



Steps towards resuming sustainable and legal trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

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Context

- All 16 range States of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* are concerned by the expedited application of Article XIII.
- Generally speaking, there are **two conditions** to be met before resuming International trade:
 - a) Make an **NDF** to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, and where applicable meet ongoing RST recommendations (8 range States concerned); and,
 - b) Provide evidence of adequate **LAF** to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee.

Pterocarpus erinaceus range states undergoing subject to a recommendation to suspend trade

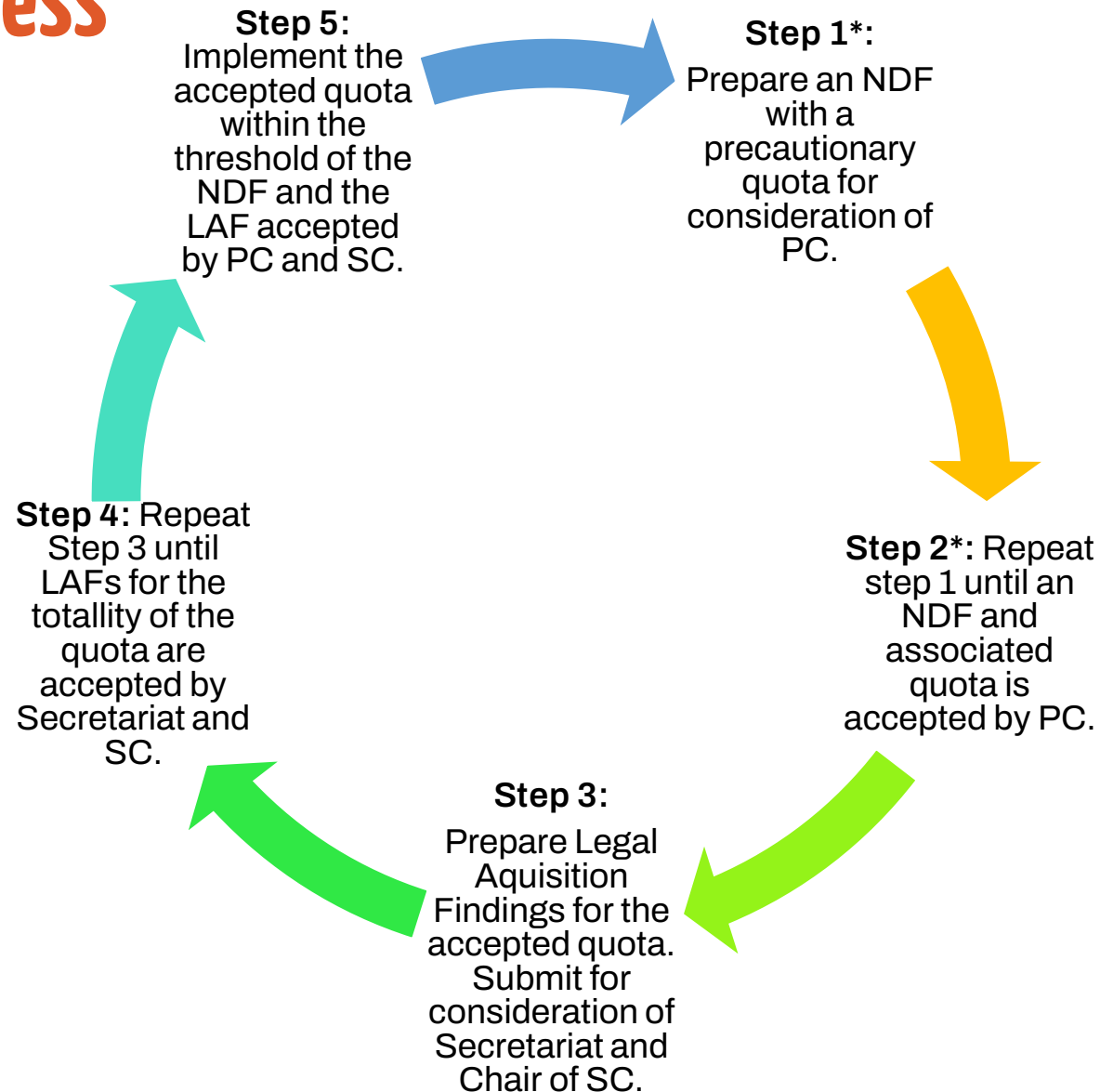
- 1) Cameroon
- 2) Central African Republic
- 3) Chad
- 4) Gambia*
- 5) Guinea-Bissau*
- 6) Mali* [partial withdrawal of the trade suspension for 39,950.4 m³]
- 7) Nigeria*
- 8) Togo

**Parties also undergoing recommendations under RST for P. erinaceus.*

- Further, **Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Sierra Leone** are also undergoing recommendations under the RST process.
- Some range States have made significant progress in the implementation of NDF related recommendations, with quotas accepted by the Plants Committee at PC26 (**Mali**) and PC27 (**Ghana and Sierra Leone**).
- **Mali** has made further progress with an LAF accepted by the Secretariat and Chair of SC for a portion of the quota accepted by the Plants Committee at PC26 (39,950.4 m³), and therefore achieving a partial withdrawal of the trade suspension recommendation.

What is the process to resume sustainable and legal trade for *P. erinaceus*, considering the ongoing Art. XIII and RST recommendations?

A step-wise process



**Note: Steps 1 and 2 can be completed intersessionally or in ordinary meetings, but the latter is a better strategy.*

Examples of range States having initiated the process:

Range State	Steps 1 and 2 (NDF and quota accepted by Sec. and PC.)	Steps 3 and 4 (LAF accepted by Sec. and SC)	Step 5 (implement quota)
Mali	NDF and quota accepted at PC26 (55,384.8 m ³ round wood).	LAF accepted for a volumen of 39,950.4 m ³ . Partial withdrawal of trade suspension recommendation.	Pending. LAF ongoing for future exports.
Ghana	NDF and quota accepted at PC27 (40,000 m ³ round wood for Lake Volta).	Pending	Pending
Sierra Leone	NDF and quota accepted at PC27 (76,324.5 m ³).	Pending	Pending

What were the strategies these range States followed?

- Close consultation with the Secretariat.
- Investing in local and international expertise to improve forest inventories to identify sustainable export quotas.
- Opting for precautionary quotas.
- Keep questions of stocks strictly separated from exploitation of standing trees.
- Commitment to timely addressing feedback from Secretariat, PC and SC Chairs.
- Submitting reports in time for ordinary meetings of the Plants Committee and Standing Committee (under Art. XIII).
- Coordination with their regional representatives for Africa for PC and SC, to ensure support.

Merci! Thank you!

