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INCLUSION OF *PTEROCARPUS ERINACEUS* FROM ALL RANGE STATES  
IN THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

This document has been submitted by the Secretariat on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) in relation to agenda item 15.5.<sup>1</sup>

### Introduction

This information document provides an update to the report on *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from all range States included in the Annex to PC25. Doc. 15.5. Since the report was finalized (September 2020), additional trade data has been received from Parties and incorporated into the CITES Trade Database. Table 1 (page 3) provides an update on direct exports of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from range States 2016-2019.

### Recommendations related to Article IV

Based on these updates, one amendment to the provisional categorizations outlined in Annex 1 to PC25. Doc. 15.5. in accordance with paragraph 1 e) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on the *Review of Significant Trade* is suggested.

Trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Burkina Faso was far more substantial than outlined in Annex 1 to PC25. Doc. 15.5, with Burkina Faso reporting the export of 25,576 m<sup>3</sup> wild-sourced logs in 2017. In the absence of any information on non-detriment findings and noting China's intervention in the plenary session of PC25, that recent import applications had been received for trade from the country, UNEP-WCMC recommends re-categorization of the country from 'Less concern' to 'Action is Needed'.

It is also noted that Benin provided information in Annex 4 and 5 of the Addendum to PC25 Doc. 15.5 which indicated that ten permits were issued for trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus* on 29 January 2018. No exports should have taken place in 2018 in accordance with Benin's national regulation, and no trade was reported in Benin's 2018 annual report to CITES. In the absence of any information on non-detriment findings for trade in 2018, it is suggested that Benin is retained as 'Action is Needed'.

### Recommendations not related to Article IV

As outlined in Annex 1 to PC25. Doc. 15.5, UNEP-WCMC supports referral of range States to the Standing Committee on the basis of illegal trade concerns. We also recommend that Gambia is referred to the Standing Committee given large discrepancies in the volumes trade reported by the country and by importers as evident in the CITES Trade Database (see Table 1). Mali are also encouraged to provide the source and purpose of trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus* in writing to the Secretariat for appropriate amendment of the CITES Trade Database.

As an update to the information provided in the document on non-submission of annual reports, Central

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African Republic has now submitted all outstanding annual reports, however Liberia and Chad have now not submitted annual reports for the past three years (2017-2019).

Given that robust scientifically based non-detriment findings do not appear to have been made by any range State for international trade in this species, we recommend that:

- further guidance and capacity building in relation to timber non-detriment findings is required across the species range,
- zero export quotas should be established where domestic legislation prohibits exports and shared with the CITES Secretariat for publication on the CITES website,
- key importing Parties further support range States to ensure trade is sustainable and legal,
- and as a safeguard to future trade, it may be appropriate for the Standing Committee to consider whether no exports from any range State should take place unless a scientifically robust non-detriment finding has been submitted to the Secretariat and the PC Chair for their consideration and approval, given the widespread and pervasive issue of illegal trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus*.

**Table 1:** Direct exports of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from range States 2016-2019. Quantities have been rounded to whole numbers, where appropriate. Annual reports that have not yet been received by range States are denoted by hyphens where applicable in each year column.

Exporter	Term	Unit	Purpose	Source	Reported	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total	
Benin	logs	m <sup>3</sup>	T	O	Exporter		-				
					Importer			325		325	
					W	Exporter		-			
						Importer		19962	99		20061
	sawn wood	kg	T	W	Exporter		-				
					Importer		18			18	
		m <sup>3</sup>	T	O	Exporter		-				
					Importer		290	4140		4430	
					W	Exporter		-			
						Importer		16200	4746		20946
timber	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter		-					
				Importer		1624			1624		
Burkina Faso	logs	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter		25576	-	-	25576	
					Importer		68	136		204	
Gambia	logs	kg	T	W	Exporter						
					Importer		45000			45000	
		m <sup>3</sup>	T	O	Exporter					0	
					Importer		17	540		557	
					W	Exporter					
						Importer		72315	131536	18003	63957
			T	W	Exporter					0	
					Importer		68			68	
	sawn wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter						
					Importer		1030	3335	3504	10616	18485
timber	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter		1685	751		278	2714	
				Importer							
wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter							
				Importer					20	20	
Ghana	logs	m <sup>3</sup>	T	A	Exporter	-	127			127	
					Importer						
				O	Exporter	-					
					Importer		17			17	
				W	Exporter	-	77835	76451		154286	
					Importer		46428	93198	94456	97163	331245

Exporter	Term	Unit	Purpose	Source	Reported	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total	
	sawn wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter	-			113253	113253	
					Importer	277	1775	9304	23620	34975	
		-	T	W	Exporter	-					
					Importer		13709	20		13729	
	timber	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter	-					
					Importer		249			249	
	wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter	-					
					Importer				159	159	
Guinea-Bissau	logs	m <sup>3</sup>	T	O	Exporter			24339		24339	
					Importer			11902	9868	21770	
					W	Exporter					
						Importer			519	1055	1574
	sawn wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	O	Exporter						
					Importer				195	195	
Mali	logs	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter						
					Importer		50083	45120	64995	160198	
	sawn wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter						
					Importer		2029		3098	5127	
					-	Exporter			25748	79300	105048
						Importer					
Nigeria	derivatives	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter		-		-		
					Importer			272		272	
	logs	kg	T	W	Exporter			-	-		
					Importer	2267850	2427750	4486850		9182450	
		m <sup>2</sup>	T	W	Exporter			-	-		
					Importer		252			252	
		m <sup>3</sup>	T	A	Exporter			-	-		
					Importer		204			204	
					O	Exporter			-	-	
						Importer	16	183			199
					W	Exporter			-	-	
						Importer	50798	472286	317588	5622	846294
			T	W	Exporter			-	-		
					Importer		17			17	
sawn wood	kg	T	W	Exporter			-	-			
				Importer	434000	228000	1221500		1883500		
	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter	233744			-	233744		

Exporter	Term	Unit	Purpose	Source	Reported	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
					Importer	3216	30529	55152	5522	94418
				-	Exporter		-	251249	-	251249
					Importer					
	timber	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter		-		-	
					Importer		316		40	356
	wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter		-		-	
					Importer		15415	15766		31180
Senegal	bark	kg	S	W	Exporter		-		-	
					Importer					
	carvings	-	T	W	Exporter		-		-	
					Importer		3500			3500
	flowers	kg	S	W	Exporter		-		-	
					Importer					
		-	S	W	Exporter		-	438	-	438
					Importer					
	leaves	kg	S	W	Exporter		-		-	
					Importer					
		-	S	W	Exporter		-	5	-	5
					Importer					
	logs	-	S	W	Exporter		-	3	-	3
					Importer					
	wood	-	P	W	Exporter		-	1	-	1
					Importer					
Sierra Leone	logs	kg	T	W	Exporter				-	
					Importer			2877500		2877500
		m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter				-	
					Importer	17557	55119	130472	169791	372939
	sawn wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter	3906	45050	118388	-	167344
					Importer	527	2666	17	23	3233
	timber	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter				-	
					Importer		51		1752	1803
	wood	m <sup>3</sup>	T	W	Exporter				-	
					Importer			1847		1847

Source: CITES Trade Database, UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge, UK, downloaded on 01/06/2021.