



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/023

Geneva, 21 March 2017

CONCERNING:

CAMBODIA

Fraudulent CITES permits for *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*

1. This Notification is published at the request of the Management Authority of Cambodia.
2. The Management Authority of Cambodia has requested the Secretariat to inform Parties of its concern regarding fraudulent CITES export permits for *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* that have been purported to have been issued by Cambodia.
3. The CITES Management Authority of Cambodia has confirmed that it has not issued any CITES export permits for *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* since its listing on CITES Appendix II at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013). Any CITES permits that have been used for the export of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* from Cambodia are therefore counterfeit.
4. The Conference of the Parties in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17) on *Compliance and enforcement*, paragraph 9 e) recommends that:
 - e) *when presented with a false document, Parties do everything in their power to determine where the specimens are and where the false document originated and inform the Secretariat and other Parties involved where appropriate.*
5. All Parties should consider any permits purported to have been issued by the Management Authority of Cambodia for *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* as invalid.
6. Any questions concerning permits issued by Cambodia should be directed to the CITES Management Authority of Cambodia (see <https://cites.org/eng/cms/index.php/component/cp/country/KH>).