

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



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Species specific matters

AFRICAN CHERRY (*PRUNUS AFRICANA*)

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 *African cherry* (*Prunus africana*):

Directed to the Secretariat

17.250 *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *organize, subject to available resources, an International Workshop on the sustainable use and the control of international trade in *Prunus africana* with the participation of all relevant Parties, including exporting and importing countries, forestry experts and stakeholders with a view to producing recommendations, among others, on methodologies to be used for inventories (including regarding the sampling design and the inventory data set), sustainable harvesting techniques, monitoring and traceability systems, and perspectives in terms of developing plantations or agroforestry systems as a possible complementary mean of producing bark of *Prunus africana* in a sustainable manner, as well as any other relevant issues;*
- b) *seek external funding, in particular from interested Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the International Tropical Timber Organization; in order to organize the International Workshop as called for under paragraph a); and*
- c) *report to the Plants Committee at its 24th meeting about the recommendations made by the International Workshop for consideration and advice to the range States of *Prunus africana*.*

Directed to exporting and importing Parties of African cherry (*Prunus africana*)

17.251 *Exporting and importing Parties of *Prunus africana* shall cooperate with the Secretariat in the organization of the International Workshop by providing expertise, among others, on methodologies to be used for inventories, sustainable harvesting techniques, monitoring and traceability systems, perspectives in terms of developing plantations or agroforestry systems and funding on a voluntary basis.*

Directed to the Plants Committee

17.252 *The Plants Committee shall:*

- a) *cooperate with the Secretariat with regard to the organization of the International Workshop;*
 - b) *review the recommendations from the International Workshop for consideration and advice to the range States of Prunus africana; and*
 - c) *submit a report and provide recommendations to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, and report to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*
3. Decisions 17.250 to 17.252 emanated from discussions on document [CoP17 Doc. 67](#) on *Harvesting of and trade in Prunus africana*. The comments from the Secretariat in that document highlighted that it was important for the proposed workshop to take into consideration the recommendations formulated by the Plants Committee at its 23th meeting in the context of the Review of Significant Trade in this species in order to avoid creating parallel or duplicative processes.
4. The Secretariat is working to identify donors that might be interested in contributing to the organization of the *International Workshop on the sustainable use and the control of international trade in Prunus africana*. However, the necessary resources have not yet been secured. It is estimated that the implementation of Decision 17.250 could cost between 100,000 and 120,000 USD.

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 17.250.