

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



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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE BIGLEAF MAHOGANY AND OTHER
NEOTROPICAL TIMBER SPECIES [DECISIONS 15.91, 15.92 AND 14.146 (REV. COP15)]
(Agenda item 19.1)

1. This document has been submitted by the United States of America, arising from discussions in PC20 DG1 in relation to agenda item 19.1.

Draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties

Directed to the Plants and Animals Committees

- 16.XX The Plants and Animals Committees shall [form an intersessional working group, comprised of at least one Party from each Region of both Committees to], taking into consideration existing CITES identification and guidance material as well as other material produced by Parties, non-governmental organizations and inter-governmental organizations to assist in identifying CITES-listed taxa:
- a) determine, in collaboration with the Secretariat and Parties, the current availability of identification and guidance material (print and electronic) to increase accessibility to Parties;
 - b) consult with Parties to assess the need for additional identification material, including material under production by Parties and directed by Decisions;
 - c) review and recommend amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.19 *Identification Manual*, taking into account new web-based technologies, to promote accuracy and availability of identification and guidance material; and
 - d) report progress at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Parties

- 16.XX The Parties are encouraged to:
- a) provide information on available identification and guidance material that is used by Parties, and particularly enforcement and inspections officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention;
 - b) evaluate the status of pending identification material and identify difficulties associated with the completion of this material; and
 - c) consult with enforcement and inspection officials to assess current identification and guidance needs and possible improvements thereof.

Directed to the Secretariat

16.XX The Secretariat shall:

- a) assist the Plants and Animals Committees in determining the current availability of identification and guidance material (print and electronic);
- b) compile a list of outstanding Decisions directing Parties, the Plants and Animals Committees, and the Secretariat to produce identification and guidance material for CITES-listed taxa; and
- c) provide other assistance, as needed, in support of this effort.