

## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Information to be submitted for the 19th meeting of the Plants Committee  
and the 25th meeting of the Animals Committee

1. At its 15th meeting (Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties agreed that Parties should report on a number of subjects for discussion at the 19th and 25th meetings of the Plants or Animals Committees scheduled for 18-21 April 2011 and 18-22 July 2011 respectively.

For ease of reference the Secretariat has listed these below.

**a) Sharks**

Parties are invited to report on trade in specimens of these species and to provide information on the implementation of National Plans of Action for sharks or regional plans and other available relevant data and information on the species [see Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP15)].

**b) Sturgeons**

Caspian range States for these species should report on progress made in improving the existing sturgeon stock assessment and Total Allowable Catch determination methodology through a detailed report describing how the recommendations in document AC24 Doc. 12.2 have been implemented and whether they have been accepted by all range States. [see Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) and the recommendation made at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee].

**c) Orchids: annotation for species included in Appendix II**

Countries of export and import should make recommendations and prepare identification material on further exemptions for artificially propagated hybrids of Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II, taking into consideration the capacities of countries to implement and control such exemptions effectively (see Decision 14.133).

**d) *Aniba rosaeodora* and *Bulnesia sarmientoi***

In relation to these, trading range States and importing Parties should:

- i) identify the best methods or potential methods for the identification of essential oil and, if required, wood;
- ii) produce identification material and guidance;
- iii) identify appropriate annotations to complement the proposed identification methods;
- iv) explore whether additional species need to be listed to support effective identification and regulation of wood and oil; and

- v) explore mechanisms for making non-detriment findings (only for *Aniba rosaeodora*).

(see Decisions 15.90 and 15.96.)

**e) *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *D. granadillo* and *D. stvensonii***

- i) Range States of these species shall:

- A. complete and update the available information on these species;
- B. assess their populations, taking into account *inter alia* the distribution, cover, density, size structure, regeneration dynamics and changes in land use in keeping with available budgets in the range States;
- C. report the existence, extent and type of forest plantations of the species; and
- D. compile the information related to export of the species, including volumes and products, indicating the percentage from plantations.

- ii) Parties shall:

- A. compile the information on the import and re-export of these species, including origin (wild or cultivated), volumes and products, indicating the country of origin and final destination; and
- B. report the existence, extent and type of forest plantations of these species, including exported volumes and products.

[see Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15).]

**f) Non-detriment findings**

Parties are to encourage report their findings on the following:

- i) consideration of the outputs of the International Expert Workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (Annex A to document [CoP15 Doc. 16.2.2](#)) to enhance CITES Scientific Authorities' capacities, particularly those related to the methodologies, tools, information, expertise and other resources needed to formulate non-detriment findings; and
- ii) taking into account Resolution Conf. 10.3, prioritization of activities, such as workshops on capacity building to better understand what non-detriment findings are and how to enhance the ways to formulate them.

(see Decision 15.23.)

2. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving the above reports by 15 January 2011 so as to have sufficient time to collate and summarize the information in due time for the 19th and 25th meetings of the Plants and Animals Committee. Parties are also requested to make their reports as succinct as possible.