

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

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

AGARWOOD-PRODUCING TAXA (AQUILARIA SPP. AND GYRINOPS SPP.)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Members: representative for Asia (Ms. Atikah), alternate representative for Asia (Ms. Zeng) (Chair);
- Parties: Cambodia, Canada, China, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and
- Observers: United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre; International Tropical Timber Organization, Humane Society International, International Federation for Essential Oils and Aroma Trades, and World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate

The in-session working group shall:

- a) formulate recommendations regarding potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*, as well as the Agarwood glossary and the Agarwood NDF guidance; and
- b) report its recommendations to the Committee

Recommendations

The working group recommends that the Plants Committee agree to:

1. postpone the consideration on the potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa* for the next intersessional period;
2. postpone the consideration on the potential revisions to Agarwood glossary and the Agarwood NDF guidance for the next intersessional period;
3. note that, in cooperation with the CITES Secretariat, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) is in the process of implementing an agarwood study that could address some of the working group's concerns regarding agarwood producing methodologies and the use of different source codes under different management scenarios;
4. invite Range States to consider contributing to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2020–2030), as part of global landscape restoration and species recovery of respective range States;
5. note the needs for identification materials and the need for capacity-building and guidance on legal acquisition findings, including on the chain of custody, with regard to specimens of agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp); and

6. submit the following draft decision for consideration at CoP19:

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

19.AA The Plants Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat

- a) consider potential revisions to Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa*, taking into account other relevant Resolutions, including Resolution Conf. 10.13 on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species*, as appropriate;
- b) formulate any appropriate recommendations regarding the Agarwood glossary and the Agarwood NDF guidance; and
- c) make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.