

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



Sixty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFTERNOON

48. Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and Malagasy rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

48.1 Report of the Secretariat SC65 Doc. 48.1

and

48.2 Action plan of Madagascar SC65 Doc. 48.2

The Committee noted the reports from the Secretariat and Madagascar on progress made on the implementation of paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Action Plan that accompanies Decision 16.152 on *Malagasy ebonies* (*Diospyros* spp.) and *Malagasy rosewoods* (*Dalbergia* spp.).

The Committee agreed to:

- a) ask Madagascar to continue working and present a stockpile audit and use plan at the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC66, August 2015);
- b) request Madagascar to significantly increase the enforcement actions at a national level and to strengthen their enforcement cooperation at the international level.
- c) request Madagascar to consider as a matter of urgency the offer from the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and to deploy a Wildlife Incident Support Team (WIST);
- d) encourage Madagascar to make use of the ICWC Wildlife and forest crime analytic toolkit to assist it in undertaking a national assessment of its current enforcement resources and efforts;
- e) note the preliminary checklist of *Dalbergia* species from Madagascar, presented as information document SC65 Inf. 21 by the Nomenclature Specialist of the Plants Committee and, encourage Parties to use it as a provisional reference;
- f) encourage Parties to remain vigilant in detecting illegal shipments of CITES-listed timber species coming from Madagascar, taking into account the zero export quota;
- g) encourage Parties that are possible destinations or transit countries for shipments of Malagasy ebonies, palisanders and rosewoods and, that have not yet done so, to incorporate the CoP16 amendments to the Appendices into their national legislation as soon as possible, and to identify any other legislative authority that might be used in the interim to support appropriate law enforcement actions in case of the discovery of shipments without CITES permits;

- h) request that the Secretariat continue its collaborative efforts with the government of Madagascar and organizations that work on elements of the action plan on *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* from Madagascar and that it reports back on its findings to the SC66;
- i) request Madagascar to extend the zero export quota until SC66;
- j) request Madagascar to submit a use plan by 31 December 2014 for consideration of the Committee by postal procedure; and
- k) in the case that Madagascar does not communicate to the Secretariat the extension of the zero export quota by the 10 August 2014 (quota valid until the 11 August), recommend that all Parties suspend trade in specimens of the species *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* from Madagascar, to be reviewed at SC66.

Finally, the Committee agreed that if Madagascar does not make significant progress on the points above by the time of the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee, the Committee may consider compliance measures at that meeting.

26. Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

26.2 Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade: Report of the Animals and Plants Committees..... No document

The Committee noted an oral report from the chair of the Animals Committee on progress with the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade being undertaken in accordance with Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP14) and that the Advisory Working Group for the evaluation would be addressing the situation where reviews are concluded merely by the establishment of a zero export quota rather than by implementation of the recommendations of the Animals or Plants Committees.

43. Rhinoceroses

43.1 Report of the working group SC65 Doc. 43.1

and

43.2 Report of the Secretariat SC65 Doc. 43.2

The Committee noted the reports of the Working Group on Rhinoceroses and the Secretariat and established an in-session working group on rhinoceroses to develop a consolidated list of recommendations, to be Chaired by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as current Chair of the intersessional working group on rhinoceroses and including China, Indonesia, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, United States of America, Uganda, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe, the European Union, ITC, UNODC, Annamiticus, Animal Welfare Institute, Asiatic, Conservation Force, Elephant Action League, Environment Investigation Agency (US), Humane Society International, IUCN, Natural Resources Defense Council, Safari Club International, Safari Club International Foundation, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF and the Zoological Society of London.

27. Enforcement matters

27.1 Report of the Secretariat SC65 Doc. 27.1

The Committee noted the oral update provided by the Secretariat and established an intersessional working group on pangolins and an intersessional working group on enforcement to cover other matters within document SC65 Doc. 27.1. The working group on pangolins will meet in-session to develop a mandate for its intersessional work. It will be chaired by the European Union and include Cameroon, China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Namibia, the Philippines, South Africa, Uganda, the United States of America, Zimbabwe, European Union, Annamiticus, Animal Welfare Institute, Born Free Foundation, Chinese Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Conservation International, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, IUCN, Lewis and Clark College, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, Wildlife Protection Society of India, WWF and the Zoological Society of London.

The working group on enforcement will be chaired by the United States and include Indonesia, South Africa, Animal Welfare Institute, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, IUCN, Lewis and Clark College, Natural Resources Defense Council, Species Survival Network and WWF.

The Committee noted the oral report of the Bahamas referring to document SC65 Inf. 4, *Report on the smuggling of Bahamian rock iguanas*, and the request to look into the issues raised in the document. The Committee endorsed the offer of the United States to form a contact group to engage in these discussions, and to report its findings and recommendations at SC66.