



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/033

Geneva, 26 April 2021

CONCERNING:

Intersessional decision-making of the Standing Committee

1. Further to Notification to the Parties No. 2021/004 of 12 January 2021 concerning the submission under Rule 20 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, of a recommendation by the Secretariat in relation to trade with the Republic of Guinea.
2. Following a vote under Rule 20.4, on 21 April 2021, the Committee adopted the following decision:

The Standing Committee agrees:

- a) *to exceptionally allow the export and import of the stock of pre-Convention specimens of Pterocarpus erinaceus from Guinea with a maximum volume of 14,000 m³, subject to the safeguard measures in Note de Service 200051 adopted by Guinea on 16 November 2020, including the following:*
 - i) *the inventory of the pre-Convention stock of Pterocarpus erinaceus located at two different sites is updated with the quantity of timber that can be exported;*
 - ii) *the loading and sealing of the containers (approximately 824) takes place on-site in presence of representatives of the CITES Management Authority (National Directorate of Water and Forests), Office Guinéen du bois, Customs Services, Gendarmerie, Interpol/National Central Bureau (Guinea Conakry) and international observer(s);*
 - iii) *each shipment is accompanied by a pre-Convention certificate issued by the CITES Management Authority of Guinea in accordance with CITES and national legislation. The pre-Convention certificates include a specific reference to the inventory. A copy of each pre-Convention certificate is sent directly to the Management Authority of the importing Party and to the Secretariat prior to departure of the containers;*
 - iv) *no pre-Convention logs are authorized for export from Guinea twelve months after the date of the Notification mentioned in paragraph c) below; and*
 - v) *forty per cent of the proceeds from the export will be transferred to the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests of Guinea to be allocated towards the conservation of species of fauna and flora in Guinea;*
- b) *to maintain all other recommendations related to the application of Article XIII in Guinea, including the suspension of all commercial transactions for specimens of CITES-listed species, currently in force with regard to Guinea until the recommendations of the Standing Committee relating to the application of Article XIII are implemented; and*
- c) *to request the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties replacing Notification No. 2019/075 in order to take into account these decisions of the Standing Committee.*

The Standing Committee encourages Guinea to allocate part of the revenue towards the implementation of the outstanding recommendations. The Standing Committee requests Guinea to submit a report to the Secretariat on the implementation of these and the outstanding recommendations to the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee.