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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Bigleaf mahogany

FOURTH MEETING OF THE BIGLEAF MAHOGANY WORKING GROUP AND
FIRST LATIN AMERICAN WORKSHOP ON THE JOINT CITES-ITTO PROJECT:
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The attached information document has been submitted by Mexico, as Chair of the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group of the Plants Committee*.

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OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING

The workshop was held in Cancun, in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico, November 13 – 15, 2008.

The event was carried out according to the planned agenda (Annex 1). The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. José G. Roque Alamina (Director of the Forestry Institute of the Government of the state of Quintana Roo). The following officials attended the opening ceremony: Ms. Milena Sosa Schmidt (Scientific Officer Plants-CITES), Dr. Steve Johnson (Associate Director of the ITTO), Dr. Francisco García García (Director General of Forestry Management and Soils-SEMARNAT and Chairman of the Mahogany Working Group-MWG), Mr. Ramón Eduardo Rosado Flores (Federal Delegate of SEMARNAT in Quintana Roo).

Attendance consisted of 37 participants representing 6 countries of the area of distribution (Belize, Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru), one representative of the CITES Secretariat, The Chair of the Plants Committee of CITES, two representatives from the Central America, South America and Caribbean Region of the CITES Plants Committee, two representatives from the United States, one representative of the International Tropical Timber Institute and one representative of the European Economic Community (Annex 2).

In connection with the Joint CITES-ITTO Project: Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber Species is consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation, a general overview of its implementation in Latin America, Asia and Africa was presented, as were the proposed supported projects in Latin America (Bolivia, Brazil and Peru).

In regard to Mahogany, a presentation was made on the guidelines derived from the International Workshop of Experts on Non-detriment Findings on Mahogany (Cancun, April 2007), as well as a summary of the objectives of the Working Group on Timber Species of the International Workshop of Experts on Non-detriment Findings on Mahogany (Cancun, April 2007) and the current status of significant trade for Mahogany.

Later, a progress report was delivered on the Plan of Action for *Cedrela odorata*, and on the subject of problems associated with specific populations of the timber species listed in Appendix III.

Last, based on the Action Plan for bigleaf mahogany, as well as on the Recommendations in the Report of the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group, (Lima, Peru. June 29 – July 01, 2006. Document PC16 Doc. 19.1.1), a draft regional strategy was prepared (PC 18 Doc. 13.1.2 Annex 1).

Annex 1

WORKING PROGRAMME

13 NOVEMBER		
<i>SCHEDULE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 10:00	Opening Ceremony	
	Welcoming Remarks	ITTO, CITES
	Opening Remarks	Francisco García,
	Approval of the Agenda	Francisco García, Chairman of the Mahogany Working Group
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:15 – 12:30	Session 1: Introductory session on the Joint CITES-ITTO Project: <i>Ensuring International Trade in CITES-listed Timber species is consistent with their Sustainable Management and Conservation</i>	
	Moderator: Ivan Tomaselli	
	General outlook of the Joint CITES-ITTO Project	Steve Johnson, ITTO
	General outlook of the Regional Coordination of the Joint CITES-ITTO Project, Latin America, Asia and Africa	Ivan Tomaselli, Regional Coordinator for LA
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 16:00	Session 2: Presentation of proposed projects for the governments of the area of distribution with financial assistance from the Joint CITES-ITTO project	
	Moderator: Steve Johnson, ITTO	
	General outlook on the implementation of the proposed CITES-ITTO projects for Africa and Asia	Steve Johnson
	Latin American Projects: Bolivian Proposal	IBIF
	Latin American Projects: Brazilian Proposal	IBAMA
	Latin American Projects: Peruvian Proposal	INRENA
	Other proposals for Mahogany (Bolivia)	Rafael María Navarro Cerrillo
	Other proposals for Mahogany (Brazil)	Jimmy Grogan
	Other proposals for Mahogany (Brazil)	UFRA
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15 – 18:30	Session 3: Report on the status of countries and perspectives regarding non-detriment findings and sustainable management of Mahogany	
	Moderator: Ivan Tomaselli	
	Reports by the countries of the area of distribution	Countries of the area of
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome cocktail hosted by ITTO and CITES	

14 NOVEMBER		
<i>SCHEDULE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>
9:00 – 11:00	Session 1: Implementation of the guidelines for the preparation of non-detriment findings on Mahogany	
	Moderator: Francisco García	
	Guidelines of the International Workshop of Experts on Non-Detriment Findings on Mahogany (Cancun, April 2007)	Guidelines of the International Workshop of Experts on Non-Detriment Findings on Mahogany (Cancun, April 2007)
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:15 – 12:30	Session 1- Continued...	
	Summary of the objectives of the Working Group on Timber Species of the International Workshop of Experts on Non-detriment (Cancun, November 2008)	Summary of the objectives of the Working Group on Timber Species of the International Workshop of Experts on Non-detriment (Cancun, November 2008)
	Current status of the Review of Significant trade for Mahogany (Responses of the countries of the area of distribution, etc.)	Current status of the Review of Significant trade for Mahogany (Responses of the countries of the area of distribution, etc.)
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 16:00	Session 2- Progress in the implementation of Dec. 14.145 on bigleaf mahogany, Annex 4 of the Plan of Action for the Control of International Trade in Bigleaf Mahogany (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>)	
	Moderator: Francisco García	
	Results and follow-up of the recommendations of PC17	Results and follow-up of the recommendations of PC17
	Plan of Action: Development of a regional strategy	Plan of Action: Development of a regional strategy
	Preparation of draft report for PC18 on the regional strategy (see Dec. 14.145 and document PC16 Doc. 19.1.1)	Preparation of draft report for PC18 on the regional strategy (see Dec. 14.145 and document PC16 Doc. 19.1.1)
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15 – 18:00	Session 2 (Continued)- Progress in the implementation of Dec. 14.145 on bigleaf mahogany, Annex 4 of the Plan of Action for the Control of International Trade in Bigleaf Mahogany (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>)	
	Moderator: Francisco García	
	Preparation of the draft report for PC18 on the regional strategy (see Dec. 14.145 and document PC16 Doc. 19.1.1)	Preparation of the draft report for PC18 on the regional strategy (see Dec. 14.145 and document PC16 Doc. 19.1.1)
18:00 – 18:30	Results of the Working Groups	

15 NOVEMBER		
<i>SCHEDULE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>
9:00 – 11:00	Session 1: Progress on <i>Cedrela</i> : Dec. 14.146 Annex 4 on the Plan of Action for <i>Cedrela odorata</i> , <i>Dalbergia retusa</i> , <i>Dalbergia granadillo</i> and <i>Dalbergia stevensonii</i>	
	Moderator: Patr�cia D�vila	
	Reports of the countries of the areas of distribution	Reports of the countries of the areas of distribution
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:15 – 12:30	Reports of the Parties	Reports of the Parties
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 16:00	Session 2: Progress and activities to be carried out by Cop15 (Qatar 2010)	
	Moderator: Anne Saint John	
	Timber species: Annotations for the species included in Appendices II and III (Dec.14.148)	Timber species: Annotations for the species included in Appendices II and III (Dec.14.148)
	Problems associated with specific populations of timber species listed in Appendix-III	Problems associated with specific populations of timber species listed in Appendix-III
	Other decisions of the CoP on timber species addressing the Plants Committee: Decision 14.135 and Decision 14.150	Other decisions of the CoP on timber species addressing the Plants Committee: Decision 14.135 and Decision 14.150
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15 – 17:30	Organization of activities prior to PC18 y la COP 15. Future perspectives	
	Moderator: Francisco Garc�a	
	Drafting and discussion of recommendations and conclusions of the Mahogany Working Group and task list	Drafting and discussion of recommendations and conclusions of the Mahogany Working Group and task list
17:30 – 18:30	Closing Ceremony	
	Conclusions of the Meeting/Workshop and closing comments	Conclusions of the Meeting/Workshop and closing comments

Annex 2

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

	Participant	Institution	Position
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1.	Darrell Novello	Forestry Department of Belize	Head of Forestry Exploitation
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2.	Claudia Maria Correia de Mello	Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Natural Renewable Resources (IBAMA)	Environmental Analyst
3.	Humberto José Chaves	Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Natural Renewable Resources (IBAMA)	General Coordinator of Forestry Resources
4.	Ivan Tomaselli	STCP Engenharia de Projetos Ltda.	Director
5.	Sofia Hirakuri	STCP Engenharia de Projetos Ltda.	Technical Project Coordinator
COSTA RICA			
6.	Dora Ingrid Rivera	Plants Committee	Scientific Authority + Regional Representative PC
ECUADOR			
7.	Mariana Mites	Ecuadorean Museum of Natural Science, MECN and the <i>Armonía</i> Orchid Garden	Scientific Authority + Regional Representative PC
GUATEMALA			
8.	Carlos Estrada	National Council of Protected Areas (CONAP)	Scientific Authority, Director of Forestry Management
MEXICO			
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SPAIN			
29	Margarita África Clemente Muñoz	Department of Agricultural and Forestry Science and Resources- University of Córdoba	Scientific Authority Professor
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			
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