

To amend annotation #9 related to *Hoodia* spp. to read as follows, for the purpose of clarification:

All parts and derivatives except those bearing a label: Produced from *Hoodia* spp material obtained through controlled harvesting and production in terms of an agreement with the relevant CITES Management Authority of [Botswana under agreement no. BW/xxxxxx] [Namibia under agreement no. NA/xxxxxx] [South Africa under agreement no. ZA/xxxxxx].

Proponents: Botswana, Namibia, South Africa

Summary: *Hoodia* is a genus of succulent plants in the family Apocynaceae found in Angola, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa. Fourteen species are currently recognised in the CITES species database. Extracts from *Hoodia* species are used locally for medicinal purposes and have been identified as having commercial potential as appetite suppressants. The genus was included in Appendix II at CoP13 (2004) with the following annotation:

All parts and derivatives except those bearing a label “Produced from *Hoodia* spp. material obtained through controlled harvesting and production in collaboration with the CITES Management Authorities of Botswana/Namibia/South Africa under agreement no. BW/NA/ZA xxxxxx”.

This annotation could be interpreted as meaning that to qualify for exemption, any product must bear a label in exactly the form specified, that is containing the designations “Botswana/Namibia/South Africa” and “BW/NA/ZA”. This would imply the existence of joint agreements in each of which all three CITES Management Authorities participated.

The intention of the listing was that the CITES Management Authority of each of the three countries would enter into its own separate agreements with producers in that country and issue its own labels. The current proposal clarifies this.

Analysis: This proposal clarifies an existing annotation and should bring implementation of the Convention into line with the original intention of the listing. It should have no other effects.