

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

AGARWOOD
PC21 Doc. 14.1

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-Chairs:	acting representative of Asia (Ms. Al-Salem) and Indonesia (Mr. Prihadi);
Members:	representative of Oceania (Mr Leach), and the representative of Asia (Mr. Fernando);
Parties:	Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Poland, Switzerland, United States of America, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and
IGOs and NGOs:	ASGARIN, Swan International.

Mandate

Review and provide comments and recommendations to improve the Glossary of Agarwood Products presented in document PC21 Doc. 14.1.

Recommendations

1. The WG discussed PC21 Doc 4.1 and members made many suggestions to improve the clarity of CITES controlled Agarwood products. The WG agreed that these changes would be incorporated into a revised draft. Some of the suggested changes included:
 - Providing different terminology for different products across all countries;
 - Additional column for the CITES code;
 - Additional column to clearly identify exempted finish products;
 - Inclusion of clearer pictures and more information in the definitions column.
2. In response to concerns about the difficulty of distinguishing exhausted from non-exhausted powder, the acting regional representative of Asia offered to provide details of a chemical test being used by traders to distinguish exhausted from non-exhausted Agarwood powder.

3. The WG further agreed that this revised draft would be circulated to WG members intersessionally for input with comments to be received by mid-August 2014.
4. The WG recommended that the draft glossary be included in the agenda of the proposed Agarwood workshop in India in 2015 for further refinement by workshop participants.
5. The WG recommended that the glossary resulting from the India workshop be placed on the CITES website with a Notification to Parties seeking further comment. The glossary will be presented to PC22.
6. The WG also recommended that the workshop in India would benefit from participation by a representation of major importing Parties to ensure a balanced discussion and sharing of information on enforcement issues and interpretation of the glossary.