

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



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Committee I

Implementation of the Convention for trade in Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.)
and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

DRAFT DECISIONS ON MALAGASY EBONIES (*DIOSPYROS* SPP.)
AND PALISANDERS AND ROSEWOODS (*DALBERGIA* SPP.)

This document has been prepared by Canada as chair of the drafting group on this matter established at the third session of Committee I. It is based on matters arising from the discussion of document CoP17 Doc. 55.2 at the third session of Committee I (see document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 3).

Directed to source, transit and destination Parties

- 17.AA Source, transit and destination Parties for specimens of species of the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* occurring in Madagascar are urged to:
- a) enforce all the measures that are recommended by the CITES Standing Committee concerning commercial trade in specimens of these species from Madagascar, including suspensions of such trade;
 - b) develop action plans to effectively manage timber stockpiles of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar; and
 - c) provide written reports describing progress made with implementation of decision 17AA paragraphs a) and b) to the Standing Committee.

Directed to Madagascar

- 17.BB Madagascar shall:
- a) Further develop an inclusive process to identify the main species of these genera to be exported from Madagascar, in cooperation with transit and destination Parties, the CITES Secretariat and relevant partners, such as, ITTO, ICCWC, FAO and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with trade in timber of rosewood, ebonies and palisanders;
 - b) for those species identified for export under paragraph a) establish, in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat, a precautionary export quota based upon a scientifically robust non-detriment finding;
 - c) subject to the availability of funds, organize workshops in support of the implementation of Decisions 17.BB a) and b), and to strengthen the national capacity to formulate non-detriment findings, and identify and agree on monitoring mechanisms that include appropriate technology (e.g. timber tracking);

- d) continue the production of identification materials for identifying timber and timber products of species of the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* from Madagascar;
- e) for those species identified for export under paragraph a), significantly strengthen control and enforcement measures against illegal logging and export at the national level including seizures, investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and sanctions;
- f) submit regular updates on audited inventories of at least a third of the stockpiles of species of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* from Madagascar, and a use plan for consideration, approval and further guidance from the Standing Committee; and
- g) provide written reports on progress with the implementation of Decisions 17.BB paragraphs a) to d) to each meeting of the Plants Committee; on progress with the implementation of Decision 17.BB paragraph e) and f) to the Standing Committee; and on progress with the implementation of this Decision to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.

Directed to Parties

17.CC Parties and relevant partners indicated in 17.BB a) are invited to:

- a) provide technical and financial assistance to support the implementation of Decisions 17.AA to 17.FF;
- b) provide technical and financial assistance in support of conducting audited inventories of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar; and
- c) provide reports to the Standing Committee, including information received from relevant partner organizations, concerning progress with the implementation of Decision 17.CC paragraph a) and b.

Directed to the Plants Committee

17.DD The Plants Committee shall:

- a) review and assess reports from Madagascar on its implementation of Decisions 17.BB paragraphs a) to d), and from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 17.FF, and provide recommendations to Madagascar and the Standing Committee and other bodies as appropriate;
- b) continue supporting the preparation of a standard reference for the names of species of the genera *Diospyros* and *Dalbergia* occurring in Madagascar, to be adopted, if appropriate, at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and
- c) assist Madagascar in the identification of technical resources in support of the implementation of Decisions 17.BB paragraphs a) to d), and if needed, make recommendations to Madagascar, Standing Committee and other relevant organizations.

Directed to the Standing Committee

17.EE The Standing Committee shall review and assess reports from Madagascar on the implementation of Decision 17.BB paragraph e) and f), and from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 17.FF, and make recommendations, which may include appropriate compliance measures and an assessment as to whether the conditions for a partial sale of audited stocks are in place, in accordance with the criteria established in Decision 17.BB, paragraphs e) and f).

Directed to the Secretariat

17.FF The Secretariat shall:

- a) assist Madagascar, relevant Parties, and the Standing and Plants Committees in the implementation of Decisions 17.AA to 17.EE;
- b) subject to available funding, assist with relevant capacity-building activities in Madagascar and transit and destination countries concerned by the trade in specimens of *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp. from Madagascar, including through international capacity building workshops; and
- d) provide written reports on progress with the implementation of this Decision to the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate.