

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Trade control and marking issues

TRADE REGIMES FOR TIMBER SPECIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Decision 11.155, directed to the Secretariat, reads as follows:

The potential for silvicultural techniques (e.g. enrichment plantings, assisted natural regeneration) to be dealt with in the general context of Resolutions on ranching and quotas, as well as in accordance with the definition of 'artificially propagated' contained in Resolution Conf. 11.11, shall be investigated to determine whether these concepts provide useful bases for establishing trade regimes for timber species listed in the Appendices.
3. At its 10th meeting (Shepherdstown, 11-15 December 2000), the Plants Committee discussed a document on this subject (document Doc. PC. 10.8.1), prepared by the Secretariat.
4. The Secretariat presented the following conclusions therein:
 - ranching, as defined by CITES, (i.e. the introduction of specimens taken from the wild into controlled environments) is currently not used for tree plantations;
 - only a few Parties use export quotas for timber species; and
 - there are a number of silvicultural techniques (e.g. enrichment planting, guided natural generation, replanting of wildlings collected in other forest areas) that might benefit from the use of special source codes.
5. The Plants Committee agreed that further exploring the possible use of special source codes would be useful, in particular since the Animals Committee is currently considering similar options for animal production systems (cf. documents AC17 Doc. 14 (Rev. 1) and PC12 Doc. 23.1). This discussion will be continued at the next meetings of the Animals and Plants Committee.
6. The Secretariat is of the opinion that it has complied with Decision 11.115 and recommends that it be repealed.