

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



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Compliance

REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE IN SPECIMENS OF APPENDIX-II SPECIES

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Chair: representative for Oceania (Mr. Wrigley);
- Members: representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng), representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Belteton Chacon), representative for Europe (Ms. Smyth and Ms. Moser), acting representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Olave);
- Parties: Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Panama, Portugal, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America,
- IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, American Herbal Products Association, Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, Center for International Environmental Law, Chambre Syndicale de la Facture Instrumentale, ICPI France Europe, TRAFFIC, World Resources Institute, World Wide Fund for Nature, IUCN.

Mandate

**Concerning agenda item 16.2:**

- a) support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations for the three species/country combinations covered in document PC26 Doc. 16.2, by providing specific inputs on the progress achieved thus far, and draft any additional recommendations for the Secretariat to consider in preparation for its reporting to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC77);

**Concerning agenda item 16.3:**

- b) consider document PC26 Doc. 16.3 and make recommendations for consideration of the Plants Committee;

**Concerning agenda item 16.4:**

- c) regarding document PC26 Doc. 16.4:
- i) provide feedback and advice to assist range States in the timely and effective implementation of the RST recommendations in Annex 1;

- ii) support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations by relevant *Pterocarpus erinaceus* range States by drafting specific inputs on the progress achieved thus far; and
- iii) draft any additional recommendations in support of the Secretariat's reporting on this matter to the Standing Committee at SC77.

**Concerning agenda item 16.5:**

- d) regarding document PC26 Doc. 16.5, select a limited number of species/country combinations of greatest concern for inclusion in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade;
- e) draft recommendations for the Plants Committee to consider in preparation for the Secretariat's report on these matters to SC77.

Recommendations

**A. Concerning agenda item 16.2, the working group recommends the following:**

- Democratic Republic of the Congo/*Pericopsis elata* (selected following CoP11)

The working group recommends that the Secretariat takes into account the positive feedback received on the progress made by the Democratic Republic of the Congo/*Pericopsis elata*, in its reporting to SC77.

The working group further recommends for the Secretariat to, in consultation with the Chair of the Plants Committee, publish the quota proposed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

- Democratic Republic of the Congo/*Prunus africana* (selected following CoP16)

The working group recommends that the Secretariat takes into account the positive feedback received on the progress made by the Democratic Republic of the Congo/*Prunus africana*, in its reporting to SC77.

- Panama/*Dalbergia retusa* (selected following CoP17)

The working group recommends for the Secretariat to consider recommending the removal of Panama/*D. retusa* in its reporting to SC77. This is in light of the progress achieved in the implementation of the RST recommendations and Panama's intention to retain the zero export quota until export quotas higher than zero are deemed sustainable. Panama would need to submit their NDF to the Plants Committee for consideration prior to the resumption of trade.

**B. Concerning agenda item 16.3, the working group recommends the following:**

The working group acknowledges and commends the work and progress of Madagascar in meeting the recommendations of the PC. The working group further recommends that the PC invites the Secretariat to publish the requested quota for 2024 (for the region Sofia II in Madagascar).

**C. Concerning agenda item 16.4, the working group recommends the following:**

- Benin/ *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group acknowledges the progress made by Benin in implementing the short-term recommendation (paragraph a) and recommends that the remaining recommendations be addressed as a case study at the NDF workshop.

- Burkina Faso/ *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group acknowledges the progress made by Burkina Faso in implementing the short-term recommendation (paragraph a), and recommends the retention of the long-term recommendations.

– *Gambia/Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group notes that no progress has been made by Gambia in the implementation of the recommendations contained in Annex 1, and recommends that the Secretariat reports to SC77 that the recommendations (short-term and long-term) have not been implemented. The working group further notes that a recommendation to suspend trade is already in place under Article XIII .

– *Ghana/ Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group acknowledges the progress made by Ghana in implementing the short-term recommendation (paragraph a), and recommends the retention of the long-term recommendations.

– *Guinea Bissau/ Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group notes that no progress has been made by Guinea Bissau in the implementation of the recommendations contained in Annex 1, and recommends that the Secretariat reports to SC77 that the recommendations (short-term and long-term) have not been implemented. The working group further notes that a a recommendation to suspend trade is already in place under Article XIII.

– *Mali/ Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group acknowledges the significant progress made by Mali in implementing the long-term recommendations and accepts that the NDF presented by Mali supports the quota requested. The working group also notes that a recommendation to suspend is in place under Article XIII and that trade can only resume once this suspension is lifted. The working group further recommends that the Secretariat publishes any potential future quota proposed by Mali in round wood equivalent.

– *Nigeria/ Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group acknowledges the progress made by Nigeria in implementing the short-term recommendation (paragraph a), and recommends the retention of the long-term recommendations. The working group also notes that arecommendation to suspend trade is already in place under Article XIII..

– *Sierra Leone/ Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The working group acknowledges the progress made by Sierra Leone in implementing the short-term recommendation (paragraph a), and the significant progress made in delivering the long-term recommendations.

**D. Concerning agenda item 16.5, the working group recommends the following:**

- I. In accordance with paragraph 1 b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), the working group recommends the following species/country combinations for inclusion in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade.

Species	Country selected	Justification
<i>Euphorbia poissonii</i>	Ghana (GH)	Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase (Ghana)
<i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	Mozambique (MZ); United Republic of Tanzania (TZ); Uganda (UG); Kenya (KE)	High volume (GT); Sharp increase (Kenya)
<i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i>	Nicaragua (NI)	Endangered species; High volume (GT)

<i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	Equatorial Guinea (GQ), Gabon (GA), Cameroon (CM)	Endangered species; High volume (GT)
<i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	All Range States plus South Sudan*	High volume; Sharp increase (United Republic of Tanzania)
<i>Aquilaria crassna</i>	Viet Nam (VN), Thailand (TH), Malaysia (MY) *	Endangered species; Sharp increase (Viet Nam)
<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Indonesia (ID), Malaysia (MY), Singapore (SG), Thailand (TH), India (IN), Guatemala (GT)	Endangered species; High volume (GT)
<i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	Indonesia (ID), Papua New Guinea (PG)	Sharp increase (global); Sharp increase (Indonesia)

## II. Additional recommendations concerning agenda item 16.5

The working group made the following additional recommendations and observations:

### *Cyathea* spp.

Secretariat to follow up with Indonesia on trade reported as imported.

### *Echinocactus grusonii*

The working group discussed trade in *Echinocactus grusonii*, a Mexican endemic. The group noted exports of this species from several non-range States, including the Netherlands, Iran and Thailand. The working group recommends that the Secretariat follows up with these Parties on the origin of the parental stock and the use of source codes and report any issues arising to the Standing Committee.

### *Mammillaria laui*

The working group discussed trade in *Mammillaria laui*, a Mexican endemic. The group noted exports of this species from the Netherlands, which is not a range State. The working group recommends that the Secretariat follows up with the Netherlands on the origin of the parental stock and the use of source codes and report any issues arising to the Standing Committee.

### *Mammillaria* spp.

The working group discussed trade in *Mammillaria* spp. and noted exports of this species from Indonesia, Vanuatu, Malaysia and the Philippines. The working group recommends that the Secretariat follows up with these Parties on their use of source codes, confirm whether or not they are range States for species within this genus, on the origin of the parental stock and whether they are reported at the genus or species level and report any issues arising to the Standing Committee.

The working group also noted concerns on the data presented in the tables found in the Annexes to document PC26 Doc. 16.5, specifically concerning trade that was indicated as artificially propagated (source code 'A') by the exporting Party that was subsequently reported as wild (source code 'W') by the importing Party, and the importer data is used in the gross analysis. The working group recommends inviting the Secretariat to liaise with UNEP-WCMC to see if there is a way that such errors could be addressed at an earlier stage in the RST process in future analyses.