

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



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**Committee II**

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

*This document has been prepared by the working group on Malagasy palisanders and rosewoods on the basis of document CoP18 Doc. 30.2 after discussion in the fifth session of Committee II (see document CoP18 Com. II Rec. 5).*

**18.AA Directed to source, transit and destination Parties for Malagasy *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp.**

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) effectively manage timber stockpiles of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar; and
- c) provide written reports describing progress made with implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision to the 73rd and 74th meetings of the Standing Committee.

**18.BB Directed to Parties and other relevant partners**

Parties and relevant partners, such as the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, are invited to:

- a) enforce all measures that are recommended by the CITES Standing Committee concerning commercial trade in specimens of Malagasy *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar;
- b) collaborate with Madagascar in the implementation of the agreed parts of the use plan to manage stockpiles of timber of these species from Madagascar; and
- c) provide technical and financial assistance to support the implementation of Decision 18.CC.

**18.CC Directed to Madagascar**

Madagascar shall:

- a) continue to identify the main commercially valuable species in the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* from Madagascar, in cooperation with the Secretariat and relevant partners, such as the

International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

- b) continue to make progress in the development of non-detriment findings for commercially valuable species in the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros*, including implementation of appropriate monitoring mechanisms;
- c) for those species identified under paragraph a) establish, in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat, a precautionary export quota based upon a scientifically robust non-detriment finding;
- d) continue the production of identification materials for timber and timber products from species of the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* from Madagascar;
- e) for those species identified under paragraph a), strengthen control and enforcement measures against illegal logging and export at the national level, including seizures, investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and sanctions, regardless of the title and level of responsibility of the offenders;
- f) subject to available funding, secure the stockpiles (including undeclared and hidden stocks) of timber of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* in Madagascar, and submit regular updates on audited inventories thereof, and a use plan based on transparency and independent oversight mechanisms, for consideration, approval and further guidance from the Standing Committee;
- g) share with the Secretariat a proposed budget, to seek assistance from Parties and technical and financial partners for the implementation of this Decision; and
- h) provide reports on progress with the implementation of Decision 18.CC to the 25th and 26th meetings of the Plants Committee and the 73rd and 74th meetings of the Standing Committee;

**18.DD Directed to the Plants Committee**

The Plants Committee shall, at its 25th and 26th meetings:

- a) review reports from Madagascar and the Secretariat as appropriate on the implementation of Decision 18.CC, and provide recommendations to the Standing Committee and the Secretariat; and
- b) provide assistance to Madagascar with the implementation of Decision 18.CC.

**18.EE Directed to the Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review reports from Madagascar and the Secretariat on the implementation of Decisions 18.CC and 18.DD, and make recommendations to Madagascar, relevant Parties and the Secretariat as appropriate, and take measures in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.3 on CITES compliance procedures if Madagascar fails to satisfactorily implement the actions directed to it in Decision 18.CC.
- b) consider establishing a small intersessional advisory group of Parties to assist and advise Madagascar on the implementation of all measures regarding *Dalbergia spp* and *Diospyros spp*.

**18.FF Directed to the Secretariat**

The Secretariat shall, at its 73rd and 74th meetings:

- a) assist in the implementation of Decisions 18.AA to 18.DD;
- b) subject to external funding, assist with relevant capacity-building activities in Madagascar and transit and destination countries concerned by the trade in specimens of *Dalbergia spp.* and *Diospyros spp.* from Madagascar;

- c) issue a Notification calling on potential destination countries, of shipments of illegal specimens of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar to take appropriate measures to ensure that such timber is not illegally transported or traded, including prohibiting entry, seizing such specimens upon arrival and apply appropriate sanctions against traffickers in accordance with the provisions of the Convention; and
- d) provide reports on progress with the implementation of this Decision to the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate.