

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

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DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PARTIES

The following draft decisions have been prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to Committee I's deliberations on the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group (agenda item 39).

13.xx The Bigleaf Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) Working Group shall continue its work under the Plants Committee. The Working Group shall primarily comprise the range States of the species, the principal importing countries and at least one member of the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Parties

13.xx The countries belonging to the Working Group shall attempt to ensure the presence of their representatives at the meetings of the Group.

13.xx The range States of *Swietenia macrophylla* should:

- a) prepare and officially adopt, as a priority, mahogany management plans at national and subregional level.
- b) promote the conduct of forest inventories, as well as progress and promote programmes to determine and monitor the distribution, population size and conservation status of mahogany.
- c) develop capacity-building programmes in monitoring and management relating to CITES procedures and documents. To this end, if considered appropriate, it may request assistance from the Plants Committee and the Secretariat.
- d) submit reports on progress in the implementation of this decision to the Secretariat no later than 90 days before the 16th meeting of the Plants Committee, so that the Secretariat may include them in a report that it will be presenting to that meeting;
- e) establish, if considered necessary, working groups to implement the present decision.

13.xx Parties, the CITES Secretariat and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations shall seek ways to share information through the organization of regional workshops, capacity-building programmes, the exchange of experiences and the identification of financial resources.

Directed to the Plants Committee

13.xx The Plants Committee shall present a report at CoP14 on the progress made by the Working Group.