

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



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Plants Committee
Online, 2-4, 21 and 23 June 2021

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

ADDENDUM TO ANNOTATION #15

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat in collaboration with the regional representative of Oceania (Mr. Damian Wrigley), as co-lead on Decision 18.321 on *Annotation #15*.

Progress since May 2020

2. Following the postponement due to the COVID-19 pandemic of the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC25), scheduled to take place from 17 to 23 July 2020, the Committee took a number of intersessional decisions (see Notification no. 2020/056 of 21 September 2020), including the approval of its workplan for 2020-2022 as outlined in document PC25 Doc. 7.2. Through its workplan, the Plants Committee agreed on the leads for the implementation of Decision 18.321 as follows: Rosemarie Gnam, representative of North America, and PC Vice-Chair; Ursula Moser, representative of Europe; and Damian Wrigley, representative of Oceania.
3. Concerning paragraph a) of Decision 18.321 regarding a study to assess the effects on *Dalbergia/Guibourtia* species in international trade of the exemption contained in annotation #15 for finished musical instruments, parts and accessories, and the conservation implications thereof, the Secretariat received an expression of interest from a potential donor to contribute USD 5,000 to the study, which could allow initial 'desk' research to commence. The Secretariat will continue to explore potential sources of additional funding to undertake the full study.
4. Concerning paragraph b) of Decision 18.321, on 13 January 2021 the Secretariat published information document PC25 Inf. 12 on *Annotation #15 – Responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2020/033*. The information document presents a summary of the responses received and could serve as reference in the implementation of the study called for under paragraph a) of Decision 18.321.
5. In view of the difficulties it experienced to date in implementing Decision 18.321, the Secretariat intends to report to the Standing Committee that an extension of the mandates in Decisions 18.321 and 18.322 until CoP20 seems warranted.

Revised recommendations

6. The Plants Committee is invited to:
 - a) take note of document PC25 Doc. 36 and the progress reported in the present addendum; and
 - b) take note of the Secretariat's reporting to the Standing Committee, as outlined in paragraph 5.