



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/022

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CONCERNING:

Questionnaire on Agarwood-producing taxa
(*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.) (Decision 18.203)

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.203 and 18.204 on *Agarwood-producing taxa* (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.). Decision 18.203:

The Plants Committee shall:

- a) *to monitor the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa to assess any potential conservation impacts to the long-term survival of agarwood-producing species and possible problems arising from the implementation, by:*
 - i) *developing a questionnaire on potential conservation issues in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa to be circulated to the Parties through a Notification, and analysing the responses received;*
 - ii) *examining available trade data; and*
 - iii) *analysing available data on the conservation status of agarwood-producing species; and*
 - b) *report findings and recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and advise on the need for a study to further assess impacts of harvest, management and trade in agarwood products on the conservation of agarwood-producing species in the wild.*
2. At the request of Plants Committee and in compliance with Decision 18.204, the Secretariat hereby invites national CITES Authorities to complete the questionnaire included in the Annex to this Notification, and submit it to the Secretariat (martin.hitziger@cites.org) by 31 March 2020.
 3. The completed questionnaires submitted in response to this Notification will be taken into consideration by the Plants Committee in its implementation of Decision 18.203, and its reporting to the Conference of Parties at its 19th meeting (Costa Rica, 2022).