

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)

- Chairs: Plants Committee Chair (Ms. Koumba Pambo) and representative of Oceania (Mr Wrigley);
- Members: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America;
- Parties: Australia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Czech Republic, European Union, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mozambique, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and
- IGOs and NGOs: ATIBT, Botanical Gardens International, CAFIM, CSFI, Forest Based Solutions, ITTO, IUCN, IWPA, SUCO SA, TRAFFIC, UNEP-WCMC and WWF.

Mandate

Concerning agenda item 15.3

The in-session working group shall:

- a) support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations for the species/country combinations covered in document PC27 Doc. 15.3, by providing specific inputs on the progress achieved thus far and taking into account the information provided in plenary by Ghana and Sierra Leone;
- b) draft any additional recommendations for the Secretariat to consider in preparation for its reporting to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC78);
- c) and report its recommendations to the Committee.

Concerning agenda item 15.4

In accordance with paragraphs 1) g) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), and for the species/country combinations selected following the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19), at the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC27), the in-session working group shall:

- a) undertake the tasks outlined in PC27 Doc. 15.4 paragraphs 14 to 17, in accordance with paragraphs 1 g) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18); and,
- b) report its recommendations to the Committee.

Recommendations

Concerning agenda item 15.3:

Concerning paragraph a) of the mandate:

Benin/Pterocarpus erinaceus

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee recognises the progress made by Benin in the implementation of short-term recommendation a) by confirming the maintenance of the zero export quota for *Pterocarpus erinaceus* for 2024 and 2025.

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee encourages Benin to continue its implementation of short-term recommendation a) and long-term recommendations c) and d), and to share any progress for review and revision by the Plants Committee ahead of SC78.

Burkina Faso/Pterocarpus erinaceus

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee recommend to Burkina Faso that they confirm a voluntary zero export quota for 2024 and 2025 ahead of the Secretariat's report to the Standing Committee at SC78.

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee encourages Burkina Faso to continue its implementation of short-term recommendation a) and long-term recommendations c) and d), and to share any progress for review and revision by the Plants Committee ahead of SC78.

*Gambia/Pterocarpus erinaceus**

The working group recommends:

- that the Plants Committee notes the updates submitted by The Gambia regarding the request for a single export quota for processed and semi-processed logs, as well as the ongoing consultations between the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee on matters relating to associated legal acquisition findings;
- that the Plants Committee invites The Gambia to provide clarification on the terms processed and semi-processed logs 'grumes transformées et semi-transformées' ahead of the Secretariat's report to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) relating to 'logs';
- that The Gambia revises the terms of reference of the NDF study (Annex 2 of document PC27 Doc. 15.3), taking into account:
 - o the long-term recommendations directed to it ; and
 - o the recent *CITES Non-Detriment Findings Guidance* published on the CITES website;
- that the Plants Committee invites the Secretariat to work with The Gambia to revise the above-mentioned terms of reference and to explore ways to support the implementation of the NDF study (and its possible future revisions) contained in Annex 2 of document PC27 Doc. 15.3.

Ghana/Pterocarpus erinaceus

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee:

- recognises the important progress made by Ghana in the implementation of short and long-term recommendations;
- accepts a 40,000 m³ quota in round wood equivalent for the off-reserve underwater (Volta Lake) operations; and

- invites Ghana, if they wish to re-submit in future a revised quota for living stands, to submit a non-detriment finding and associated quota, taking into account the comments made by the Plants Committee, in time for review by the Plants Committee at the relevant ordinary meeting.

Guinea Bissau/*Pterocarpus erinaceus**

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee:

- that the Plants Committee recognises the important progress made by Guinea Bissau in the implementation of short and long-term recommendations;
- that Guinea-Bissau revises the terms of reference of the NDF study (Annexe 5 du document PC27 Doc. 15.3), taking into account :
 - o the long term recommendations directed to it; and
 - o the recent *CITES Non-Detriment Findings Guidance* published on the CITES website;
- that the Plants Committee invites the Secretariat to work with The Gambia to revise the above-mentioned terms of reference and to explore ways to support the implementation of the NDF study (and its possible future revisions) contained in Annex 5 of document PC27 Doc. 15.3.

Mali/*Pterocarpus erinaceus**

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee:

- recognises the important progress made by Mali in the implementation of short and long-term recommendations, as well the progress achieved with the partial withdrawal of recommendation to suspend trade for a volume of 39,950.4 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* in accordance with Notification No. 2024/057 of 29 April 2024 ;
- encourages Mali to continue to provide updates following its consultations with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee regarding the submission of legal acquisition findings for the remaining 15,434.4 m³ of the quota accepted at PC26, ahead of the Secretariat's report to SC78; and
- reminds Mali of the importance of following the process until the implementation of recommendation d) [regarding the conditions that need to be met to increase their export quotas, see PC27 Doc. 15.3, Annex 1, column B for Mali].

Nigeria/*Pterocarpus erinaceus**

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee:

- recognises the progress achieved by Nigeria with the inclusion of the NDF study for *Pterocarpus erinaceus* as part of the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP); and
- encourages Nigeria to provide updates on progress with the implementation of its Compliance Assistance Programme, in particular with the NDF study, ahead of the Secretariat's report to SC78.

Sierra Leone/*Pterocarpus erinaceus*

- The working group recommends that the Plants Committee acknowledges the important progress made by Sierra Leone in implementing the short and long term recommendations, and to accept the NDF presented by Sierra Leone in support of the requested quota of 76,324.5m³ in round wood equivalent.

Concerning paragraph b) of the mandate:

Considering that the expedited application of Article XIII process is still ongoing for all range states of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, the working group recommends that the Plants Committee do not make any additional recommendations to the Standing Committee.

Concerning agenda item 15.4:

Concerning agenda item 15.4, and in accordance with paragraph 1) g) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), for the 14 species/country combinations retained in the review after the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee, the Plenary provided the working group with the following recommended actions for the list of species/country combinations.

That the following species-country combinations are categorised as 'action is needed'.

Species	Country	Provisional categorisation in Annex 2	Revised categorisation	Justification for revised categorisation
<i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	Mozambique (MZ)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A
	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	Unknown Status	Action is needed	Additional biological information is needed to support the Non-detriment finding as well as a need to improve the methodology to set the annual harvest quotas.
<i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i>	Nicaragua (NI)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A
<i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A
<i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	Burundi (BI)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A
	Ethiopia (ET)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A
	Uganda (UG)	Conditional upon annual publication of a zero export quota, Less concern	Action is needed	Uganda to establish an annual zero export quota
	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)	Conditional upon annual publication of a zero export quota, Less concern	Action is needed	The United Republic of Tanzania to establish an annual zero export quota
<i>Aquilaria crassna</i>	Viet Nam (VN)	Less concern	Action is needed	Viet Nam to establish an annual zero export quota for wild specimens
<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Indonesia (ID)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A
	Malaysia (MY)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A
<i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	Papua New Guinea (PG)	Action is needed	Action is needed	N/A

The working group proposes that the **recommendations** directed to range States in **Annex 1** to this report be adopted with respect to the species/country combinations identified above for which 'action is needed'.

The working group **recommends** that the following species/country combinations are categorised as '**less concern**'.

Species	Country	Provisional categorization in Annex 2	Revised categorization	Justification for revised categorization
<i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	Cameroon (CM)	Action is needed	Less concern	Letter received indicating publication of zero export quota. Export quota published.
<i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	Indonesia (ID)	Provided that Indonesia agrees to specify that export quotas for <i>Gyrinops</i> spp. relate to derivatives of decaying logs from the Mappi and Asmat Regencies, and agrees to publish an annual zero export quota, Less concern	Less concern	Letter received indicating publication of zero export quota. Export quota published.

Additional recommendations concerning agenda item 15.4:

The working group made the following additional recommendations and observations:

1. Concerning *Dalbergia melanoxylo*n/Mozambique

Invite the Secretariat to work with Mozambique to clarify the annual report for 2022.

2. Concerning *Dalbergia melanoxylo*n/United Republic of Tanzania

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of a missing annual report for 2021 to the attention of the Standing Committee.

3. Concerning *Dalbergia tucurensis*/Nicaragua

Invite the Secretariat, in consultation with the Nomenclature Specialist, to review the taxonomy for *Dalbergia tucurensis* to confirm taxonomic uncertainties associated with the species concept, as it is unclear whether the species assessed under the Global Assessment is the same species recognised under the CITES standard nomenclature reference or by Nicaragua.

4. Concerning *Guibourtia tessmannii*/Cameroon

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of missing annual reports relating specifically to flora, for 2017-2022 to the attention of the Standing Committee.

5. Concerning *Guibourtia tessmannii*/Equatorial Guinea

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of use of the relevant term code(s) in published quotas in order to clarify their scope.

6. Concerning *Osyris lanceolata*/Burundi

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of missing annual reports for 2018 and 2022 to the attention of the Standing Committee.

Invite the Secretariat to work with Burundi and potential donors to facilitate capacity building and workshops on making NDFs for forest species.

Invite interested Parties to work with Burundi to facilitate capacity building and workshops on making NDFs for forest species.

Request the Secretariat, when communicating with Burundi, to suggest new and existing examples of NDF guidance and reference material that they may find useful.

7. Concerning *Osyris lanceolata*/Ethiopia

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of a missing annual report for 2013 to the attention of the Standing Committee.

8. Concerning *Osyris lanceolata*/United Republic of Tanzania

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of a missing annual report for 2021 and to the attention of the Standing Committee.

9. Concerning *Aquilaria crassna*/Viet Nam

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of misreporting of artificially propagated exports by importers as wild-sourced specimens to the attention of the Standing Committee.

10. Concerning *Aquilaria malaccensis*/Indonesia

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of using separate source codes for wild specimens and other production systems (sources A and Y), and all quotas to the attention of the Standing Committee, and to highlight the need for Indonesia to specify the terms for export, as well as the scope for current quotas, and in future, to consider setting term-and production system-specific quotas.

11. Concerning *Aquilaria malaccensis*/Malaysia

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of a missing annual report for 2022 to the attention of the Standing Committee.

12. Concerning *Gyrinops spp.*/Papua New Guinea

Invite the Secretariat to bring the issue of a missing annual report for 2021 to the attention of the Standing Committee.

Invite the Secretariat to include Papua New Guinea in the list of Parties that request financial and capacity building support under the renewed CITES Tree Species Project.

Invite interested Parties to work with Papua New Guinea to facilitate capacity building and workshops on making NDFs for forest species.

Request the Secretariat, when communicating with Papua New Guinea, to suggest new and existing examples of NDF guidance and reference material that they may find useful.

13. General comments

The ICCWC toolkit may be of assistance to Parties in the review of significant trade to identify areas of priority.

RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTED TO RANGE STATES RETAINED
IN THE REVIEW PROCESS – AGENDA ITEM 15.4

The following recommendations, directed to the range States retained in the review process, are based on the principles outlined in Annex 3 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and the guidance on the formulation of recommendations contained in Annex 5 to document CoP17 Doc. 33.

1. *Dalbergia melanoxylon*/Mozambique

The Management Authority of Mozambique shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quote/an interim conservative export quota within 90 days for <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>ii. The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>iii. Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification of how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	<p>90 days following notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Precautionary approach as export levels appear unsustainable and immediate action is required</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>iv. Review and, as appropriate, revise management systems in place, including how population levels are calculated and sustainable off- take assessed, taking into account levels and frequency of harvest, annual growth rates for the species, the location of harvest, recruitment rate and regeneration. Critically review monitoring measures, the reporting and assessment of same, assess their effectiveness and amend as appropriate.</p> <p>Overall, the review should aim to ensure an effective NDF process with clearly defined harvest management</p>	<p>24 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Improve the knowledge and management of the species population at the National scale and support development of a science-based NDF</p> <p>Ensure harvest is sustainable</p>

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p>measures (e.g., minimum rotation periods, minimum DBH, good harvesting techniques, impact of harvest) with a locally- appropriate and effective monitoring system.</p> <p>v. Undertake monitoring of the impact of harvest and implement harvest and export restrictions based on monitoring results.</p>		
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>vi. Upon completion of other recommendations, provide the scientific basis by which it has established that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species and are compliant with Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 and 6(a) of the Convention. Particular focus should be given to how the actions the range State has taken, or will take, address the concerns/problems identified in the Review of Significant Trade process.</p> <p>vii. Develop science-based export quotas using standardised terms and units used in reporting trade export quotas as found in the most recent version of the guidelines for the preparation of CITES annual reports.</p>	<p>24 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>To assist in the evaluation of whether the NDF has improved as a result of the Review of Significant Trade Process</p> <p>Where quotas are used in the NDFs that Mozambique has developed, they must be science based and follow CITES requirements for quotas, in alignment with the terminology in the guidelines for CITES annual reports.</p>

2. *Dalbergia melanoxylon*/ United Republic of Tanzania

The Management Authority of United Republic of Tanzania shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Provide clarification regarding the discrepancies between the export volumes reported by the CITES MA of Tanzania (TZ) in response to the RST Consultation and export volumes reported in the CITES Trade Database</p>	<p>90 days following notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>There appears to be a discrepancy between trade data presented in the CITES Trade Database and Tanzania's reported export volumes</p>
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>ii. Provide information on the location and extent of the areas under harvest management for export.</p> <p>iii. Submit management plans including any available information on inventories and monitoring systems currently in place.</p>	<p>90 days following notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Supporting information for future development of a science-based NDF(s)</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p>	<p>24 months following</p>	<p>Non-detriment findings are</p>

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
iv. Develop non-detriment findings for all populations of <i>Dalbergia melanoxyton</i> intended for export to enable the setting of an export quota at the relevant management unit level(s).	notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	required for all populations of <i>Dalbergia melanoxyton</i> intended for export, to ensure sustainable annual harvest at the relevant management unit level.

3. *Dalbergia tucurensis*/Nicaragua

The Management Authority of Nicaragua shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<u>Short-term Actions</u>		
<p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a cautionary export quota/an interim conservative export quota for <i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification of how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	90 days following notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	<p>While non-detriment findings have been established at the management unit level, they are generic in nature, rather than focusing on the species-specific harvest levels.</p> <p>Nicaragua has not set an export quota for <i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i>.</p>
<p>ii. Report what mechanisms are in place to ensure the wild harvested species are correctly identified.</p>		

4. *Guibourtia tessmannii*/Equatorial Guinea

The Management Authority of Equatorial Guinea shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<u>Short-term Actions</u>	90 days following notification from the CITES Secretariat of the	Precautionary approach as the species is prohibited by Cameroon yet export appears

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quota/an interim conservative export quota within 90 days for <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification of how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	<p>recommendations of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>to be continuing.</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>ii. Review and, as appropriate, revise management systems in place, including how population levels are calculated and sustainable off- take assessed, taking into account levels and frequency of harvest, annual growth rates for the species, and the location of harvest. Critically review monitoring measures, the reporting and assessment of same, assess their effectiveness and amend as appropriate.</p> <p>Overall, the review should aim to ensure an effective NDF process with clearly defined harvest management measures (e.g., minimum rotation periods, minimum DBH, good harvesting techniques, impact of harvest) with a locally- appropriate and effective monitoring system.</p> <p>iii. Undertake monitoring of the impact of harvest and implement harvest and export restrictions based on monitoring results.</p>	<p>24 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Improve the knowledge and management of the species population at the National scale and support an adequate NDF.</p> <p>Ensure harvest is sustainable to support an adequate NDF</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>iv. Upon completion of other recommendations, provide the scientific basis by which it has established that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species and are compliant with Article IV, paragraphs</p>	<p>36 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>To assist in the evaluation of whether the NDF has improved as a result of the Review of Significant Trade Process</p>

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
2(a), 3 and 6(a) of the Convention. Particular focus should be given to how the actions the range State has taken, or will take, to address the concerns/problems identified in the Review of Significant Trade process.		

5. *Osyris lanceolata*/Burundi

The Management Authority of Burundi shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quote/an interim conservative export quota within 90 days for <i>Osyris lanceolata</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification of how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	Precautionary approach as export levels appear unsustainable and immediate action is required
<p><u>Short Term Action</u></p> <p>ii. Provide information on the location and extent of the areas under harvest management for export. Submit management plans including any available information on inventories and monitoring systems currently in place.</p>	90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	Supporting information for the development of a science-based NDF.
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>iii. Report on the status of the population at the relevant forest management unit level, based on existing forest inventories and forest inventories under development, and plans for a monitoring process.</p>	24 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	Improve the knowledge and management of the species population at the forest management unit level.
<u>Long-term Actions</u>	36 months following receipt of notification	To establish that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the

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iv. Upon completion of other recommendations, provide the scientific basis by which it has established that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species and are compliant with Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 and 6(a) of the Convention. Particular focus should be given to how the actions the range State has taken, or will take, to address the concerns/problems identified in the Review of Significant Trade process.	from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	species.

6. *Osyris lanceolata*/Ethiopia

The Management Authority of Ethiopia shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quote/an interim conservative export quota within 90 days for <i>Osyris lanceolata</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification of how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	Precautionary approach as export levels appear unsustainable and immediate action is required.
<p><u>Short Term Action</u></p> <p>ii. Provide information on the location and extent of the areas under harvest management for export. Submit management plans including any available information on inventories and monitoring systems currently in place.</p>	90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	Supporting information for development of a science based NDF
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>iii. Report on the status of the population at the relevant management unit level,</p>	24 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the	Improve the knowledge and management of the species population at the management

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based on existing inventories and inventories under development, and plans for a monitoring process.	recommendations of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	unit level
<u>Long-term Actions</u> iv. Upon completion of other recommendations, provide the scientific basis by which it has established that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species and are compliant with Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 and 6(a) of the Convention. Particular focus should be given to how the actions the range State has taken, or will take, to address the concerns/problems identified in the Review of Significant Trade process.	36 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	To establish that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species

7. *Osyris lanceolata*/Uganda

The Management Authority of Uganda shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<u>Short-term Actions</u> i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quota within 90 days for <i>Osyris lanceolata</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website. The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information. Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a non-detriment finding justifying how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.	90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27 th meeting of the Plants Committee	Precautionary approach as export levels appear unsustainable and immediate action is required

8. *Osyris lanceolata*/United Republic of Tanzania

The Management Authority of United Republic of Tanzania shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quota within 90 days for <i>Osyris lanceolata</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a non-detriment finding justifying how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	<p>90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Precautionary approach as export levels appear unsustainable and immediate action is required</p>

9. *Aquilaria crassna*/Viet Nam

The Management Authority of Viet Nam shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quota within 90 days for the wild specimens of <i>Aquilaria crassna</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a non-detriment finding justifying how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	<p>90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Currently Viet Nam prohibits export of wild harvested specimens. Publishing a zero export quota for wild specimens is necessary to address concerns of import trade data and illegal export of timber.</p> <p>Should the laws and policies of Viet Nam change to allow trade of wild harvested specimens, a non-detriment finding is needed to ensure harvesting of wild specimens is sustainable.</p>

10. *Aquilaria malaccensis*/Indonesia

The Management Authority of Indonesia shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, an interim conservative export quota at the species level for source codes W and Y within 90 days for <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification of how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p> <p>ii. Report what mechanisms are in place to ensure the wild harvested species are correctly identified and distinguishable from artificially propagated specimens.</p>	<p>90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Precautionary approach as export levels appear unsustainable and immediate action is required</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>iii. Upon completion of other recommendations, provide the scientific basis by which it has established that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species and are compliant with Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 and 6(a) of the Convention. Particular focus should be given to how the actions the range State has taken, or will take, to address the concerns/problems identified in the Review of Significant Trade process.</p>	<p>36 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>To establish that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species</p>

11. *Aquilaria malaccensis*/Malaysia

The Management Authority of Malaysia shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p> <p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quota within 90 days for the <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a non-detriment finding justifying how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p> <p>ii. Report what mechanisms are in place to ensure the wild harvested species are correctly identified and distinguishable from artificially propagated specimens.</p>	<p>90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendations of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Precautionary approach as export levels appear unsustainable and immediate action is required</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>iii. Upon completion of other recommendations, provide the scientific basis by which it has established that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species and are compliant with Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 and 6(a) of the Convention. Particular focus should be given to how the actions the range State has taken, or will take, to address the concerns/problems identified in the Review of Significant Trade process.</p>	<p>36 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>To establish that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species</p>

13. *Gyrinops* spp./Papua New Guinea

The Management Authority of Papua New Guinea shall report to the Secretariat on the implementation of the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p><u>Short-term Actions</u></p>	<p>90 days following receipt of notification from the</p>	<p>Precautionary approach as export levels appear</p>

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<p>i. Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, a zero export quota/an interim conservative export quota within 90 days for the <i>Gyrinops</i> spp. and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>Before making any increases to this interim quota, the planned changes should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification of how the change is conservative, based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information, for their agreement.</p>	<p>CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>unsustainable and immediate action is required</p>
<p><u>Short Term Action</u></p> <p>ii. Provide information on the location and extent of the areas under harvest management for export. Submit management plans including any available information on inventories and monitoring systems currently in place.</p> <p>iii. Report what mechanisms are in place to ensure the wild harvested species are correctly identified.</p>	<p>90 days following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Supporting information for development of an adequate NDF</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>iv. Report on the status of the population at the management unit level, based on existing forest inventories and forest inventories under development, and plans for a monitoring process.</p>	<p>24 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	<p>Improve the knowledge and management of the species population at the National scale</p>
<p><u>Long-term Actions</u></p> <p>v. Upon completion of other recommendations, provide the scientific basis by which it has established that exports are not detrimental to the survival of the species and are compliant with Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 and 6(a) of the Convention. Particular focus should be given to how the actions the range State has taken, or will take, to address the concerns/problems identified in the Review of Significant Trade process.</p>	<p>36 months following receipt of notification from the CITES Secretariat of the recommendation of the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee</p>	

RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTED TO THE
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The following recommendations, directed to the Standing Committee, concern problems identified in the course of the review that are not directly related to the implementation of Article IV paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), following the principles outlined in Annex 3 of the Resolution.

1. *Dalbergia melanoxylon*/Mozambique (MO)

The Standing Committee is invited to consider tasking Mozambique (MO) with the following:

Recommended Action	Time-frame for implementation	Justification for choice of recommended action
<u>Short-term Actions</u> Consider requesting Mozambique to develop and implement adequate control measures and inspection procedures to detect and intercept illegal shipments of specimens of <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	90 days prior to the 79 th meeting of the Standing Committee	Current efforts to control the illegal harvest of <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i> do not appear to be effective and require strengthening