

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



Twenty-seventh meeting of the Plants Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 8 – 13 July 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024

15. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species  
[Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19)]
- 15.1 Overview of the Review of Significant Trade ..... PC27 Doc. 15.1
- The Plants Committee noted document PC27 Doc. 15.1.
- 15.2 Implementation of recommendations for species selected following CoP17 ..... PC27 Doc. 15.2
- The Plants Committee noted the oral update provided by the Secretariat and agreed to support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations for the two species/country combinations (*Congo/Pericopsis elata* and *Nicaragua/Dalbergia retusa*) covered in document PC27 Doc. 15.2 in preparation for the intersessional consultations that will take place ahead of its reporting to the Standing Committee at SC78, in accordance with paragraph 1 k) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).
- 15.3 Ongoing cases of species selected following CoP18 (*Pterocarpus erinaceus* as an exceptional case) ..... PC27 Doc. 15.3
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- 15.4 Species selected following CoP19 ..... PC27 Doc. 15.4

The Plants Committee noted the update on the organization of a regional workshop on non-detriment findings (NDFs) and legal acquisition findings (LAFs) for *Pterocarpus erinaceus* range States contained in Section 2 to document PC27 Doc. 15.3.

The Plants Committee noted the final list of cases confirmed for Stage 2 of RST following CoP19 as contained in paragraph 4 (columns A and B) and the provisional categorization contained in paragraph 11 of document PC27 Doc. 15.4.

The Plants Committee agreed to establish an in-session working group on the Review of Significant Trade (agenda items 15.3 and 15.4) with the mandate to:

**Concerning agenda item 15.3**

- 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, taking into account the information provided by Ghana and Sierra Leone in plenary; and,
- b) draft any additional recommendations for the Secretariat to consider in preparation for its reporting to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC78); and

- c) report its recommendations to the Committee;

#### Concerning agenda item 15.4

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

The membership was decided as follows:

Co-Chairs: PC Chair (Ms. Koumba Pambo) and PC Vice-Chair (Mr. Wrigley);

Members: representatives for Africa (Mr. Balama), acting representative for Asia (Mr. Chong), representative for Europe (Ms. Smyth), representative for North America (Mr. Boles);

Parties: Australia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Czech Republic, European Union, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mozambique, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC); International Tropical Timber Organization, International Union for Conservation of Nature; Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, International Wood Product Association, Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa, TRAFFIC, World Wide Fund for Nature; Chambre Syndicale de la Factice Instrumentale (CSFI), Confédération des Industries Musicales Européennes (CAFIM), ForestBased Solutions.

#### 18. Identification of timber and other wood products

##### 18.1 Report of the Secretariat [Decision 19.145]..... PC27 Doc. 18.1

The Plants Committee noted the proposed approach reflected in paragraphs 10 to 12 of document PC27 Doc. 18.1 to provide the opportunity to Members of the Plants Committee to provide scientific or technical advice on any available preliminary results resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.145, ahead of the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.

##### 18.2 Report of the intersessional working group [Decision 19.147]..... PC27 Doc. 18.2

The Plants Committee agreed to establish an in-session working group on timber identification with the mandate to:

- a) consider the progress achieved by the intersessional working group of identification of timber and other wood products and the Annexes 1 to 8 of document PC27 Doc. 18.2;
- b) consider the reflections on the status of the implementation of Decisions 19.145 to 19.147, and the pertinence for any new or revised focused decisions;
- c) prepare draft recommendations for consideration of Standing Committee at SC78; and
- d) report its recommendations to the Committee.

The membership was decided as follows:

Chair: representative for North America (Mr. Boles);

Members: representative for Africa (Mr. Balama), representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng), representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms. Núñez Neyra);

Parties: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, Germany, Indonesia, Kenya, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: International Tropical Timber Organization; Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux, International Wood Product Association, Species Survival Network, Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa, TRAFFIC.

22. Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated' [Decision 19.183] ..... PC27 Doc. 22

The Plants Committee requested the Secretariat, in cooperation with the regional representatives for Asia (Ms. Zeng), for Europe (Ms. Smyth), for North America (Mr. Boles) and for Oceania (Mr. Wrigley), to prepare an in-session document showing the edits to the *Guidance on terms related to the artificial propagation of CITES regulated plants* and to the draft decisions proposed in plenary, noting that any change to the title of the Guidance should be reflected in the draft decisions in paragraph 12 of document PC27 Doc. 22.

25. Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. and Gyrinops spp.) [Resolution Conf. 16.10 and Decision 19.239] ..... PC27 Doc. 25

The Plants Committee:

- a) noted the completion of the working group mandate as agreed at PC26;
- b) agreed the proposed revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa* as contained in Annex 1 to document PC27 Doc. 26 with the following edits:

AWARE that agarwood-producing taxa can be grown in monospecific or mixed species plantations; [*deletion of the hyphen in mono-specific and deletion of the hyphen and adding a space for mixed-species*]

RECOGNIZING, however, that many Parties do not fully implement the exemptions of personal and household effects in Article VII, paragraph 3 of the Convention, and Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Control of trade in personal and household effects* for specimens of agarwood-producing taxa, owing due to stricter domestic measures or other provisions; [*deleted text is in strikethrough and new text is underlined*]

- c) agreed that Decision 19.239 has been completed and can be proposed for deletion;
- d) noted the need for future work to better explain the difference between exhausted powder and non-exhausted powder in the glossary in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 16.10 (Rev. CoP20); and
- e) agreed to report its recommendations to the Standing Committee.