

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



Seventieth meeting of the Standing Committee
Rosa Khutor, Sochi (Russian Federation), 1-5 October 2018

APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII IN NIGERIA

Recommendations

The working group was requested to discuss amendments to recommendations contained in subparagraphs a), c), m), p) of paragraph 52 of document SC70 Doc. 27.3.5.

The working group agreed to maintain the current versions of recommendations a) and c), as follows:

1. *Regarding management of trade in specimens of Pterocarpus erinaceus*

- a) Parties shall suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Nigeria until the Party makes scientifically based non-detriment findings for trade in the species in the country to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee.
- c) The Standing Committee invites the importing Parties to share with the Secretariat the administrative, legislative and enforcement arrangements put in place to ensure that trade in specimens of this species only takes place when Parties are satisfied that it is in line with the requirements of the Convention, including any relevant stricter domestic measure to verify legality and ensure sustainability; and encourages those Parties to consider inviting the Secretariat to conduct technical missions in order to strengthen cooperation between range States and importing countries and identify further recommendations to ensure that timber trade is conducted in accordance with the Convention.

The working group agreed to amend recommendations m) and p) as follows:

3. *Regarding issuance of export permits and information systems*

- m) Nigeria shall ensure that export permits and re-export certificates be endorsed, with quantity, signature and stamp, by an inspecting official, such as customs wood grading and inspectorate unit, instead of the CITES Management Authority, in the export endorsement block of the document.

4. *Handling and disposal of seized stockpiles*

- p) The Standing Committee recommends that Nigeria report to the Secretariat on progress made on the implementation of recommendations e) through o) by 31 December 2019, in order for the Secretariat to convey this report and its comments as well as recommended follow up measures in case of continued non-compliance to the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee.