



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/056

Geneva, 10 August 2017

CONCERNING:

Request for information from Parties and relevant partners on  
Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders  
and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

1. At its 17th meeting (Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 17.203 and 17.205 on *Malagasy ebonies* (*Diospyros* spp.) and *palisanders and rosewoods* (*Dalbergia* spp.) as follows:

**17.203 Directed to source, transit and destinations Parties for Malagasy *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp.**

*Source, transit and destination Parties for specimens of species of the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* occurring in Madagascar are urged to:*

- a) *enforce all the measures that are recommended by the CITES Standing Committee concerning commercial trade in specimens of these species from Madagascar, including suspensions of such trade;*
- b) *develop action plans to effectively manage timber stockpiles of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar; and*
- c) *provide written reports describing progress made with implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision to the Standing Committee.*

**17.205 Directed to Parties**

*Parties and relevant partners indicated in Decision 17.204 a) are invited to:*

- a) *provide technical and financial assistance to support the implementation of Decisions 17.203 to 17.208;*
- b) *provide technical and financial assistance in support of conducting audited inventories of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar; and*
- c) *provide reports to the Standing Committee, including information received from relevant partner organizations, concerning progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision.*

2. The Parties and relevant partners [i.e. partners such as the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with trade in timber of rosewood, ebonies and palisanders] are hereby invited to provide the reports called for in Decisions 17.203 and 17.205 to the Secretariat (attention of [tom.de-meulenaer@cites.org](mailto:tom.de-meulenaer@cites.org)) by **10 September 2017** in order to have sufficient time to collate and summarize these for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting (Geneva, 27 November-1 December 2017).