

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



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Species specific matters

Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* spp.)

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following Decisions on *Agarwood-producing taxa* (*Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* spp.):

Directed to the Secretariat in collaboration with the Plants Committee

17.194 *Range, transit, consumer, and producer Parties of agarwood products are invited to compile and publish identification manuals on agarwood products, taking into consideration the updated version of the Glossary provided in the Annex to document PC22 Doc.17.5.3, and any further updated version, if appropriate. They are encouraged to distribute these identification manuals as training material to management and enforcement officials.*

Directed to the Secretariat

17.197 *Subject to external funding, the Secretariat, in cooperation with agarwood range States and the Plants Committee, shall organize a regional work shop to: continue the work of the Asian Regional Workshop on the Management of Wild and Planted Agarwood Taxa, hosted by the Government of India in Guwahati, Assam, India, from 19 to 23 January 2015 with an emphasis on how range States can cooperate to ensure the long-term survival of agarwood-producing species in the wild through agarwood plantation programmes that integrate forest recovery programmes; and strengthen the agarwood network for sharing information on planting stocks, management, technologies, harvest and trade.*

- 1 7.198 *The Secretariat will report to the Plants Committee meeting on the implementation of Decisions 17.194 and 17.197 prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES.*

Directed to the Plants Committee

17.199 *The Plants Committee will consider the report of the Secretariat submitted in accordance with Decision 17.198 and report accordingly to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

Implementation of Decisions 17.194 and 17.197

3. At the time of writing this document (May 2017), the Secretariat was in the process of publishing a Notification to the Parties to invite them to compile and publish identification manuals on agarwood products, taking into consideration the updated version of the Glossary provided in the Annex to document [PC22 Doc.17.5.3](#). The Secretariat will provide at PC23 an oral update on the implementation of Decision 17.194.

4. Regarding implementation of Decision 17.197, the Secretariat is working to identify donors that might be interested in contributing to the organization of a regional workshop to build on the outputs of the Asian Regional Workshop on the Management of Wild and Planted Agarwood Taxa, hosted by the Government of India in Guwahati, Assam, India, from 19 to 23 January 2015. However, the necessary resources have not yet been secured. It is estimated that the implementation of Decision 17.197 could cost anywhere between 100,000 and 120,000 USD. In this regard, donor Parties and stakeholders are invited to contribute the requisite financial support.

Recommendations

5. The Plants Committee is invited to:
 - a) note this report; and
 - b) assist the Secretariat in identifying potential funding sources for implementing Decision 17.197.