

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



Twentieth meeting of the Plants Committee
Dublin (Ireland), 22-30 March 2012

Proposals for possible consideration at CoP16

MADAGASCAR (DECISION 15.97)
(Agenda item 17.1.1)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-Chairs:	PC nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough) and the observer for Madagascar
Members:	Representative of Africa (Ms Khayota)
Parties:	Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and the United States of America
IGOs and NGOs:	INDENA, ITTO, IUCN, WWF

Mandate

1. Prepare a work plan to facilitate the submission of amendment proposals at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
2. Identify issues related to the identification of species that will need to be addressed to ensure that any potential listings can be adequately implemented and enforced;
3. Identify mechanisms to support the preparation of such amendment proposals; and
4. Consider any other items that if finds apposite.

Recommendations

With respect to listing of tree species on the Appendices

1. That the Plants Committee commend Madagascar on its significant progress on the implementation of Decision 15.97.
2. That Madagascar should continue to work with the Plants Committee on the completion of comprehensive listing proposals for *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. and these proposals should be annotated to apply only to "populations of Madagascar".
3. s the exports from Madagascar are confined to material such as logs and sawn wood, annotation #5 (logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets) would seem the most appropriate.
4. In parallel with the completion of listing proposals a document should be prepared for CoP16 which outlines a work programme (or implementation plan) for the ongoing preparation of identification tests,

guides, training courses and a user-friendly manual for enforcement officers in Madagascar and in importing countries. Interested Parties and Observers should assist and support Madagascar in the preparation of this document

5. That, although no formal consultation is required Madagascar should take advantage of relevant meetings (e.g. Standing Committee 62, planned meetings on precious wood trade and identification and tracking techniques) to inform and seek the views of interested Parties and other stakeholders, in particular major importer countries, on their proposals and plans for effective implementation.
6. That Madagascar should facilitate access to vouchered wood samples to support development of identification techniques, tests and guides.
7. Commend ITTO on their support of Madagascar to date and recommend that this continue and Parties facilitate this work by targeting funding of relevant projects to support actions 4-6 above.
8. As available, Parties should provide Madagascar with information on projects or programmes that have demonstrated successful community—based sustainable management.

With respect to listing of succulent species on the Appendices

1. That the Plants Committee commend Madagascar on the elaboration of the proposals included in documents PC20 Inf. 4 – 6.
2. That Madagascar should further elaborate, review and refine these proposals, in close co-operation with the Plants Committee, interested Parties, organisations and experts.
3. That the final proposals should take due account of identification issues, problems associated with lookalike taxa and preparation of identification materials.
4. Parties and interested observers facilitate this work by targeting funding of relevant projects to support these actions.
5. That the Secretariat continues to work with Madagascar to assist and build capacity for NDF-making and facilitates training of in-country Customs officials.

Work plan key milestones - tree species

Action	Key event	Milestone	Implemented by-
Liaison with key stakeholders	Chatham House, Precious Woods meeting, 23-24 April 2012, London	Madagascar representatives attend and consult	Madagascar, meeting organisers
Review current initiatives on Wood	Kuala Lumpur workshop, 15-17 May 2012	Review current methods of wood ID and tracking to assess “best fit “ with Madagascar’s needs	Madagascar and other partners such as ITTO
Document for SC62 outlining Madagascar’s plans	Document prepared and submitted to SC62 deadlines (May 24 for Agenda documents)	Document discussed at SC62 in July 2012	Madagascar and partners such as WWF
Review comments received at Standing Committee	Based on lessons learnt prepare briefing document for circulation to importing countries and other interested Parties and observers	Document circulated and comments received and reviewed by end August 2012	Madagascar and other partners such as ITTO

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Revision of <i>Dalbergia</i> and <i>Diosypros</i> proposal to generic listing restricted to populations of Madagascar with annotation #5 & draft implementation plan	Revised draft proposals (in the 3 working languages) for circulation to the Chair Plants Committee (PC) & interested Parties and Observers	End August 2012	Madagascar with assistance of PC & interested Parties and Observers
Revise proposal and submit with implementation plan document	Proposal submitted to deadline by government of Madagascar	Submitted by 4 October	Madagascar
Briefing other Parties	Provision of briefings and briefing documents to other Parties	Key Parties informed prior to pre CoP regional meetings to March 2013	Madagascar with assistance of interested Parties and Observers