

PC24 side-events

Monday, 23 July

The Global Timber Tracking Network (GTTN)

12:30 - 13:55 / Room 13 - Level 2

Join the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Secretariat of the GTTN for a presentation of the GTTN's work and how it can assist CITES Parties and stakeholders in implementing CITES Timber listings.

Tuesday, 24 July

CITES and certification of medicinal and aromatic plants

12:30 - 14:00 / Room 5 - Level 3

Voluntary standard systems and certification schemes that verify the sustainability of harvesting practices on the ground using rigorous methodology can play a complementary role in enabling the implementation of CITES requirements. In particular, the conduct of Non-Detriment Findings, demonstration of full traceability of ingredients in trade, or alleviations of country trade bans for sustainably operating producers may pose potentials of meaningful utilisation of certifications. The event will present the most up-to-date trade data on wild-harvested CITES Appendix-II listed medicinal and aromatic plant species (including *Prunus africana*, *Euphorbia antisyphilitica*, *Nardostachys grandiflora*, *Osyris lanceolata*), set out the context in which voluntary certification can play an important role in safeguarding the plant resources and improving trade practices, and outline how a selection of voluntary standards compare against the appropriate NDF requirements. It will open the floor for discussion, focussing on whether certification can provide such supporting role to CITES Management and Scientific Authorities in implementation CITES provisions, what are the costs and benefits of certification, and what relevant factors there are to determine whether particular wild-harvested species are particularly suitable to the application of voluntary standard systems.

Wednesday, 25 July

CITES implementation regarding medicinal plant species

12:30 - 13:55 / Room 7 - Level 2

Side-event relating to Agenda item PC24 Doc.20 and inf.doc. on medicinal plant species (Organized by Martin HITZIGER, CITES)