

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

Seventeenth meeting of the Plants Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-19 April 2008

TREE SPECIES ANNOTATIONS  
(Agenda item 13.3)Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairman: the representative of North America (Mr Gabel);

Members: the alternate representative of Africa (Mr Akpagona) and the representative of Asia (Mr Partomihardjo);

Parties: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico, Switzerland, United Kingdom;

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, ITTO, EIA, TRAFFIC.

Mandate

1. Prepare a list of tree species included in Appendices II and III with the corresponding annotations in effect;
2. Prepare definitions for the terms used in the annotations to facilitate their use and understanding, particularly of what is meant by "second processing";
3. Prepare a list of the articles that initially appear in international trade as exports from the range States, and of those which dominate the trade in and demand for the wild resource for every species concerned;
4. Take Customs codes into account;
5. Analyse current annotations and, if relevant, propose amendments to the annotations in effect to the Plants Committee; and
6. Prepare, if necessary, proposals to amend Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP14) and/or to amend the Appendices accordingly.

Recommendations

1. The PC should request that the Secretariat issue a Notification to range States for timber species listed in Appendices II and III and request information on whether existing annotations for those timber species appropriately focus on specimens that initially appear in trade from the range States, and on those specimens that dominate the trade in and demand for the wild resource.

2. The PC should request that the CITES Timber Officer correspond with relevant experts at FAO and ITTO to compile a list of definitions and corresponding harmonized tariff codes for both primary and secondary processed timber products.
3. The PC should request that the CITES Timber Officer compile a document containing a summary of the information provided by range States in response to the Notification as well as a compilation of the timber product definitions obtained through consultation with FAO and ITTO. These documents should be transmitted to the working group to continue its work by electronic means during the intersessional period until PC18.
4. The WG should present recommendations to PC18 on potential revisions to annotations for tree species listed in the Appendices as well as further definitions and harmonized tariff codes that would assist the Parties in implementing the revised annotations.