

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



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Species specific matters

EAST AFRICAN SANDALWOOD (*OSYRIS LANCEOLATA*)

1. This document has been submitted by the Chair of the Plants Committee*.
2. In consideration of extending Decisions 16.153 and 16.154 regarding East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*), the 17th Conference of the Parties adopted the following revised Decision:

Decision 16.153 (Rev. CoP17)

Directed to the Plants Committee and the Eastern African range States for *Osyris* species

*The Plants Committee and Eastern African range States of *Osyris* species shall:*

- a) *review and gather further information on the conservation status of, trade in and use of *Osyris* species and look-alike species and, assess their impact in the conservation status of *Osyris lanceolata*;*
- b) *assess the data required to make non-detriment findings following the existing guidance;*
- c) *identify mechanisms to help build capacity to carry out non-detriment findings for currently-listed populations;*
- d) *report to the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee on the outcomes and recommendations of the work shop organized under Decision 16.154 (Rev. CoP17) b); and*
- e) *report on their work at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

Decision 16.154 (Rev. CoP17)

- a) *The Secretariat shall assist in obtaining external funding for the implementation of Decision 16.153 (Rev. CoP17); and*
- b) *Subject to the availability of funding, the Secretariat shall organize a consultative meeting of *Osyris lanceolata* range States to bring together relevant representatives of CITES Management Authorities and Scientific Authorities to share and exchange data, information, intelligence and law enforcement measures, in combating illegal trade in the species.*

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Recommendation

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