

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



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

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Members: representative for Africa (Mr. Mahamane), representative for North America (Ms. Gnam) (Chair);

Parties: Austria, Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, China, Germany, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre; Center for International Environmental Law, Environmental Investigation Agency USA, Forest Trends, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, and World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate

The in-session working group shall:

- a) consider document PC25 Doc. 15.5 and its Annex "Report of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* in all range States", and the addendum; and
- b) decide which, if any, *Pterocarpus erinaceus*/country combination should be included in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade process.

Recommendations

Concerning agenda item 15.5, and in accordance with the selection of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from all range States as an exceptional case under Stage 1 of the Review of Significant Trade process [Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), paragraph 1 c)], the working group recommends that the Plants Committee agree:

- a) to categorise the following *Pterocarpus erinaceus*/country combinations as '**action is needed**', and therefore included in Stage 2 of the Review of Significant Trade (RST) process:

Species	Country	Justification
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Benin	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Burkina Faso	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1. Changed from less concern to action is needed based on the information presented in PC25 Inf. 21.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Gambia	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ghana	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.

<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Guinea Bissau	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Mali	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Nigeria	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Sierra Leone	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.

b) to categorise the following *Pterocarpus erinaceus*/country combinations as 'less concern'.

Species	Country	Justification
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Cameroon	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Central African Republic	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Chad	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1. The working group further noted that Chad is not a range State of <i>P. erinaceus</i> .
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Côte d'Ivoire	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Guinea	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Liberia	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1. The working group further noted that Liberia is not a range State of <i>P. erinaceus</i> .
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Niger	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Senegal	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.
<i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Togo	See Table 1.2 in PC25 Doc. 15.5 Annex 1.

- c) to refer all *Pterocarpus erinaceus* range States (which does not include ~~Chad and~~ Liberia, see table above) to the Standing Committee for further consideration under Decision 18.92, based on documented, widespread and pervasive illegal trade.
- d) agree that the indicative timeline and procedure for the *Pterocarpus erinaceus*/range States selected for inclusion in Stage 2 of the RST process as shown in the table below. Recognizing the urgency of the matter, this includes an agreement for the Plants Committee to proceed via intersessional decision-making, in accordance with Rule 19 of its Rules of Procedure, once the relevant consultations with range States have taken place and the report to be commissioned by the Secretariat is available:

Indicative timeline

Date or meeting	Stage (Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18))	Activity* *Paraphrased from Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18)
23 June 2021 (PC25 Plenary).	Stage 1 (paragraph 1 c), exceptional case)	Plants Committee selects Stage 2 range States.
No later than 23 July 2021.	Stage 2 (paragraph 1 d i))	Secretariat notifies selected range States.
No later than 23 September 2021.	Stage 2 (paragraph 1d i))	Range States respond to Secretariat concerning scientific basis of exports from their country.
From 23 July 2021 to a deadline agreed by inter-sessional decision-making procedure (Rule 19 of the <i>Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Plants Committee</i>), since this relates to an exceptional case under the RST process.	Stage 2 (paragraph 1 d ii), and 1 f))	Secretariat commissions consultants to update the report on <i>P. erinaceus</i> , based on range States additional information, as it becomes available, and within the deadlines established in the step above, and submits it for consideration of the Plants Committee, to initiate Stage 3 of the process.

- e) strongly encourage those range States which may be removed from the RST process at this stage to publish their zero quotas, harvest or trade ban information on the CITES website, as recommended in Resolution Conf 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Permits and certificates* and as recommended in Resolution Conf. 14.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Management of national export quotas*.
- f) recommend that, should trade resume, any change to this quota should be communicated by the range State to the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee along with a justification (such as the basis for their non-detriment finding), as recommended in Resolution Conf. 14.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Management of national export quotas*.