



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/019

Geneva, 17 April 2014

CONCERNING:

MADAGASCAR

Trade in *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp.: zero export quota

1. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, March, 2013), the Conference of the Parties agreed to the inclusion in Appendix II of the populations of Madagascar of the species in the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros*. The listings are annotated #5, indicating that the only parts and derivatives included are "logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets". The Conference of the Parties also adopted Decision 16.152 on *Malagasy ebonies* (*Diospyros* spp.) and *Malagasy rosewoods* (*Dalbergia* spp.) and a related action plan.
2. Paragraph 4 of this action plan states that:

Madagascar shall ... put in place an embargo on export of stocks of these timbers until the CITES Standing Committee has approved the results of a stockpile audit and use plan to determine what component of the stockpile have been legally accumulated and can be legally exported.
3. In Notification to the Parties No. 2013/039 of 4 September 2013, the Secretariat reported on the actions being taken to improve the management of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species in Madagascar and that Madagascar had established a zero export quota for these species until 13 February 2014.
4. In February 2014, the CITES Management Authority of Madagascar informed the Secretariat that the zero export quota for *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species had been extended to 14 April 2014, as communicated to Parties through Notification 2014/010.
5. The CITES Management Authority of Madagascar has informed the Secretariat that the zero export quota for *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species has been extended again until 11 August 2014.
6. In the meantime, the Secretariat has continued to receive information on large shipments of timber of these species being exported illegally from Madagascar. In a meeting with the Secretary-General of CITES in early April 2014, the President of Madagascar requested the full support of all CITES Parties, particularly transit and destination States, to help Madagascar in combating the illegal trade in these species.
7. All Parties are therefore urged to continue to assist Madagascar by checking shipments of timber, in order to stop any illegal trade in specimens of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species from that country. Parties that seize illegal shipments of these timber species are requested to inform the Management Authority of Madagascar and the Secretariat.
8. This Notification replaces Notification 2014/010.