

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



Twenty-fourth meeting of the Plants Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 20, 21 and 23-26 July 2018

ROSEWOOD

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the Chair of the Plants Committee (Ms. Sinclair);

Parties: Australia, Canada, China, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: Environmental Investigation Agency USA, Global Eye, International Wood Products Association, IWMC – World Conservation Trust, League of American Orchestrans, Species Survival Network, World Resources Institute, World Wildlife Fund, C.F. Martin & Co., Inc., CSFI, CAFIM, Fender Musical Instrument Corp., ForestBased Solutions, Llc., International Association of Violin and Bow Makers, Madinter Trade, S.L., Overseas Traders, Paul Reed Smith Guitars, Limited Partnership and Taylor Guitars.

Mandate

The in-session working shall review document CoP17 Doc. 62 (Rev. 1) on *International trade in rosewood timber species [LEGUMINOSAE (Fabaceae)]* and the draft decisions in its Annex, results of deliberations at the 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee and feedback received at this present meeting and, based on this review, draft a revised decision that focuses on listed species.

Recommendations

The Plants Committee is invited to consider submitting the draft decisions below to the Standing Committee inviting the Standing Committee to consider addition of elements to the study related to enforcement and implementation; and bring a draft decision to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties accordingly.

**Decision 18.AA Directed to the Secretariat**

The Secretariat shall

- a) Subject to external funding, contract a consultancy to undertake the following study:
  - i) Taking into consideration the existing information (including that developed under the ongoing CITES Tree Species Programme), and based on the available lists of species in trade, compile available data and information to address information gaps on the biology, population status, management, use and trade for CITES-listed rosewood timber species as a first priority; and as a second priority, rosewood timber species that are not included in the CITES Appendices, in particular those species that are highly sought after for the timber trade, such as certain species of the genera *Cassia*, *Caesalpinia*, *Dicornia*, *Guibourtia*, *Machaerium*, *Millettia*, *Pterocarpus* and *Swartzia*;

- ii) Assess the effects of international trade on wild populations of the species concerned;
  - iii) Assess the conservation implications of any exemptions in the annotations to the listings; and
  - iv) Take into account the relevant work on timber identification to be carried out under Decision 18.XX on timber identification.
- b) Issue a Notification seeking input from Parties, in particular exporting, re-exporting and importing countries, and relevant stakeholders to provide information to the Secretariat to share with the consultant for the purposes of completing the study outlined under a) above;
  - c) Report on progress regarding the study to the Plants Committee;
  - d) Taking into consideration the advice of the Plants Committee, and subject to external funding, organize an international workshop, inviting relevant range States, trading countries, relevant organizations, industry representatives and other experts, with a view to presenting and discussing the results, and develop recommendations;
  - e) Provide the final study to the Plants Committee, and outcomes of the workshop if held; and
  - f) Seek external funding to support the study, and the workshop as appropriate.

***Decision 18.BB Directed to Parties***

Parties are encouraged to:

- a) Respond to the Notification described in part b) of Decision 18.AA in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders; and
- b) Support the work of the consultancy, and the workshop as appropriate, including seeking external funding from stakeholders and others.

***Decision 18.CC Directed to the Plants Committee***

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) Consider the progress reported by the Secretariat and make recommendations regarding the study and the need for the international workshop;
- b) Consider the final study, and outcomes of the workshop if held, and make recommendations on how to enhance implementation for CITES-listed rosewood timber species with a particular focus on non-detriment findings including with respect to capacity building; and make further recommendations regarding non-listed rosewood timber species; and
- c) Make recommendations to the Standing Committee and the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.