

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The present document is structured in two sections, as follows:
 - a) section 1 provides progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the Plants Committee for eight flora species/country combinations that are due for reporting at the present meeting or for which there are some updates since their retention in Stage 2 of the process at the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC27; Geneva, July 2024). This is in accordance with paragraph 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), which relates to the implementation of Article IV; and,
 - b) section 2 contains information relating to specific matters not related to the implementation of Article IV identified by the Plants Committee at PC27.

Section 1: Implementation of the recommendations of the Plants Committee

3. In the Annex to document SC78 Doc. 34.1 on *Overview of the Review of Significant Trade in specimens in Appendix-II species*, the Secretariat has listed 16 species/country combinations for flora species that are due for reporting at the present meeting or for which there are some updates since their retention in Stage 2 of the process at PC27.
4. Amongst these, the exceptional selection of the eight *Pterocarpus erinaceus*/country combinations in the RST process is reported in document SC78 Doc. X.2 on the *Expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood (Pterocarpus erinaceus) for all range States*.
5. The remaining eight RST flora species/country combinations are the focus of this section of the present document:
 - Congo/*Pericopsis elata* (selected following CoP17)
 - Equatorial Guinea/*Guibourtia tessmannii* (selected following CoP19)
 - Indonesia/*Aquilaria malaccensis* (selected following CoP19)
 - Malaysia/*Aquilaria malaccensis* (selected following CoP19)
 - Mozambique/*Dalbergia melanoxylon* (selected following CoP19)
 - Nicaragua/*Dalbergia retusa* (selected following CoP17)
 - United Republic of Tanzania/*Dalbergia melanoxylon* (selected following CoP19)

- United Republic of Tanzania/*Osyris lanceolata* (selected following CoP19)

6. As per paragraph 1 l) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, the Secretariat hereby informs the Standing Committee of its evaluation of whether the recommendations formulated by the Plants Committee have been implemented by the range State concerned. The cases are summarized in the present section, with detailed recommendations made in Annex 1 to the present document.
7. In line with paragraph 1 k) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), the Secretariat consulted the Plants Committee at PC27 and intersessionally on whether the recommendations have been implemented. The outcomes of these consultations have been considered and incorporated in the evaluation of all eight flora cases in the present section.
8. In accordance with paragraph 1 m) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and based on the present report, the Standing Committee is invited to decide on necessary action(s) and make recommendations to the range States concerned or to all Parties for each of the eight cases.
9. Congo/*Pericopsis elata* (selected following CoP17)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting (SC77; Geneva, November 2023) in document [SC77 Doc. 35.3](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.2](#).

Outcome of PC27

- b) At PC27 the Plants Committee agreed to support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations for this case, in preparation for the intersessional consultations ahead of the present meeting of the Standing Committee.
- c) The Secretariat communicated the outcomes of PC27 to Congo and will provide an update on this case at the present meeting.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendations a) to e) remain outstanding, pending any oral update by the Secretariat at the present meeting.

10. Equatorial Guinea/*Guibourtia tessmannii* (selected following CoP19)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at SC77 in document [SC77 Doc. 35.1 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.4](#).
- b) On 14 August 2024, the Secretariat wrote to Equatorial Guinea concerning the outcome of PC27 regarding *Guibourtia tessmannii*, inviting Equatorial Guinea to provide updates on the implementation of the RST by 15 November 2024.

Response from the range State

- c) On 25 August 2024, Equatorial Guinea confirmed the establishment of a zero-export quota for *Guibourtia tessmannii* in accordance with the short-term recommendation.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendation a) of the Plants Committee has been implemented; and recommendations b) to d) of the Plants Committee are ongoing.

11. Indonesia/*Aquilaria malaccensis* (selected following CoP19)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at SC77 in document [SC77 Doc. 35.1 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.4](#).
- b) On 12 August 2024, the Secretariat wrote to Indonesia concerning the outcome of PC27 regarding *Aquilaria malaccensis*, inviting Indonesia to provide updates on the implementation of the RST by 12 November 2024.

Response from the range State

- c) On 14 August 2024, Indonesia submitted a non-detriment finding (NDF) for *Aquilaria malaccensis* for the year 2024, including their conservative export quota for wild-sourced specimens and additional supporting information for the quota proposed (see Annex 2). In accordance with recommendation a) of the Plants Committee, the Secretariat consulted the Chair of the Plants Committee about the proposed quota. The outcomes of these consultations are summarized in column B of Annex 1.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendations a) and b) of the Plants Committee have been implemented; and recommendation c) remains ongoing.

12. Malaysia/*Aquilaria malaccensis* (selected following CoP19)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at SC77 in document [SC77 Doc. 35.1 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.4](#).
- b) On 14 August 2024, the Secretariat wrote to Malaysia concerning the outcome of PC27 regarding *Aquilaria malaccensis*, inviting Malaysia to provide updates on the implementation of the RST by 15 November 2024.

Response from the range State

- c) On 13 November, Malaysia submitted for consideration of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee a proposed annual quota for wild specimens of *A. malaccensis* for a determined number of years in response to recommendation a) of the Plants Committee (see Annex 3). The summary of the request and status of consultations is included in column B of Annex 1 to the present document.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendations a) to c) remain ongoing, pending any updates on the outcomes of the consultations with the Plants Committee.

13. Mozambique/*Dalbergia melanoxylon* (selected following CoP19)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at SC77 in document [SC77 Doc. 35.1 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.4](#).
- b) On 14 August 2024, the Secretariat wrote to Mozambique concerning the outcome of PC27 regarding *Dalbergia melanoxylon*, inviting Mozambique to provide updates on the implementation of the RST by 15 November 2024.

Response from the range State

- c) On 14 November 2024, Mozambique submitted for consideration of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee a proposed annual quota for *D. melanoxylon* in response to recommendation a) of

the Plants Committee (see Annex 4). The summary of the request and information received from Mozambique is included in column B of Annex 1 to the present document.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendations a) to g) remain ongoing, pending any updates on the outcomes of the consultations with the Plants Committee.

14. Nicaragua/*Dalbergia retusa* (selected following CoP17)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at SC77 in document [SC77 Doc. 35.3](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.2](#).

Outcome of PC27

- b) At PC27 the Plants Committee agreed to support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations for this case, in preparation for the intersessional consultations ahead of the present meeting of the Standing Committee. Progress on this is reported in column B of Annex 1 to the present document.
- c) The Secretariat communicated the outcomes of PC27 to Nicaragua and will provide an oral update on this case at the present meeting.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendations a) and b) of the Plants Committee have been implemented; and recommendations c) to d) remain outstanding, pending any oral update by the Secretariat at the present meeting.

15. United Republic of Tanzania/*Dalbergia melanoxylon* (selected following CoP19)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at SC77 in document [SC77 Doc. 35.1 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.4](#).
- b) On 14 August 2024, the Secretariat wrote to the United Republic of Tanzania concerning the outcome of PC27 regarding *Dalbergia melanoxylon*, inviting Tanzania to provide updates on the implementation of the RST by 15 November 2024.

Response from the range State

- c) On 17 November 2024, the United Republic of Tanzania submitted a report on the progress in the implementation of the RST recommendations (see Annex 5). The summary of the request and status of consultations is included in column B of Annex 1 to the present document.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendations a) to d) remain ongoing, pending any update on the outcomes of the consultations with the Plants Committee.

16. United Republic of Tanzania/*Osyris lanceolata* (selected following CoP19)

Background to the case

- a) The Secretariat last reported updates on this case to the Standing Committee at SC77 in document [SC77 Doc. 35.1 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and to the Plants Committee at PC27 in document [PC27 Doc. 15.4](#).
- b) On 14 August 2024, the Secretariat wrote to the United Republic of Tanzania concerning the outcome of PC27 regarding *Osyris lanceolata*, inviting the United Republic of Tanzania to provide updates on the implementation of the RST by 15 November 2024.

Response from the range State

- c) On 17 November 2024, Tanzania submitted a report on the progress in the implementation of the RST recommendations (see Annex 5) including confirmation of the establishment of a zero export quota in accordance with recommendation a) of the Plants Committee. The summary of the request and status of consultations is included in column B of Annex 1 to the present document.

Determination of implementation

- d) Recommendation a) of the Plants Committee has been implemented and therefore the species/country combination United Republic of Tanzania/*Osyris lanceolata* can be removed from the RST process.

Section 2: Specific matters identified by the Plants Committee at PC27 not related to the implementation of Article IV [paragraph 2 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)]

17. The following specific matters were identified through the RST at PC27. The Plants Committee asked the Secretariat to consult with relevant Parties and to report any issues to the Standing Committee. The issues identified can be broadly grouped in the following five categories:

- a) **Missing annual reports** were confirmed for the cases of *Dalbergia melanoxyton*/United Republic of Tanzania, *Guibourtia tessmannii*/Cameroon, *Osyris lanceolata*/Burundi, *Osyris lanceolata*/Ethiopia, *Osyris lanceolata*/United Republic of Tanzania, *Aquilaria malaccensis*/Malaysia, and *Gyrinops* spp./Papua New Guinea. Updates on these matters are reported by the Secretariat in document SC78 Doc. 32.1 on *Submission of annual reports*.
- b) **Clarifications on existing annual reports and use of terms and source codes** were necessary for the following cases, but the Secretariat notes that they have since been largely resolved:
- i) *Dalbergia melanoxyton*/Mozambique: At PC27, the Plants Committee invited the Secretariat to work with Mozambique to clarify the annual report of 2022. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), has finalized this clarification with Mozambique and updated the trade database, where relevant.
- ii) *Guibourtia tessmannii*/Equatorial Guinea: At PC27, the Plants Committee invited Equatorial Guinea to clarify the scope of the use of relevant term code(s) in published quotas. At the time of writing, the Secretariat is finalizing these clarifications in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and will provide any update on this at SC78.
- iii) *Aquilaria malaccensis*/Indonesia: At PC27, the Plants Committee invited the Secretariat to bring the issue of using separate source codes for wild specimens and other production systems (source code A), 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. The Plants Committee noted the clarifications provided by Indonesia that indicated that it does not use source code Y.
- c) **Publication of zero export quotas** was deemed necessary in some cases. For *Aquilaria crassna*/Viet Nam. At PC27, the Plants Committee invited Viet Nam to request the publication of a Notification on its stricter domestic measures for *Aquilaria crassna*; and to consider publishing a zero-export quota for wild specimens in line with their national legislation. The Plants Committee also invited the Secretariat to report to the Standing Committee on the two recommendations above. At the time of writing, the Secretariat has no updates to report on this matter but will continue to engage with Viet Nam and provide any oral update on this at the present meeting.
- d) **Enforcement matters** were identified for *Dalbergia melanoxyton*/Mozambique. At PC27, the Plants Committee agreed to recommend the Standing Committee to task Mozambique to implement adequate control measures and inspection procedures to detect and intercept illegal shipments of specimens of *Dalbergia melanoxyton*. The timeframe proposed for the implementation of this recommendation is 90 days prior to the 79th meeting of the Standing Committee.
- d) **Nomenclature** issues were identified for *Dalbergia tucurensis*/Nicaragua. At PC27, the Plants Committee invited 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. The Secretariat will provide an update on this matter to the Conference of the Parties at CoP20.

Recommendations

18. The Standing Committee is invited to consider the recommendations in paragraphs 19 and 20 below.

With regards to Section 1 of the present document

19. In accordance with paragraph 1 m) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and based on the present report and its annexes, the Standing Committee is invited to do the following:

- a) Congo/*Pericopsis elata*: note that recommendations a) to e) remain outstanding and reconsider its determination of implementation based on any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting;
- b) Equatorial Guinea/*Guibourtia tessmannii*: note that recommendation a) has been implemented, and that recommendations b) to d) remain ongoing;
- c) Indonesia/*Aquilaria malaccensis*: note that recommendations a) and b) have been implemented, and that recommendation c) remains ongoing;
- d) Malaysia/*Aquilaria malaccensis*: consider any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting resulting from the determination of implementation of recommendation a); and note that recommendations b) and c) remain ongoing;
- e) Mozambique/*Dalbergia melanoxylon*: consider any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting resulting from the determination of implementation of recommendations a) and b); and note that recommendations c) to g) remain ongoing;
- f) Nicaragua/*Dalbergia retusa*: note that recommendations a) and b) have been implemented, and that recommendations c) and d) remain outstanding;
- g) United Republic of Tanzania/*Dalbergia melanoxylon*: consider any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting resulting from the determination of implementation of recommendations a) to d); and
- h) United Republic of Tanzania/*Osyris lanceolata*: note that recommendation a) has been implemented and agree that this species/country combination can be removed from the RST process.

With regards to Section 2 of the present document

20. The Standing Committee is invited to take note of the Secretariat's report as contained in paragraph 17 d) of the present document, and to request Mozambique to implement adequate control measures and inspection procedures to detect and intercept illegal shipments of specimens of *Dalbergia melanoxylon* and to report on this matter to the 79th meeting of the Standing Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE FOR SPECIES SELECTED FOR THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE SELECTED FOLLOWING COP17 AND COP19; RESPONSES FROM THE RANGE STATES CONCERNED AND EVALUATION OF IMPLEMENTATION BY THE SECRETARIAT

A. Country/species combination	B. Recommendations of the PC and of the SC where they exist	C. Update of implementation of recommendations (including range State responses)
Congo/ <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	<p><u>Outcome of PC24</u></p> <p><u>Short-term Action (by 13 December 2018)</u></p> <p>a) Establish a conservative export quota in consultation with the CITES Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee and inform the CITES Secretariat of this quota so that it can be included in the national export quota section on the CITES website.</p> <p>b) 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 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><u>Long-term Action (by 13 December 2020)</u></p> <p>c) Develop and implement coordinated national and/or local management plans (that include harvest management considerations) with clear monitoring requirements: management is adaptive (regular review of harvest records, of impact of harvesting, adjustment of harvesting instructions as necessary), harvest restrictions based on monitoring results.</p> <p>d) 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>e) Undertake monitoring of the impact of harvest and implement harvest and export restrictions based on monitoring results.</p> <p><u>Outcome of SC77</u></p> <p>f) The Standing Committee urged Congo to continue to make progress on outstanding recommendations, in close collaboration with the Secretariat, and requested Congo to provide an update in time for the matter to be considered at SC78.</p>	<p><u>The Secretariat's evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendations a) to e) remain outstanding.</p> <p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p> <p>The Standing Committee is invited to note that recommendations a) to e) remain outstanding and reconsider its determination of implementation based on any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting.</p>

A. Country/species combination	B. Recommendations of the PC and of the SC where they exist	C. Update of implementation of recommendations (including range State responses)
	<p><u>Outcome of PC27</u> At PC27 the Plants Committee agreed to support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations for this case, in preparation for the intersessional consultations ahead of the present meeting of the Standing Committee.</p> <p><u>Update following PC27</u> At the time of writing the Secretariat has no further updates to report on this case but it is continuing to engage with Congo to follow up on PC27 recommendations and will provide an update on this case at SC78.</p>	
Equatorial Guinea/ <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	<p><u>Outcome of PC27</u> <u>Short-term Actions (by 15 November 2024)</u></p> <p>a) 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>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. 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 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><u>Long-term Actions (by 14 August 2026)</u></p> <p>b) Review and, as appropriate, revise management systems in place, including how population levels are calculated and sustainable offtake 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. 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><u>Long-term Actions (by 14 August 2027)</u></p> <p>c) Undertake monitoring of the impact of harvest and implement harvest and export restrictions based on monitoring results.</p>	<p><u>The Secretariat’s evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendation a) of the Plants Committee has been implemented.</p> <p>Recommendations b) to d) of the Plants Committee are ongoing.</p> <p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p> <p>The Standing Committee is invited to note that recommendation a) has been implemented, and that recommendations b) to d) remain ongoing.</p>

A. Country/species combination	B. Recommendations of the PC and of the SC where they exist	C. Update of implementation of recommendations (including range State responses)
	<p>d) 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><u>Update following PC27</u></p> <p>On 25 August 2024 On 25 August 2024, Equatorial Guinea confirmed the establishment of a zero-export quota for <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i> in accordance with the short-term recommendation.</p>	
Indonesia/ <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	<p><u>Outcome of PC27</u></p> <p><u>Short-term Actions (by 12 November 2024)</u></p> <p>a) 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 within 90 days for <i>Aquillaria 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>b) Report what mechanisms are in place to ensure the wild harvested species are correctly identified and distinguishable from artificially propagated specimens.</p> <p><u>Long-term Actions (by 12 August 2027)</u></p> <p>c) 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><u>Update following PC27</u></p>	<p><u>The Secretariat’s evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendations a) and b) of the Plants Committee have been implemented.</p> <p>Recommendation c) of the Plants Committee remains ongoing.</p> <p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p> <p>The Standing Committee is invited to note that recommendations a) and b) have been implemented, and that recommendation c) remains ongoing.</p>

A. Country/species combination	B. Recommendations of the PC and of the SC where they exist	C. Update of implementation of recommendations (including range State responses)
	<p>On 14 August 2024, Indonesia submitted a non-detriment finding for <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> for the year 2024 (available in this link of the CITES NDF database), and additional information in support of the establishment of a conservative export quota for wild-sourced specimens for the year 2024. In accordance with recommendation a) of the Plants Committee, the Secretariat consulted the quota with the Chair of the Plants Committee.</p> <p>Following consideration of the NDF and the supporting information provided by Indonesia, the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee agreed to the publication of the 2024 quota for 24,110 kg of wild sourced (W) <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> from Indonesia, as an interim conservative quota in line with recommendation a) of the Plants Committee.</p> <p>This decision was based on an assessment of the NDF and supporting information provided, and on the fact that the 2024 proposed quota represented a significant decrease of previously established quotas for wild specimens of <i>A. malaccensis</i>. The Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee recommended however that any future increases to this quota would require an updated NDF.</p> <p>As part of the supporting information, Indonesia also submitted a report (Annex 2) on criteria they follow to distinguish specimens from wild source (source code W), assisted production (source code Y), and plantations (source code A). The report outlines several mechanisms in place for identifying and distinguishing wild-harvested specimens from artificially propagated specimens or <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>. The suit of mechanisms in place includes procedures relating to: regulatory framework and permits; documentation and traceability; morphological identification; and inspection and monitoring on the field and of documentation at transport and processing stages.</p> <p>The report does however acknowledge some challenges in identification or differentiation between wild-sourced vs. artificially propagated specimens when it comes to processed or finished products such as chips and powder.</p> <p>The mechanisms outlined by Indonesia suggest that they broadly align with recommendation b) of the Plants Committee, as systems for verification and distinction between wild sourced and artificially propagated specimens exist and are being enforced.</p>	
Malaysia/ <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	<p><u>Outcome of PC27</u></p> <p><u>Short-term Actions (by 15 November 2024)</u></p> <p>a) Establish, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, an interim export quota 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><u>The Secretariat's evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendations a) to c) remain ongoing.</p> <p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p>

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	<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>b) Report what mechanisms are in place to ensure the wild harvested species are correctly identified and distinguishable from artificially propagated specimens.</p> <p><u>Long-term Actions (by 14 August 2027)</u></p> <p>c) 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><u>Update following PC27</u></p> <p>Through a letter dated 13 November, Malaysia submitted for consideration of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee the establishment annual quota of 5,000 kg of wild specimens of <i>A. malaccensis</i> for the years 2025 to 2027, in response to recommendation a) of the Plants Committee.</p> <p>The supporting information is available in Annex 3 to the present document. As the response was submitted close to the documentation deadline for SC78, at the time of writing the Secretariat is in the process of consulting the proposed quota with the Chair of the Plants Committee, and in undertaking further consultations with the Plants Committee with regards to progress in the implementation of recommendation a).</p>	<p>The Standing Committee is invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting resulting from the determination of implementation of recommendation a); and, - note that recommendations b) and c) remain ongoing.
Mozambique/ <i>Dalbergia melanoxyton</i>	<p><u>Outcome of PC27</u></p> <p><u>Short-term Actions (by 15 November 2024)</u></p> <p>a) 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 melanoxyton</i></p>	<p><u>The Secretariat's evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendations a) to g) remain ongoing.</p>

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	<p>and communicate the quota to the Secretariat. No exports should occur until the quota has been published on the Secretariat's website.</p> <p>b) The export quota should be justified as conservative based on estimates of sustainable off-take that make use of available scientific information.</p> <p>c) 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><u>Long-term Actions (by 14 August 2026)</u></p> <p>d) 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 measures (e.g., minimum rotation periods, minimum DBH, good harvesting techniques, impact of harvest) with a locally appropriate and effective monitoring system.</p> <p>e) Undertake monitoring of the impact of harvest and implement harvest and export restrictions based on monitoring results.</p> <p>f) 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>g) 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><u>Update following PC27</u></p> <p>Through an email communication dated 14 November 2024, Mozambique submitted for consideration of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee the establishment of an annual quota of 8,762.5 m³ of <i>D. melanoxylon</i> (see Annex 4). In the request submitted by</p>	<p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p> <p>The Standing Committee is invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting resulting from the determination of implementation of recommendations a) and b); and - note that recommendations c) to g) remain ongoing.

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	<p>Mozambique reference is made of the National Forest Inventory and provincial forest inventory data that are used to calculate annual allowable harvesting volume.</p> <p>Noting this response was submitted close to the documentation deadline for SC78, at the time of writing the Secretariat is in the process of consulting the proposed quota with the Chair of the Plants Committee, and in undertaking further consultations with the Plants Committee with regards to progress in the implementation of recommendations a) and b).</p>	
Nicaragua/ <i>Dalbergia retusa</i>	<p><u>Outcome of PC24</u></p> <p><u>Short term action (by 20 December 2018)</u></p> <p>a) Provide information on the location and extent of the areas under harvest management for export.</p> <p>b) Submit management plans including any available information on inventories and monitoring systems currently in place.</p> <p><u>Long term actions (by 20 November 2020)</u></p> <p>c) Develop an analysis of the status of the population at the national level, based on existing national forest inventories and forest inventories under development and plans for a monitoring process.</p> <p>d) 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><u>Outcome of SC74</u></p> <p>e) commended Nicaragua in its timely implementation of the Plants Committee's recommendations a) and b);</p> <p>f) requested Nicaragua to clarify how the NDFs thus far produced will translate into the establishment of sustainable annual quotas; and,</p> <p>g) requested Nicaragua to finalise implementation of recommendations c) and d) of the Plants Committee by three months before the documentation deadline for SC77.</p> <p><u>Outcome of SC77</u></p> <p>h) The Standing Committee:</p>	<p><u>The Secretariat's evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendations a) and b) have been implemented (as acknowledged at SC74).</p> <p>Recommendations c) and d) remain outstanding.</p> <p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p> <p>The Standing Committee is invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - note that recommendations a) and b) have been implemented; and - note that recommendations c) and d) remain outstanding.

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	<p>i. noted that the Secretariat is exploring avenues to support Nicaragua’s request for financial support, as part of the field-testing phase of the NDF-project (as per Decision 19.132);</p> <p>ii. requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification inviting Parties and relevant stakeholders to contribute financial resources in support of Nicaragua’s implementation of outstanding RST recommendations; and,</p> <p>iii. urged Nicaragua to make significant progress in the implementation of outstanding recommendations c) and d) of the Plants Committee in time for the matter to be considered at SC78.</p> <p><u>Outcome of PC27</u> At PC27 the Plants Committee agreed to support the Secretariat in monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the RST recommendations for this case, in preparation for the intersessional consultations ahead of the present meeting of the Standing Committee.</p> <p><u>Update since PC27</u> At the time of writing the Secretariat continues to coordinate the formalization of an agreement to support Nicaragua in the implementation of outstanding RST recommendations for this case. The Secretariat will provide an update on progress on this at SC78.</p>	
<p>United Republic of Tanzania/<i>Dalbergia melanoxyton</i></p>	<p><u>Outcome of PC27</u> <u>Short-term Actions (15 November 2024)</u></p> <p>a) 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>b) Provide information on the location and extent of the areas under harvest management for export.</p> <p>c) Submit management plans including any available information on inventories and monitoring systems currently in place.</p> <p><u>Long-term Actions (by 14 August 2026)</u></p> <p>d) 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).</p> <p><u>Update following PC27</u> The United Republic of Tanzania submitted a report (Annex 5) on the progress of the implementation of the RST recommendations for <i>D. melanoxyton</i> on 17 November 2024.</p>	<p><u>The Secretariat’s evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendations a) to d) remain ongoing.</p> <p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p> <p>The Standing Committee is invited to consider any update from the Secretariat at the present meeting resulting from the determination of implementation of recommendations a) to d).</p>

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	<p>The report includes information relating to the discrepancies between the export volumes in response to recommendation a) and provides information relating to the location and extent of the areas under harvest management for export in response to recommendation b). The report includes information relating to inventories and management plans have been submitted as required in terms of the recommendation c).</p> <p>Noting this response was submitted close to the documentation deadline for SC78, at the time of writing the Secretariat is in the process of consulting the progress reported submitted by the United Republic of Tanzania with the Plants Committee.</p> <p>The Secretariat notes that in its report it seems the United Republic of Tanzania has the intention of establishing a quota for <i>D. melanoxylon</i>, however the exact figure is unclear and the implementation of recommendation d) remains outstanding. The management plan reports for two districts were submitted; however, it is unclear if these constitute an NDF in themselves.</p>	
<p>United Republic of Tanzania/<i>Osyris lanceolata</i></p>	<p><u>Outcome of PC27</u></p> <p><u>Short-term Actions (15 November 2024)</u></p> <p>a) 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><u>Update following PC27</u></p> <p>Through an email communication dated 17 November 2024, Tanzania submitted a report (Annex 5) on the progress of the implementation of the RST recommendations for <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>, including confirmation of the establishment of a zero export quota for wild specimens of <i>O. lanceolata</i> in accordance with recommendation a) of the Plants Committee. This quota has been published in the CITES website.</p>	<p><u>The Secretariat's evaluation regarding implementation of the recommendations</u></p> <p>Recommendation a) has been implemented.</p> <p><u>Actions recommended by the Secretariat</u></p> <p>The Standing Committee is invited to note that recommendation a) has been implemented and agree that this species/country combination can be removed from the RST process.</p>