

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



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Species conservation and trade

BRAZIL WOOD (*PAUBRASILIA ECHINATA*)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted an amendment to annotation #10 for *Paubrasilia echinata*, as follows:

“All parts, derivatives and finished products, except re-export of finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument accessories and finished musical instrument parts.”

3. The Conference of the Parties also adopted [Decisions 19.249 to 19.253](#) on *Brazil wood* (*Paubrasilia echinata*) complementing the amendment, as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.249 *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *issue a Notification to the Parties and relevant stakeholders requesting information on recent developments, national and international enforcement actions, illegal trade and marking of bows regarding Paubrasilia echinata,*
- b) *subject to external funding, in consultation with the Plants Committee and in association with expert stakeholders, evaluate options for the establishment of a traceability system to register the provenance of Paubrasilia echinata (pernambuco) bows produced, acquired, or transported by owners, musicians and manufacturers; and*
- c) *prepare a report on its findings on the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) supra and submit any resulting recommendations to the Standing Committee at its meeting.*

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.250 *The Plants Committee shall advise the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision 19.249, paragraph b).*

Directed to Parties, in particular source transit and destination Parties for Paubrasilia echinata

19.251 *Parties, and in particular source, transit and destination Parties for Paubrasilia echinata, are invited to:*

- a) *continue national enforcement efforts including investigations of illegal trade in Paubrasilia echinata and complement them with joint enforcement actions.*
- b) *consider the registration of stockpiles of Paubrasilia echinata as appropriate;*

- c) *offer support in capacity-building to Brazil and other Parties as appropriate to improve the implementation of the listing of Paubrasilia echinata;*
- d) *provide information to the Secretariat, as requested in Decision 19.249.*

Directed to governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations and other entities

19.252 *Governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations and other entities, are invited to:*

- a) *support the implementation of the listing of Paubrasilia echinata, inter alia by:*
 - i) *exploring ways to increase the traceability of finished bows, including for example, the development and implementation of a system of a unique individual marking and by sensitising producers and consumers (in particular musicians) of the status of the species,*
 - ii) *working with Brazil to identify existing Paubrasilia echinata plantations within Brazil that could be considered source code A or Y to establish a sustainable supply chain; and,*
- b) *provide information to the Secretariat, as requested in Decision 19.249.*

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.253 *The Standing Committee shall:*

- a) *consider any report by the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.249, as well as any other relevant information brought to its attention regarding the implementation of the listing of Paubrasilia echinata in Appendix II; and,*
- b) *make recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, including recommendations relating to the development and implementation of a traceability system of Paubrasilia echinata specimens.*

4. At its 26th meeting (PC26; Geneva, June 2023), the Plants Committee considered document [PC26 Doc. 31](#) that included the responses to [Notification to the Parties No. 2023/033](#) of 22 March 2023 and draft terms of reference of a study to assess and monitor the implications of the amendment to annotation #10 on the conservation and international trade of Brazil wood. Due to the substantive nature of the responses to the Notification to the Parties, an analysis of these responses was included in the draft terms of reference.
5. At PC26, the Plants Committee invited the Secretariat to consider the comments made by the Committee as it finalized the terms of reference (see summary record [PC26 SR](#)). The Plants Committee specifically requested that the study should, as part of the improved implementation of the Appendix-II listing of *Paubrasilia echinata*, also consider a traceability system that would include unfinished products (bow blanks) and the stocks of discarded materials as part of the production process during the manufacture of bows.

Progress since PC26

6. Taking into account the recommendations of the Plants Committee, the Secretariat finalized the terms of reference and the study called for under Decision 19.249 was initiated, thanks to a financial contribution from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Secretariat appreciates the support provided in this regard.
7. In accordance with Decision 19.249, and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Plants Committee at PC26, the study is structured to deliver three outputs, as follows:
 - a) a study of possible options towards the establishment of a traceability system of *Paubrasilia echinata* bows. The report will include an analysis of the relevant aspects of the responses to the Notification to the Parties No. 2023/033, as contained in Annex 2 to document PC26 Doc. 31;

- b) a study of cross-cutting matters relevant to the implementation of Decisions 19.251 and 19.252, including enforcement, stockpile management and capacity-building needs; and
 - c) a consolidated report on improved implementation of the Appendix-II listing of *Paubrasilia echinata*.
8. At the present meeting, the Secretariat will provide an oral report on the progress made with the implementation of the study. It is expected that the final study will be available for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting (SC78; Geneva, February 2025).

Recommendations

9. The Plants Committee is invited to:
- a) note the progress achieved in undertaking the study called for under Decision 19.249;
 - b) advise the Secretariat, as appropriate, in the implementation of Decision 19.249, paragraph b) based on the oral update provided;
 - c) agree that Decision 19.250 on *Brazil wood* (*Paubrasilia echinata*) has been implemented and recommend its deletion at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.