



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2015/046

Geneva, 11 August 2015

CONCERNING:

Plants committee working group on production systems of tree species,
plantations and definitions of artificial propagation (Decision 16.156)

1. This Notification is published at the request of Guatemala and Indonesia, as co-chairs of the Plants Committee's intersessional working group on plantations and artificial propagation of trees.
2. Parties that have established mixed and/or monospecific plantations of CITES-listed tree species are requested to complete the questionnaire in the Annex to the present Notification and submit their responses to the contact points indicated **before 30 of September 2015**.

Annex

Production systems of tree species, plantations
and definitions of artificial propagation

Questionnaire completed by:

Country:

Date:

Questionnaire Response Author(s) (name, title, institution):

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PLEASE TO BE SENT TO: nandpri@yahoo.com and cesarbelte@gmail.com
before 30 of September 2015

The Parties to CITES that have established mixed and/or monospecific plantations of CITES-listed tree species, are requested to answer the following questions:

Please note that these questions should be answered for only CITES-listed tree species.

A. Legislation, regulation, and management of tree species grown in mixed and monospecific plantations.	
1. Indicate the specific national legislation that provides for the establishment and management of production systems of tree species grown in mono-specific and mixed tree plantations:	
a) Describe legislation, regulations, decrees or other legal documents (measures) related to plantation grown tree species.	
b) What national measures have been applied to promote mixed and mono-specific plantations with special emphasis on CITES-listed tree species?	
c) Does your country always require management plans, forestry management plans or other plans for the establishment of mixed and mono-specific tree plantations? <i>Please mark one option and provide a narrative explanation.</i>	YES NO SOMETIMES Please explain when and the species involved
d) What is the average duration of a plantation management plan?	

e)	Is there third-party certification of plantations in your country?	
f)	Where do mixed and/or monospecific tree plantations occur (e.g., privately owned land, community owned land, government lands)?	
g)	Which definition of plantation is used in your silvicultural legislation?	
h)	Please provide other relevant information on tree plantations in your country.	
2.	Has your country conducted forest inventories or national registries that include up-to-date information on production systems for tree species from mixed and/or monospecific tree plantations? (please mark one option)	YES NO
a)	What kind of mixed and/or monospecific plantations exist in your country?	
b)	Are CITES-listed tree species grown in monospecific plantations in your country? If yes, please list species.	
c)	Are CITES-listed tree species grown in mixed species plantations in your country? If yes, please list species.	
d)	Where do mixed tree plantations occur in your country (e.g., existing primary natural forest, secondary forests, deforested lands, non-forested lands)?	
e)	How many hectares (or acres) of mixed tree plantations and monospecific plantations exist in your country?	
B. Evaluation of the characteristics of the production systems of tree species grown in mixed and/or monospecific plantations.		
a)	Are the CITES-listed tree species grown in plantations native or introduced species?	
b)	Do plantation management practices include techniques designed to improve tree production and timber yields (e.g., seed tree selection, breeding, hybridization)?	
c)	Describe the propagation methods used for tree species grown in mixed and monospecific plantations and the controlled conditions applied in these production systems	

d) What is the origin of the material (e.g., from existing primary natural forests, secondary forests, plantations) used for the propagation of tree species included in these production systems?	
e) Are nursery-grown seedlings planted in plantations and/or in natural forests?	
f) Do you treat nursery-grown seedlings planted in natural forests as plantations?	
g) Are remnant trees included within the managed plantation?	
h) What kind of products is produced from mixed and/or monospecific tree plantations (e.g., wood, bark, oil, extracts, etc.)?	
i) What CITES source codes (e.g., W, A, O) are used to export plantation-grown tree species parts and products (e.g., wood, bark, derivatives) from your country?	
j) Is there commercial harvest of additional adventive CITES-listed species from plantation e.g. orchids, tree ferns, medicinal plants, etc.	
C. <i>Gathering information related to the export of products of tree species from mixed and monospecific plantations, including volume and products, indicating the percentage originating from mixed and monospecific plantations.</i>	
a) What is the volume exported in the last five years by the type of product for each of the tree species grown in plantations?	
b) What is the percentage of the total export of the products derived from mixed and/or monospecific plantations?	
D. Please provide periodic photographs of CITES-listed tree species growing in mixed and/or monospecific plantations, and at various stages of production (nursery seedlings, young plantations, older plantations, harvest of plantations).	