



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/023

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CONCERNING:

### Questionnaire on rosewood tree species

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva 2019) the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.234 to 18.237 on *Rosewood tree species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]*.

#### **Directed to the Secretariat**

18.234 *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *subject to external resources, undertake the following study:*
  - i) *provide or confirm, with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee, a reference list of genera that are commonly referred to as “rosewood tree species”, noting that at present the species from the following CITES and non-CITES listed genera have been assumed as such by the CITES community: Caesalpinia, Cassia, Dalbergia, Dicorynia, Guibourtia, Machaerium, Millettia, Pterocarpus and Swartzia;*
  - ii) *taking into consideration the existing information (including that developed under the ongoing CITES Tree Species Programme), and based on the available lists of species in trade, compile available data and information to address information gaps on the biology, population status, management, use and trade for CITES-listed rosewood tree species as a first priority; and as a second priority, non- CITES listed rosewood tree species, in particular those that are highly sought after for the timber trade;*
  - iii) *assess the effects of international trade on wild populations of the species concerned; and*
  - iv) *take into account the relevant work on timber identification to be carried out under Decisions 18.140 to 18.143 on Identification of timber and other wood products;*
- b) *issue a Notification seeking input from Parties, in particular exporting, re-exporting and importing countries, and relevant stakeholders to provide information to the Secretariat to share with the consultant for the purposes of completing the study outlined under paragraph a) above;*

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**Directed to Parties**

18.235 Parties are encouraged to:

- a) *respond to the Notification described in paragraph b) of Decision 18.234 in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders; and*
- b) *support the work of the consultancy, and the workshop as appropriate, including seeking external resources from relevant stakeholders.*

2. Decision 18.234 directs the Secretariat to, *inter alia*: subject to external resources undertake a study on rosewood tree species; issue a Notification seeking input from Parties and relevant stakeholders for the study; report progress regarding the study to the Plants Committee; taking into consideration the advice of the Plants Committee, and subject to external funding, organize an international workshop; submit the final study for consideration of the Plants Committee, as well as the outcomes of the workshop if held; and, seek external resources to support the study and the workshop, as appropriate.
3. Decision 18.235 encourages Parties to respond to the Notification in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders, and support the work of the consultancy, and the workshop as appropriate, including seeking external resources from relevant stakeholders.
4. To facilitate the compilation of inputs called for under Decisions 18.234 and 18.235, the Secretariat has developed a questionnaire in the **Annex** to this Notification, and hereby invites Parties and relevant stakeholders to complete and submit it by 11 April 2020 to: [isabel.camarena@un.org](mailto:isabel.camarena@un.org)
5. The information provided in response to this Notification will be taken into consideration by the Secretariat in its implementation of Decision 18.234, paragraphs b) and c) and its reporting to the Plants Committee as per Decision 18.236.