprecedented increased efforts” are needed to achieve the 2010 biodiversity target at national, regional and global levels;

Desirous to avoid a further loss of biological diversity in Europe;

Recalling CBD COP Decision IX/3 on the ‘Global strategy for plant conservation’ and, in particular, paragraphs 1(b), 2 and 8;

Referring to the joint Planta Europa/Council of Europe “European Strategy for Plant Conservation 2008-2014: A sustainable future for Europe” [document T-PVS/Inf (2008) 14];

Recommends Contracting Parties to the Convention and invites Observer States to:

- develop and implement, or reinforce, as appropriate, national plant conservation strategies, or have them incorporated in national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- take note, in that context, of the ‘European Strategy on Plant Conservation 2008-2014: A sustainable future for Europe’.