

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.