



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

BURUNDI

Illegal trade in specimens of *Osyris lanceolata* (African sandalwood) from Burundi

1. The CITES Management Authority of Burundi has requested the Secretariat to inform all Parties that there is a large illegal trade in specimens of *Osyris lanceolata* (African sandalwood) from Burundi. This species was included in Appendix II of the Convention on 12 June 2013.
2. Burundi has reported to the Secretariat that more than 20 tonnes of illegally traded *Osyris lanceolata* were seized by the authorities in Burundi in November 2013 alone.
3. Parties are requested to bring this illegal trade to the attention of Customs and other authorities at border control points, and to request these authorities to strengthen control measures in relation to *Osyris lanceolata* exported from Burundi, to ensure that all exports are accompanied by the appropriate CITES permit issued by the Burundi Management Authority, the Institut national pour l'environnement et la conservation de la nature (INECN).
4. Parties that seize illegal shipments of *Osyris lanceolata* from Burundi are requested to communicate information about these seizures to the Management Authority of Burundi and to the Secretariat.
5. The contact details of the Management Authority of Burundi are as follows:

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