

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



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AGARWOOD-PRODUCING TAXA (*AQUILARIA* SPP. AND *GYRINOPS* SPP.)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-Chairs: representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng) and alternate representative for Asia (Mr. Chong);

Parties: Austria, China, European Union, France, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Oman, Republic of Korea, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: International Tropical Timber Organization, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate

The in-session working group shall review document PC26 Doc. 27 and its Annex, CoP19 Doc. 62.2 and information documents CoP19 Inf. 5 (Rev. 1), CoP19 Inf. 12 and CoP19 Inf. 15 and:

- a) in accordance with paragraph a) of Decision 19.239, consider potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*, taking into account other relevant resolutions, including Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, as appropriate;
- b) in accordance with paragraph b) of Decision 19.239, draft any appropriate recommendations regarding the Agarwood glossary and the Agarwood NDF guidance; and
- c) draft recommendations for the Committee to consider and submit to the Standing Committee and/or the Conference of the Parties.

Recommendations

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee agrees to:

Regarding paragraph b) of the mandate on NDFs:

- a) include the agarwood discussions in the context of the upcoming NDF workshop and revise the guidance in the light of workshop outcomes;
- b) note that available information suggests that little is known about wild agarwood populations and inventory data and more monitoring is needed;
- c) note that NDFs should be developed for specimens taken from the wild or originating from assisted production; and

- d) note that further work is needed on agarwood taxonomy, as discussed in the working group on nomenclature matters.

Regarding paragraph b) of the mandate on the Agarwood glossary:

- e) note that Indonesia and the United States of America have some updates and observations on the Agarwood glossary, and that the workshop held in Kuala Lumpur in 2022 proposed some amendments to the glossary; and
- f) establish an intersessional working group to revise the Agarwood glossary, taking into account relevant information, including reports available in document PC26 Doc. 27 and its Annexes, which should report its recommendations to PC27.

Regarding paragraph 1a) of the working group mandate on revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*:

- g) consider paragraph a) of the working group mandate in an intersessional working group, which should propose amendments to PC27. The intersessional working group should also consider paragraph 3(b)iv related to specimens of agarwood contained in Resolution Conf 13.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Control of trade in personal and household effects*.

Mandate of an intersessional working group on agarwood

The intersessional working group shall take into account document PC26 Doc. 27 and its Annex and

- a) in accordance with paragraph b) of Decision 19.239, formulate recommendations regarding the Agarwood glossary, taking into account relevant information;
- b) in accordance with paragraph a) of Decision 19.239, consider potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*; taking into account other relevant resolutions, including Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, as appropriate;
- c) additionally consider consequential recommendations with respect to paragraph 3(b)iv of Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Control of trade in personal and household effects*; as appropriate; and
- d) report its recommendations to PC27.