

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



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Committee II

CITES and forests

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the working group on CITES and forests on the basis of document CoP19 Doc. 19 after discussion in the tenth session of Committee II (see document CoP19 Com. II Rec. 10).

Draft decisions on CITES and forests

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) prepare a report for the consideration of the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee summarizing existing Resolutions and Decisions and supportive provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention relevant to forests, focusing on CITES-listed tree-species, (a 'CITES forest compendium') and provide information on possible measures to enhance the implementation of the Convention to contribute more effectively to, global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives, while avoiding duplication and supporting joint action; and,
- b) subject to the availability of external resources, and following consultation with the Plants Committee on the terms of reference, prepare an interdisciplinary study to assist decision-making processes on the future of any initiative relating to *CITES and forests* by:
 - i) defining the scope of such an initiative;
 - ii) furthering the understanding of the role of sustainable use and conservation in trade of CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species, in the conservation and sustainable use of forests;
 - iii) developing recommendations to enhance the timely and effective implementation of the CITES forest compendium, including exploring resource mobilization strategies.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.BB The Plants Committee shall:

- a) provide input to and consider any report from the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.AA; and,
- b) advise the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.AA and the Standing Committee on its implementation of Decision 19.CC to ensure that any initiative relating to CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species, is technically and scientifically coherent, and supportive of provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report by the Secretariat and the Plants Committee resulting from the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB;
- b) based on the above, explore options consistent with the *CITES Strategic Vision* to:
 - i) enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species, and CITES' contribution to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives, while avoiding duplication and supporting joint action; and,
 - ii) raise awareness of the importance of investing in the conservation, sustainable management and legal trade of CITES-listed forest species, with particular focus on tree species;
- c) assess the merits of proposing to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties any measures, including the development of a resolution on *CITES and forests*, aimed at enhancing the implementation of CITES mandates, that would improve visibility, funding opportunities and contributions to global forest policies and initiatives, while avoiding duplication and supporting joint action; and,
- d) prepare a report on its implementation of the present Decision and submit any resulting recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.