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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Amendment proposals CoP16 Prop. 58 and CoP16 Prop. 63

DRAFT DECISION FOR AN ACTION PLAN FOR *DIOSPYROS* SPP. AND *DALBERGIA* SPP.

This document has been submitted by Madagascar* in relation to agenda item 77 on *Proposals to amend Appendices I and II* and amendment proposals CoP16 Prop. 58 on *Diospyros* spp. (Malagasy ebonies) and CoP16 Prop. 63 on *Dalbergia* spp. (Malagasy rosewoods).

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Draft decision for an action plan for *Diospyros* and *Dalbergia*

Decision 16. XXX The Conference of the Parties adopted the Action Plan attached as Annex X to this Decision to facilitate adequate implementation of the Appendix-II listings of *Diospyros* spp. (populations of Madagascar) and *Dalbergia* spp. (populations of Madagascar).

Annex X

Madagascar shall:

1. Establish, in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat, a science based precautionary export quota for the listed taxa where an adequate NDF can be undertaken and clearly documented for any species planned for export;
2. Establish, as appropriate, and with key partners (*including the CITES Secretariat, CITES Plants Committee, ITTO, main importing countries, national and international research/conservation organizations) a process (research, information gathering and analysis) to identify the main species to be exported. Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs) should be workshopped for selected species to establish the adequate NDFs required in paragraph 1;
3. Collaborate, as appropriate, and with key partners, as indicated above*, to prepare identification material and tests for use in CITES enforcement to identify main taxa as they are traded;
4. Put in place an embargo on export of stocks of these timbers until the CITES Standing Committee has approved the results of a stockpile audit and use plan to determine what component of the stockpile have been legally accumulated and that can be legally exported;
5. Collaborate, as appropriate, and with key partners, , as indicated above*, to establish enforcement mechanisms to assist in implementation of any export quota, stockpile control and opening of any legal and sustainable trade utilizing timber tracking systems and other technology as appropriate;
6. Provide written reports on progress on implementation of the plan to the Secretariat and Plants Committee in compliance with document deadlines for meeting of that Committee; and
7. Provide a document outlining progress on implementation and any required adjustments to the Action Plan to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Plants Committee shall:

1. Work with Madagascar to implement this Action Plan and provide a format for and guidance on reporting on progress to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
2. Receive reports from Madagascar on implementation of the plan, analyze and assess these and assist and advise on same at its 21st and 22nd meetings; and
3. Recommend, and facilitate the preparation of a standard reference to the names of *Diospyros* spp. (populations of Madagascar) and *Dalbergia* spp. (populations of Madagascar) to be adopted, if appropriate, at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Importing countries shall:

1. Work with Madagascar to implement this Action Plan and provide guidance on sources of funding, and where possible provide funding and technical support to implement the plan.

The Secretariat shall:

1. Assist Madagascar in the preparation of a stockpile audit and use plan for presentation to the CITES Standing Committee;

2. Seek external funding from interested Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, exporters, importers and other entities directly interested in supporting this Decision;
3. Inform relevant Parties of the management of funds that have been raised, of technical assistance available and how they may access these resources;
4. Request technical assistance of ITTO in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4 on *Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber*, and
5. Promote, facilitate and assist capacity building in Madagascar and in importing countries, including as appropriate transit countries, through workshops, training and other activities considered relevant between the 16th and 17th meetings of the Conference of the Parties.