

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



Twenty-third meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 22 and 24-27 July 2017

Species specific matters

EAST AFRICAN SANDALWOOD (*OSYRIS LANCEOLATA*)
(agenda item 27)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-chairs: the representative of Africa (Ms. Koumba Pambo) and the alternate representative of Africa (Ms. Khayota);

Parties: Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: American Herbal Products Association and TRAFFIC.

Mandate

Draft a realistic work plan with appropriate milestones designed to carry out the mandate under Decision 16.153 (Rev. CoP17) intersessionally, including a process for gathering further information under part a) and for assessing data required under part b) of Decision 16.153 (Rev. CoP17); and to provide advice to the Secretariat on the consultative meeting described in part b) of Decision 16.154 (Rev. CoP17).

Recommendations

The working group:

1. agreed that an intersessional working group should be established by the Plants Committee;
2. proposed that the Secretariat send a Notification to the Parties inviting interested Parties and NGOs and IGOs to join this intersessional working group;
3. proposed, according to the mandate, a draft workplan for the implementation of Decision 16.153 (Rev. CoP17) on *East African Sandalwood* *Osyris lanceolata*, that was proposed by the alternate representative of Africa (provided electronically), which lays out a process for accomplishing the activities called for in this Decision if funds can be secured for organizing the consultative meeting called for in Decision 16.154 (Rev. CoP17);
4. recommended, in the event that financial resources are not available, to explore other options and initiatives, including but not limited to the use of existing tools to address this issue, for instance practical guidance on non-detriment findings for CITES-listed tree species, or organization of side-meetings during meetings on law enforcement capacity building, regional stakeholder meetings such as the East Africa Timber Trade Stakeholders' Forum, or regional meetings on illegal trade in CITES-listed species;
5. recommended the creation of a network of focal points from the species' range States (particularly the six range States subject to the CITES listing of this species) and to establish collaborative networks with importing countries and companies; and

6. requested that the Secretariat encourage Parties to submit by 31 October 2017 the annual illegal trade report called for in Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP17) on *National reports* following the guidance included in the Notification 2016/007 in order to get a better sense of the scope of the illegal trade in this species, and obtain important seizure data.

Workplan for Implementation of Decision 16.153(Rev CoP17) on East African Sandalwood *Osyris lanceolata*

It is important that the Secretariat convenes a workshop for all range States as requested in Decision 16.154(Rev CoP17) in effort to implement Decision 16.153(Rev. CoP17). At this forum, the East African Sandalwood issues in the region will be discussed, consolidated and outcome will inform the Work plan of the PC.

Implementation of Decision 16.154(Rev.CoP17) and related Decision (16.153(Rev.CoP17) will follow a similar approach as that related to the Decisions 17.250-17.252 on *Prunus africana* in Cameroon and 17.203-17.208 on *Diospyros/Dalbergia* spp.for Madagascar and lessons learnt in implementation thereof could be shared.

East African Sandalwood range States affected will make frequent progress reporting to the PC as per the would be agreed time plan.

The planned workshop will be an opportunity for the range States to receive training on NDF as part of capacity building actions envisaged in part c of the Decision 16.153 (Rev CoP17) and also in the Decision 17.32 on capacity building

During the workshop, Range States will work towards preparing a regional/country funding proposal(s)

Milestones to be achieved	Timelines	Responsibility	Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource mobilization towards holding regional consultative meeting to bring together Range States and Importing States (CITES MAs and SAs and Law Enforcement Authorities), CITES Secretariat, PC, IUCN, etc. 	By end of March 2018	PC, Secretariat	Resources made available to implement the Actions requested for in related Decision(s) of CoP17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding regional workshop 	June 2018	Africa regional reps to PC (Flore & Beatrice), PC, Secretariat	Tease out key issues and harmonised approach to regulated trade in East African Sandalwood <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop Output * NDF training * Proposal writing * NDF data gathering and analysis (by Range states and experts?) 		PC, Secretariat	Capacity for Parties to undertake NDF's enhanced
		Range States	Access to resources for NDF work enhanced
		Range States	Best available scientific information of the species generated and made available for decision -making
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing collaborative networks with importers/companies 		Range States, Importing States	Increased cooperation in regulation of trade and control of illegal trade in <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options for domestication 		Range States	Mechanisms for species recovery and sustainable trade explored
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work plan implementation, monitoring and reporting to PC 	July 2017- Sep 2019	Range States, PC, Secretariat	Reporting by Parties to Secretariat, PC and CoP18 on status of conservation of and trade in <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>