

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



Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Panama City (Panama), 14 – 25 November 2022

Species specific matters

NEOTROPICAL TREE SPECIES

1. This document has been submitted by Plants Committee.*
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 18.299 on *Neotropical tree species*, as follows:

Directed to the Plants Committee

18.299 *The Plants Committee shall:*

- a) *re-establish the intersessional neotropical tree species working group to work by electronic means to:*
 - i) *agree on a priority list of CITES-listed neotropical tree species, and decide on associated activities that will most significantly contribute to the implementation of the mandates in Resolutions relating to neotropical tree species and that are addressed to the Plants Committee;*
 - ii) *in the process of developing the priority list referred to in paragraph i) above, special consideration shall be given to neotropical tree species-listings in effect since the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; to neotropical tree species that are currently under the Review of Significant Trade (or other compliance mechanisms of the Convention); as well as those that are known to represent implementation challenges particularly in matters related to the formulation of non-detriment findings and identification of specimens in trade;*
 - iii) *exchange experiences, information and skills between countries on the priority neotropical tree species; and*
 - iv) *report on progress made in the management and conservation of, and trade in, priority neotropical tree species, as well as on lessons learned, including on the generation of studies on the status of their populations; implementation of traceability and chain of custody systems, which strengthen the transparency and sustainable trade in timber species; and creation of materials for identification and training in the different existing methods, with an emphasis on those that can be used easily by authorities; and*
- b) *review the progress reported by the intersessional working group and make recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.*

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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 *Neotropical tree species* with co-Chairs: Fabiola Rocío Núñez Neyra (representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean), César Augusto Beltetón Chacón (representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean), and Paulo J.L. Carmo (representative for Europe).
4. The Secretariat and the co-Chairs of the intersessional working group submitted documents [PC25 Doc. 29](#) and [PC25 Doc. 29 Add.](#) to the Plants Committee at its 25th meeting (PC25, online, June 2021).
5. Based on the recommendations of the working group in document [PC25 Doc. 29 Add.](#), the Plants Committee 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 contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties adopt the draft decisions in Annex 1 to the present document with some amendments as outlined in paragraph E below to allow for consideration of any outcomes of the present meeting relating to neotropical tree species. The Secretariat also recommends the deletion of Decision 18.299 as it has been carried forward in the new set of draft decisions.
- B. In relation to the scope of the draft decisions, the Secretariat considers pertinent to add the common name "neotropical tree species" for relevant *taxa* entries in the Species+ database, on the basis of the list contained in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 29 and outcomes of relevant proposals adopted at the present meeting.
- C. The present meeting of the Conference of the Parties will consider proposals for amendment of Appendices relating to neotropical tree species currently not listed in the Appendices. This is the case of proposal CoP19 Prop. 44 covering *Handroanthus* spp., *Roseodendron* spp. and *Tabebuia* spp. (include in Appendix II with annotation #17); and proposal CoP19 Prop. 48 covering *Dipteryx* spp. (include in Appendix II with annotation "Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, transformed wood and seeds").
- D. Additionally, the Conference of the Parties will consider a substantial set of draft resolutions and decisions (or revisions thereof) that, if adopted, could be relevant to the implementation of the Convention for neotropical tree species listed in the Appendices.
- E. In view of the above, the Secretariat proposes an amendment to draft decision 19.AA to allow for consideration of any outcomes of the present meeting relating to neotropical tree species.

Proposed new text is underlined, proposed deletions are indicated in ~~strike through~~.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) add the common name "neotropical tree species" for relevant *taxa* entries in the Species+ database, on the basis of the list contained in Annex to document PC25 Doc. 29 and outcomes of relevant proposals adopted at the present meeting; and,
- b) at the request of the Plants Committee, support the implementation of Decision 19.AABB.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.AABB The Plants Committee shall:

- a) update ~~the list of neotropical tree species and the related~~ CITES processes included in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 29, taking into consideration the recommendations included in document PC25 Doc. 29, Addenda and outcomes of CoP19 relating to neotropical tree species;
- b) based on the above, establish priorities for strengthening the implementation of the Convention for the neotropical tree species concerned;
- c) cooperate with the Parties in making progress with the priorities identified; and
- d) report on the results of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Parties

19.CCBB Parties are invited to cooperate with the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.BBAA.

~~*Directed to the Secretariat*~~

~~**19.CC** The Secretariat shall, at the request of the Plants Committee, support the implementation of Decision 19.AA.~~

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall consider any reports of the Plants Committee on Decision 19.BBAA and, if it considers it appropriate, develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *NEOTROPICAL TREE SPECIES*

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.AA The Plants Committee shall:

- a) update the list of neotropical tree species and the related CITES processes included in the Annex to document PC25 Doc. 29, taking into consideration the recommendations included in document PC25 Doc. 29, Addenda;
- b) based on the above, establish priorities for strengthening the implementation of the Convention for the neotropical tree species concerned;
- c) cooperate with the Parties in making progress with the priorities identified; and
- d) report on the results of this work to the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Parties

19.BB Parties are invited to cooperate with the Plants Committee in the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC The Secretariat shall, at the request of the Plants Committee, support the implementation of Decision 19.AA.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.DD The Standing Committee shall consider any reports of the Plants Committee on Decision 19.AA and, if it considers it appropriate, develop recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

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.

There will be workload implications for the Plants Committee, the Parties, the Secretariat, and the Standing Committee from the draft decisions, it is expected that these can be accomplished within the regular workloads of the Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Secretariat.