

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



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**Committee I**

International trade in African tree species

DRAFT DECISIONS ON AFRICAN TREE SPECIES

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***Directed to the Plants Committee***

- 17.xx The Plants Committee shall form a working group on African tree species with the following terms of reference, as well as any other terms it deems appropriate:
- a) The working group will work primarily via electronic means;
  - b) The working group will seek to facilitate the circulation and exchange of experiences among the range States, importing countries and other stakeholders on the sustainable use and management of CITES-listed African tree species;
  - c) The working group will seek to identify gaps and weaknesses in the capacity of range States of African tree species to effectively implement CITES for these species;
  - d) The working group will examine how the processes currently used by countries to develop annual export quotas compare with the processes recommended under CITES and develop recommendations for reconciling them;
  - e) The working group will explore the conversion factors used for different commodities (e.g., logs, sawn wood, bark) and develop recommendations for improving such processes;
  - f) The working group will seek to identify other African tree species that may benefit from inclusion in the CITES Appendices;
  - g) The working group will bring any issues related to implementation and enforcement of CITES listings for African tree species to the attention of the Plants Committee; and
  - h) The working group will report its findings and recommendations to the Plants Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> *Deletion of the second draft decision directed to the Plants Committee as this draft decision was not agreed by Committee I [see summary record CoP17 Com. I Rec. 4 (Rev. 1)]*