

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



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CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

A. Proposal

Amendment of the listing of *Bulnesia sarmientoi* in Appendix II.

Amend Annotation #11 with the underlined text:

Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, powder and extracts. Finished products containing such extracts as ingredients, including fragrances, are not considered to be covered by this annotation.

B. Proponent

The United States of America^{*}:

C. Supporting statement

1. Taxonomy

- 1.1 Class: Magnoliopsida
- 1.2 Order: Sapindales
- 1.3 Family: Zygophyllaceae
- 1.4 Genus, species or subspecies, including author and year: *Bulnesia sarmientoi* Lorentz ex Griseb
- 1.5 Scientific synonyms: *Bulnesia gancedoi* Rojas Acosta
- 1.6 Common names:
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| English: | Holy wood |
| Spanish: | Palo santo, guayacán |
| Aboriginal languages: | ibiocaí, hok (mataco), meemong (Lengua-Maskoy) |
| Portuguese: | Pau santo |
| Trade names: | Vera. Verawood, lignum vitae, Paraguay lignum vitae, Argentine lignum vitae, guaiaac |
- 1.7 Code numbers:

2. Overview

The intent of this proposal is to revise the current annotation (Annotation #11) to the listing of *Bulnesia sarmientoi* in Appendix II, to add the following sentence to the end of the annotation: "Finished products

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containing such extracts as ingredients, including fragrances, are not considered to be covered by this annotation.” Based on discussions within the Standing Committee Annotations Working Group, it appears that *Bulnesia sarmientoi* is routinely traded in the same form as *Aniba rosaeodora*, namely as an extract, and that this derivative is often exported from the range States of the species. In accordance with the guidance included in Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP16) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II*, the revision is intended to ensure that CITES controls cover those commodities that first appear in international trade as exports from range States and include those commodities that dominate the trade and the demand for the wild resource.

At the 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties (CoP15, Qatar 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted proposal CoP15 Prop. 42 to include *Bulnesia sarmientoi* in Appendix II with Annotation #11, as follows:

#11 Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, powder and extracts.

Also at CoP15, the Conference of the Parties adopted proposal CoP15 Prop. 29 to include *Aniba rosaeodora* in Appendix II with Annotation #12, as follows:

#12 Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and essential oil (excluding finished products packaged and ready for retail trade).

Following discussions within the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee, the Standing Committee Working Group on Annotations developed a definition of the term ‘extract’, which includes essential oil, as follows:

Any substance obtained directly from plant material by physical or chemical means regardless of the manufacturing process. An extract may be solid (e.g., crystals, resin, fine or coarse particles), semi-solid (e.g., gums, waxes), or liquid (e.g., solutions, tinctures, oil and essential oils).

At the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok 2013), the definition of ‘extract’ was included in document CoP16 Doc. 75 (Rev. 1) and was adopted by the Conference of the Parties. The definition is located in the Interpretation section of the Appendices. Also at CoP16, the Conference of the Parties adopted a proposal submitted by Brazil (proposal CoP16 Prop. 59) to revise Annotation #12, as follows:

#12 Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and extracts. Finished products containing such extracts as ingredients, including fragrances, are not considered to be covered by this annotation

3. Consultations

Paragraph f) of Decision 16.162 on *Annotations* directs the working group to review outstanding implementation challenges resulting from the listings of *Aniba rosaeodora* and *Bulnesia sarmientoi* in the Appendices, and propose appropriate solutions at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In Document SC66 Doc. 25, the working group noted that *Aniba rosaeodora* and *Bulnesia sarmientoi* are often traded in the same form (i.e., extract). Consequently, the working group agreed that the phrase “finished products containing such extracts as ingredients, including fragrances, are not considered to be covered by this annotation” should be added to Annotation #11. This revision would harmonize the two annotations, to the extent practicable.