



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2015/029

Geneva, 21 May 2015

CONCERNING:

MADAGASCAR

Trade in *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp.: zero export quota

1. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, March, 2013), the Conference of the Parties agreed to the inclusion in Appendix II of the populations of Madagascar of the species in the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros*. The listings are annotated #5, indicating that the only parts and derivatives included are "logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets." The Conference of the Parties also adopted Decision 16.152 on Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and Malagasy rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.) and a related Action Plan.
2. Paragraph 4 of this Action Plan states that:

Madagascar shall ... put in place an embargo on export of stocks of these timbers until the CITES Standing Committee has approved the results of a stockpile audit and use plan to determine what component of the stockpile have been legally accumulated and can be legally exported.
3. In accordance with this Decision, in August 2013, the Management Authority of Madagascar communicated to the Secretariat the setting of a zero export quota for specimens of *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp. for the period 13 August 2013 to 13 February 2014, as communicated to Parties through Notification No. 2013/039 of 4 September 2013.
4. The CITES Management Authority of Madagascar has extended the zero export quota for *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species several times, with the latest extension running until 10 August 2015, as communicated to Parties through Notification No. 2015/025 of 6 May 2015.
6. On 7 May 2015, the CITES Management Authority of Madagascar informed the Secretariat that the zero export quota for *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species has been extended again until 15 January 2016, the last day of the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, 11-15 January 2016).
7. All Parties are urged to continue to assist Madagascar by checking shipments of timber, in order to stop any illegal trade in specimens of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species from that country. Parties that seize illegal shipments of these timber species are requested to inform the Management Authority of Madagascar and the Secretariat.
8. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2015/025 of 6 May 2015.