

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

CONSOLIDATED RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS 46.1 AND 46.2

The Committee noted documents SC66 Doc. 46.1 and, SC66 Doc. 46.2. The Committee adopted the recommendations by the Secretariat presented in document SC66. Doc. 46.1 paragraph 44 with the amendments proposed by the European Union. The final adopted text reads as follows:

The Standing Committee:

- a) recommend that all Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar until:
 - i) Madagascar submits a report to the Secretariat by 25th July 2016, demonstrating that the country has significantly increased enforcement actions at the national level. Madagascar should in particular report about seizures, prosecutions and sanctions, in line with point 5 of the action plan adopted at CoP16 and recommendations b) and c) adopted during SC65, as well as implementation of the recommendations of the WIST mission presented in paragraphs 11 and 12 of SC66 Doc. 46.1.
 - ii) the Secretariat assess the report by Madagascar and evaluate in particular how the actions implemented by Madagascar fulfil the requirements presented under point 5 of the action plan adopted at CoP16 and recommendations b) and c) adopted during SC65.
 - iii) the Secretariat shares its assessment of Madagascar's report with the Standing Committee at SC67; and
 - iv) the CITES Standing Committee has approved the results of a stockpile audit and use plan to determine what components of the *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. stockpiles have been legally accumulated and can be legally exported;
- b) advise Madagascar that, if it does not make significant progress by the 67th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC67) in implementing the actions outlined in paragraph a), it will consider additional compliance measures, which may include a recommendation to all Parties to suspend commercial trade in specimens of all CITES-listed species from Madagascar;
- c) draw the attention of Madagascar and relevant Parties to the options outlined in paragraph 35 of document SC66 Doc. 46.1 concerning the disposal of seized illegal consignments of timber from Madagascar, and particularly option a) in paragraph 35;
- d) encourage interested Parties to organize an international workshop on rosewood and palisanders and CITES in order to strengthen the global implementation of the Convention for trade in *Dalbergia* spp.; and

- e) request the Secretariat to submit a revised version of Decision 16.152 or a new set of Decisions for consideration at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure effective implementation of the Convention for trade in Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.), and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.).