

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



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Proposals for Possible Consideration at CoP16

MADAGASCAR (DECISION 15.97)

1. This document has been prepared by the Nomenclature Specialist of the Plants Committee in consultation with Madagascar\*.

Decision 15.97

2. The fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 15.97 which states:

***Directed to Madagascar and to the Plants Committee***

- a) *Review and gather further information on the succulent taxa proposed for listing at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties but not adopted;*
- b) *Review and gather further information on species (including tree species) which would benefit from CITES listing;*
- c) *Identify mechanisms to help build capacity to carry out non-detriment findings for currently listed species; and,*
- d) *Report on their work at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and, if necessary, prepare proposals to amend the Appendices for submission at that meeting.*

Implementation for tree species

3. Subparagraph b) directs Madagascar and the Plants Committee to gather information on additional species which would benefit from CITES listing. To help facilitate this process in the selection of tree species for CITES listings a document (PC19 Doc.14.3) was submitted to the 19th meeting of the Plants Committee. This document brought together relevant data on species of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* likely to be endemic to the island of Madagascar.

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#### Madagascar Working Group at PC19

4. The Plants Committee established a working group at PC19 with Terms of Reference to:
  - a) Make use of the information contained in document PC19 Doc.14.3 when considering a mechanism to implement Decision 15.97;
  - b) Review the list to identify and confirm potential candidates for CITES listing;
  - c) Consider the issues of practical identification of the wood and their products in trade and identify priority areas for research on same;
  - d) Review at what taxonomic or other level the listings should be made to best assist implementation and enforcement;
  - e) Review what annotation should apply to CITES Appendix II listings to best assist implementation and enforcement;
  - f) Consider what identification material will be required to identify the woods and their products if regulated; and
  - g) Propose a work plan that will bring forward comprehensive proposals to list the selected taxa on the Appendices of the Convention in time for consideration by the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### PC19 Recommendations

5. The 19th meeting of the Plants Committee, based on the outcomes of the Madagascar Working Group made the following Recommendations
  - a) Madagascar and the Plants Committee should carry out a review, for consideration at its 20th meeting, of the trade and conservation status of the succulent species proposed for listing at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties but not agreed. This review should be coordinated by the Plants Committee representative for Europe (Mr Sajeva) and a representative of the CITES Authorities of Madagascar (Mr Aro Vonjy Ramarosandratana).
  - b) Species of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* endemic to Madagascar are a priority for inclusion in Appendix II of the Convention at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Madagascar and the Plants Committee should prepare appropriate proposals to amend the Appendices. Consideration should be given as to whether or not the proposal listing should include an annotation such as "*Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. endemic to or originating from the State of Madagascar". Consideration should also be given to what parts and derivatives should be regulated.
  - c) The Secretariat, interested Parties and observers (including ITTO) should urgently seek funds to support the preparation of such proposals (if necessary by a consultant), the research required to develop practical identification techniques and a species checklist to support any potential listings in Appendix II of the Convention.
  - d) Recommendations on identification techniques and draft proposals should be prepared for consideration at PC20. This work should be coordinated by the Plants Committee's nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough) and a representative of the CITES Authorities of Madagascar (Mr Aro Vonjy Ramarosandratana).
  - e) The Secretariat, interested Parties and observers (including ITTO) should urgently seek funds to support an in situ workshop, including field exercises, on non-detriment findings for succulent Malagasy plants and palms. Preparation for the workshop should include the development of a draft NDF manual and database for finalization and approval at the workshop.
  - f) Activities to be undertaken in Madagascar under Decision 15.97 should be considered as a country case study of CITES-related activities that support implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC). Furthermore, discussions should be held in conjunction with UNEP-WCMC and with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to secure GEF funds to

implement further compatible work in Madagascar and other priority African countries, particularly in relation to tree species.

#### Progress since PC19

6. A trade review of succulent species proposed for listing at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties but not agreed has been carried out. In addition, a trade review has been carried out of the succulent species that were listed at Cop15. In addition, following consultations with the CITES Secretariat, a range of Dalbergia species and Diospyros species have been listed by Madagascar on Appendix III of the Convention.
7. Madagascar is currently considering the preparation of proposals for submission at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
8. The CITES Secretariat carried out an ITTO funded mission in February 2012 to further elaborate work to be carried out towards appendix II listing of tree species and the results of this mission will be reported to PC20.

#### Request to the Plants Committee

9. The Plants Committee is asked to convene a working group (composed of Madagascar, the Secretariat, Committee members, and other Parties and observers as is termed appropriate) at its 20th meeting to:
  - a) Prepare/agree a work plan to facilitate the submission of proposals to the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
  - b) Identify issues relating to the identification of species that will need to be addressed to ensure that any potential listings can be adequately implemented and enforced
  - c) Identify sources and mechanisms that will fund and facilitate the release of funds to support the preparation of such proposals
  - d) Consider any other items that the Plants Committee consider apposite.