

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



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Species specific matters

ROSEWOOD TIMBER SPECIES
[LEGUMINOSAE (FABACEAE)]

1. This document has been submitted by the Plants Committee.*
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.234 to 18.237 on *Rosewood tree species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]*, as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

18.234 *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *subject to external resources, undertake the following study:*
 - i) *provide or confirm, with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee, a reference list of genera that are commonly referred to as “rosewood tree species”, noting that at present the species from the following CITES and non-CITES listed genera have been assumed as such by the CITES community: Caesalpinia, Cassia, Dalbergia, Dicorynia, Guibourtia, Machaerium, Millettia, Pterocarpus and Swartzia;*
 - ii) *taking into consideration the existing information (including that developed under the ongoing CITES Tree Species Programme), and based on the available lists of species in trade, compile available data and information to address information gaps on the biology, population status, management, use and trade for CITES-listed rosewood tree species as a first priority; and as a second priority, non-CITES listed rosewood tree species, in particular those that are highly sought after for the timber trade;*
 - iii) *assess the effects of international trade on wild populations of the species concerned; and*
 - iv) *take into account the relevant work on timber identification to be carried out under Decisions 18.140 to 18.143 on Identification of timber and other wood products;*
- b) *issue a Notification seeking input from Parties, in particular exporting, re-exporting and importing countries, and relevant stakeholders to provide information to the Secretariat to share with the consultant for the purposes of completing the study outlined under paragraph a) above;*
- c) *report on progress regarding the study to the Plants Committee;*

* *The geographical designations employed in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CITES Secretariat (or the United Nations Environment Programme) concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. The responsibility for the contents of the document rests exclusively with its author.*

- d) *taking into consideration the advice of the Plants Committee, and subject to external funding, organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts, with a view to presenting and discussing the results, and develop recommendations;*
- e) *submit the final study for consideration by the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop if held; and*
- f) *seek external resources to support the study, and the workshop as appropriate.*

Directed to Parties

18.235 *Parties are encouraged to:*

- a) *respond to the Notification described in paragraph b) of Decision 18.234 in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders; and*
- b) *support the work of the consultancy, and the workshop as appropriate, including seeking external resources from relevant stakeholders.*

Directed to the Plants Committee

18.236 *The Plants Committee shall:*

- a) *consider the progress reported by the Secretariat and make recommendations regarding the study and the need for the international workshop referred to under Decision 18.234;*
- b) *consider the final study, and outcomes of the workshop if held, and make recommendations on how to enhance implementation for CITES-listed rosewood tree species with a particular focus on non-detriment findings including with respect to capacity building; and make further recommendations regarding non-CITES listed rosewood tree species; and*
- c) *make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.*

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.237 *The Standing Committee shall consider any report prepared in response to Decision 18.236 and identify any implementation and enforcement issues associated with the international trade in rosewood tree species, particularly those already listed in the Appendices, and develop recommendations for more effective implementation of the Convention for rosewood tree species. The Standing Committee shall furthermore take into account considerations related to revisions to annotations, and identification of terms in annotations that require further clarification and convey them for consideration by the working group on annotations.*

3. On 21 September 2020, through Notification to the Parties [No. 2020/056](#), the Chair of the Plants Committee informed on, *inter alia*, the establishment of an intersessional working group on *Rosewood tree species* with co-Chairs: César Augusto Beltetón Chacón (representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean), Ursula Moser (representative for Europe), and Yan Zeng (alternate representative for Asia).
4. At its 25th meeting (PC25, online, June 2021), the Plants Committee considered documents [PC25 Doc. 26.1](#) by the Secretariat, [PC25 Doc. 26.2](#) by the European Union in consultation with its Member States, and document [PC25 Doc. 26.3](#) by the co-chairs of the working group on rosewood tree species, which outlined the progress achieved in the implementation of Decisions 18.234 to 18.237.
5. The Plants Committee noted documents [PC25 Doc. 26.1](#), [PC25 Doc. 26.2](#) and [PC25 Doc. 26.3](#), and further agreed to submit to the Conference of the Parties the draft decisions contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

Recommendations

6. The Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt the draft decisions as contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT

- A. With editorial amendments, the Secretariat recommends that the draft decisions proposed by the Plants Committee in the present document be adopted and that Decisions 18.234 to 18.237 be deleted as they have been carried forward in the new draft decisions.
- B. The editorial changes are designed to provide clarity and avoid duplication. Further, calls for funding as provided for in draft decision 19.CC should be included in the Resolution on financing and Parties will be invited to participate in the workshop and meetings of the Plants Committee.
- C. The Secretariat also notes that in document CoP19 Doc. 43.1 on *Non-detriment findings: Report of the Animals and Plants Committees*, Annex 3 outlines the workstreams for the international expert workshop on the matter. Workstream 9 on NDFs for timber species is relevant to rosewood tree species and represents an opportunity for synergies under the workshop proposed in the draft decisions by the Plants Committee.
- D. The Secretariat believes that the findings contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3 represent a useful starting point to guide the development of the terms of reference for both the study and the workshop proposed in draft decision 19.AA.
- E. The above considered, the Secretariat proposes amending the draft decisions as follows:

Proposed new text is underlined, proposed deletions are indicated in strikethrough.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) in consultation with the Plants Committee, develop the terms of reference for a objectives of the proposed study of rosewood tree species, taking into account findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3 and any planned CITES workshops on non-detriment findings;
- b) commission the a study on the conservation and trade rosewood-tree species identified, taking into account the priorities, findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- ~~c) report on the progress of the study to the Plants Committee;~~
- cd) taking into account the above, organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts to present the results of the study, with a view to presenting and discussing the results, and develop recommendations aimed at improving the implementation of the Convention for rosewood tree species; and
- de) submit the final study for consideration by the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop, if held.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall collaborate with the Secretariat in the implementation of consider any progress reported by the Secretariat in relation to the implementation of Decision 19.AA, work with the Secretariat to develop the objectives of the study, and make recommendations aimed at improving the implementation of the Convention for rosewood tree species to the Standing Committee and/or the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Parties

~~19.CC~~ Parties are invited to collaborate with the Secretariat and the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decisions ~~19.AA and 19.BB~~, and support the work of the study and the international workshop, including seeking external resources from relevant organizations and stakeholders.

Directed to the Standing Committee

~~19.DDCC~~ The Standing Committee shall:

- ~~———— a) — consider any report from the Plants Committee under relating to the implementation of Decision 19.BBAA to 19.CC;~~
- ~~———— b) — identify any implementation and enforcement issues associated with the international trade in rosewood tree species, particularly those identified as a priority by the Plants Committee; and~~
- ~~e) — make recommendations aimed at improving the implementation of the Convention for rosewood tree species to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.~~

DRAFT DECISION ON ROSEWOOD TREE SPECIES
[LEGUMINOSAE (FABACEAE)]

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) in consultation with the Plants Committee, develop the objectives of the proposed study of rosewood tree species, taking into account findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- b) commission a study on the conservation and trade rosewood-tree species identified, taking into account the priorities, findings and recommendations contained in documents PC25 Doc. 26.1, PC25 Doc. 26.2 and PC25 Doc. 26.3;
- c) report on the progress of the study to the Plants Committee;
- d) taking into account the above, organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts, with a view to presenting and discussing the results, and develop recommendations; and
- e) submit the final study for consideration by the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop, if held.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall consider any progress reported by the Secretariat in relation to the implementation of Decision 19.AA, work with the Secretariat to develop the objectives of the study, and make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Parties

19.CC Parties are invited to collaborate with the Secretariat and the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB, and support the work of the study and the international workshop, including seeking external resources from relevant organizations and stakeholders.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report relating to the implementation of Decision 19.AA to 19.CC;
- b) identify any implementation and enforcement issues associated with the international trade in rosewood tree species, particularly those identified as a priority by the Plants Committee; and
- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SOURCE OF FUNDING
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR DECISIONS**

According to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the Conference of the Parties decided that any draft resolutions or decisions submitted for consideration at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties that have budgetary and workload implications for the Secretariat or permanent committees must contain or be accompanied by a budget for the work involved and an indication of the source of funding. The Secretariat proposes the following tentative budget and source of funding.

Draft decision 19.AA

| Draft decision | | Activity | Indicative costs (USD) (excludes Programme Support Costs) | Source of funding |
|--------------------------------|----------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 19.AA, sub-paragraph b) | | Commissioning a study on the conservation and trade of rosewood tree species | 150,000 | External funding (partially secured) |
| 19.AA, paragraph c) | Option 1 | Convening an in-person international workshop | 150,000 | External funding |
| | Option 2 | Convening an online international workshop | 50,000 | External funding |

Draft decisions 19.BB and 19.CC

There will be workload implications for the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee from the adoption of draft decisions 19.BB and 19.CC, but it is expected that these can be delivered using existing resources.