



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/040

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CONCERNING:

### Membership of the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species

1. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 16.159 referring to the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species, indicating that “During its 21st meeting, the Plants Committee shall define the membership and the terms of reference of the Working Group”.
2. At its 21st meeting, the Plants Committee discussed document PC21 Doc. 18.2.1 and its annex, which included the proposed terms of reference and membership of the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species. According to point 3 of the annex: “To facilitate the functioning of the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species, and provided that the people and institutions involved are willing, as far as possible, candidates from the former Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Tree Species should be confirmed”.
3. Now, therefore, the Chair (César Beltetón Chacón) and Vice-Chair (Fabiola Núñez Neyra) of the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species, who were duly elected at the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee, request that the following information be forwarded by e-mail to [cesarbelte@gmail.com](mailto:cesarbelte@gmail.com), [fnunez@minam.gob.pe](mailto:fnunez@minam.gob.pe), [presidenciagrupocaoba@gmail.com](mailto:presidenciagrupocaoba@gmail.com), within two months, at the latest, as from the date of this Notification:
  - a) **Range States of neotropical tree species relevant to Decision 16.159** should confirm the name of the person who participated in the “Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Tree Species” and is to continue his/her work in the group, or otherwise, the name of the new member who will represent them in the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species, including the following details: name of the institution; personal and institutional address; e-mail address; personal and institutional telephone number; any other relevant information to facilitate communication.
  - b) **The major importing Parties [United States of America, European Union (Germany, France, Spain, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), China]** should confirm the name of the person who participated in the “Working Group on the Bigleaf Mahogany and Other Neotropical Tree Species” and who will continue his/her work in the group, or otherwise, the name of the new member who will represent them in the Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species, including the following details: name of the institution; personal and institutional address; e-mail address; personal and institutional telephone number; any other relevant information to facilitate communication.
  - c) **Intergovernmental organizations [the European Union, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), and the Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD)]** should confirm the name of the person who will represent them in the Working Group, including the following details: name of the institution; personal and institutional address; e-mail address; personal and institutional telephone number; any other relevant information to facilitate communication.