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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT DECISIONS
BY CANADA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND MEXICO (THE NORTH AMERICAN REGION)

1. This information document is submitted by the United States of America in relation to agenda item 19.*

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Proposed amendment to the Draft Decisions by Canada, the United States of America and Mexico
(the North American Region)
(The proposed new draft decisions focus on CITES-listed **tree species**.)

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19.AA		
The Secretariat shall:	The Secretariat shall:	The Secretariat shall:
a) prepare a report for the consideration of the Plants and the Animals Committees and the Standing Committee summarizing existing Resolutions and Decisions relevant to forests (a 'CITES forest compendium') and advising on any measures to enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to forests and to contribute more effectively to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives; and,	a) prepare a report for the consideration of the Plants and the Animals Committees and the Standing Committee summarizing existing Resolutions and Decisions relevant to forests <u>CITES-listed tree species</u> , (a 'CITES forest compendium') and advising on any <u>provide information on possible measures</u> to enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to <u>CITES-listed tree species forests</u> and to contribute more effectively to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives; and,	a) prepare a report for the consideration of the Plants Committee summarizing existing Resolutions and Decisions relevant to CITES-listed tree species, and provide information on possible measures to enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to CITES-listed tree species and contribute more effectively to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives;
b) subject to the availability of external resources, prepare a multidisciplinary study with relevant partners to assist decision-making processes on the future of any initiative relating to CITES and forests including by:	b) subject to the availability of external resources, prepare a multidisciplinary study with relevant partners to <u>explore options to mobilize resources and inform decision-making processes on the future of possible initiatives for the implementation of Resolutions and Decisions on CITES-listed tree species; relating to CITES and forests including by:</u>	b) subject to the availability of external resources, prepare a study with relevant partners to explore options to mobilize resources and inform decision-making processes on the possible initiatives for the implementation of Resolutions and Decisions on CITES-listed tree species;
i) defining the scope of such an initiative, through an assessment of CITES listed species that could fall under the definition 'forest species';	Delete	Delete
ii) furthering the understanding of CITES-listed species that play a keystone role in the forests where they occur, and the co-benefits of their long-term conservation for other terrestrial species of wild flora and fauna. This analysis will likely centre around flora, and in particular tree species, but will be inclusive of other terrestrial flora and fauna species;	Delete	Delete
iii) assessing the value of CITES-listed forest species as components of forest ecosystems; and,	Delete	Delete
iv) developing recommendations to invest in CITES-listed forest species as essential components of forest ecosystems to enhance the timely and effective implementation of the CITES forest compendium, including by exploring resource mobilization strategies and programmatic approaches.	Delete	Delete
	c) <u>work with the Plants Committee to develop the scope of such an initiative, as it relates to CITES-listed tree species and taking into account their prioritization of the compendium of Resolutions and Decisions, including where</u>	c) work with the Plants Committee to develop the scope of such an initiative, as it relates to CITES-listed tree species and taking into account their prioritization of the compendium of Resolutions and Decisions, including where applicable, as

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	<u>applicable, as established by the Committee work plans for the 2022-2025 intersession; and</u>	established by the Committee work plans for the 2022-2025 intersession; and
	<u>d) create a dedicated webpage about CITES-listed tree species to share information or outcomes resulting from implementing decisions 19.AA to 19.CC.</u>	d) create a dedicated webpage about CITES-listed tree species to share information or outcomes resulting from implementing decisions 19.AA to 19.CC.
19.BB		
The Plants Committee, and the Animals Committees as appropriate, shall:	The Plants Committee, and the Animals Committees as appropriate, shall:	The Plants Committee shall:
a) consider any report by the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.AA; and,	a) provide input to and consider any report by the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.AA; and,	a) provide input to and consider any report by the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.AA; and,
b) provide advice to the Standing Committee on its implementation of Decision 19.CC and to the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.AA to ensure that any initiative relating to CITES and forests is technically and scientifically coherent, and supportive of provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention for forest species.	b) provide advice to advise to the Standing Committee on its implementation of Decision 19.CC and to the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.AA to ensure that any initiative relating to CITES-listed tree species and forests is technically and scientifically coherent, and supportive of provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention for forest species.	b) advise the Standing Committee on its implementation of Decision 19.CC and the Secretariat on its implementation of Decision 19.AA to ensure that any initiative relating to CITES-listed tree species is technically and scientifically coherent, and supportive of provisions relevant to the implementation of the Convention.
19.CC		
The Standing Committee shall:	The Standing Committee shall:	The Standing Committee shall:
a) consider any report by the Plants and Animals Committees and the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB;	a) consider any report by the Plants and Animals Committees and the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decisions 19.AA and 19.BB;	a) consider any report by the Plants Committee and the Secretariat 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:	Acceptable.	b) based on the above, explore options consistent with the CITES Strategic Vision to:
i) enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to forests and CITES' contribution to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives; and	i) enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to <u>CITES-listed tree species</u> forests and CITES' contribution to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives, <u>within the mandate and core duties of CITES;</u> and	i) enhance the implementation of the Convention with respect to CITES-listed tree species and CITES' contribution to global forest-relevant mandates and forest policies and initiatives within the mandate and core duties of CITES; and
ii) raise awareness of the importance of investing in the conservation of CITES-listed forest species;	ii) raise awareness of the importance of investing in the conservation, <u>sustainable management and sustainable and legal international trade</u> of CITES-listed tree forest species;	ii) raise awareness of the importance of investing in the conservation, sustainable management and sustainable and legal international trade of CITES-listed tree species;
c) assess the merits of proposing to the Conference of the Parties any measures, including the development of a resolution on CITES and forests, proportionate to the urgent call echoed in the global governance framework to enhance the implementation of global forest-relevant mandates and contribute effectively to global forest policies and initiatives; and,	c) assess the merits of proposing to the Conference of the Parties any measures, including, <u>potentially,</u> the development of a resolution on CITES and forests, <u>proportionate to the urgent call echoed in the global governance framework to that would enhance the implementation of CITES and improve CITES' role, visibility, funding opportunities, global forest-relevant mandates and contributions e effectively</u> to global forest policies and initiatives; and	c) assess the merits of proposing to the Conference of the Parties any measures, including, potentially, the development of a resolution, that would enhance the implementation of CITES and improve CITES' role, visibility, funding opportunities, and contributions to global forest policies and initiatives; 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.	Acceptable.	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.

