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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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PC23 Working Group on "Rosewood Timber Species: Implementation of Decision 17.234 (agenda item 22)"

Possible recommendations related to section "3" of its mandate

1. ~~Directed to Recommendation to~~ the Secretariat
~~17.x1 The Secretariat shall~~ (subject to external funding):
 - a) contract independent consultants to undertake a study:
 - i) compiling available data and information, and identifying information gaps, on the biology, population status, management, use and trade in rosewood timber species currently listed under the Appendices, as well as those that are not included in the Appendices to the Convention, in particular those species that are highly sought after for the timber trade, such as certain species of the genera *Pterocarpus*, *Millettia* and *Cassia* as well as other genera as relevant (see document PC23 Doc. 22.1 for full reference on rosewood listed and non-listed species);
 - ii) assessing the effects of international trade on wild populations of rosewood timber species that are currently listed under the Appendices, as well as those not included in the Appendices to the Convention;
 - iii) assessing the potential benefits of the inclusion of non-listed timber~~these~~ species of rosewood in the Appendices to the Convention;
 - iv) assessing the enforcement and identification challenges that are posed by the listings of rosewood timber species that are presently included in the Appendices to the Convention, and the potential benefits of the inclusion of additional species in the Appendices to the Convention;
 - v) providing conclusions and recommendations regarding:
 - a. whether certain rosewood timber species or genera that are not included in the Appendices to the Convention meet the criteria for inclusion in the Appendices;
 - b. whether the inclusion of these species would present an added value for their conservation;
 - c. whether the inclusion of these species, including at genus level, would present an added value to address the enforcement and identification challenges that are posed by the listings of the rosewood timber species that are presently included in the Appendices to the Convention;
 - b) make the report of the study (or its progress) available to the ~~234th~~ meeting of the Plants Committee (PC2~~43~~) for its consideration;
 - c) issue a Notification seeking expressions of interest and contributions from Parties, in particular exporting, re-exporting and importing countries, to provide the Secretariat and their consultants with information needed for the purposes of completing ~~Decision 17.x1 a) Recommendation 1 a)~~ and experts contacts regarding international trade in rosewood timber;

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- d) organize, where appropriate, international workshops, inviting cooperation with and participation by relevant range States, trading countries, international organizations, industry representatives and other experts, with a view to presenting and discussing the results and recommendations of the study as referred to under Recommendation 1 a) and, if available, the recommendations of the Plants Committee as referred to under b);
- e) make any workshop report available to the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC24) for its consideration.

2. Recommendation to Directed to the Parties

~~17.x2~~ The Parties involved in international trade in rosewood timber species are encouraged to:

- a) provide the Secretariat and their consultants with information needed for the purposes of completing ~~Decision Recommendation 1 a) 17.x1 a)~~;
- b) participate, where appropriate, in the international workshops as referred to under ~~Decision Recommendation 1 b) 17.x1 b)~~, and share their advice on the results and recommendations of the study as referred to under ~~Decision Recommendation 1 a) 17.x1 a)~~;
- c) liaise with governments, inter-governmental organizations, international aid agencies, the private sector and non-governmental organizations to share information and encourage the provision of funds to support the work to be carried out by the consultants as referred to under ~~Decision 17.x1 a) Recommendation 1 a)~~ and enable the implementation of international workshops as referred to under ~~Decision Recommendation 1 c) 17.x1 c)~~.

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3. Directed Recommendation to the Plants Committee

~~17.x3~~ The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider, at its ~~243~~²⁴rd and ~~245~~²⁵th meetings, the study referred to under ~~Decision 17.x1 a) Recommendation 1 a)~~ and the workshop reports referred to under ~~Decision 17.x1 d) Recommendation 1 d)~~, and any other relevant information on international trade in rosewood timber;
- b) provide, for consideration by the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, its conclusions and recommendations regarding:
 - i) whether certain rosewood timber species that are not included in the Appendices to the Convention meet the criteria for inclusion in the Appendices;
 - ii) whether such potential inclusion would present an added value to address the enforcement and identification challenges that are posed by the listings of rosewood timber species that are presently included in the Appendices to the Convention;
 - iii) whether such potential inclusion would present an added value for the conservation of these species.

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