



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/037

Geneva, 6 May 2021

CONCERNING:

GUINEA

Withdrawal of the recommendation to suspend trade for a stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

1. In Notification to the Parties No. 2013/017 of 16 May 2013, the Secretariat published a recommendation of the Standing Committee to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Guinea.
2. At the 71st meeting of the Standing Committee (SC71, Geneva, August 2019), in accordance with Article XIII of the Convention, the Committee adopted a revised set of recommendations ([SC71 SR, pages 6-7](#)) on the implementation of the Convention in Guinea specifically concerning the following issues:
 - a) export of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*;
 - b) national legislation;
 - c) management and issuance of CITES permits and certificates; and
 - d) compliance and law enforcement.
3. Regarding export of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, the Standing Committee recommended that: a) *Guinea adopt adequate safeguards to mitigate any potential risks associated with the export of a stockpile of pre-Convention Pterocarpus erinaceus, including a system to identify the logs to be exported and a possible establishment of a voluntary 'zero quota' for export of Pterocarpus erinaceus harvested after the inclusion of the species in Appendix II (i.e. after 2 January 2017);*
4. In Notification to the Parties No. 2019/075 of 19 December 2019, published by the Secretariat, the Standing Committee recommended that Parties continue to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Guinea until recommendations a), b), c) and d) included in document SC71 SR have been implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat.
5. At the end of the procedure initiated under Rule 20 of the Standing Committee's Rules of Procedure (Notification to the Parties No. 2021/004 of 12 January 2021), the Standing Committee, considering *Note de Service 200051* adopted by Guinea on 16 November 2020, decided to exceptionally allow the export and import of the stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Guinea under certain conditions (Notification to the Parties No. 2021/033 of 26 April 2021).
6. As a result, the recommendation to suspend trade communicated to the Parties in Notification to the Parties No. 2019/075 of 19 December 2019 is partly withdrawn from the date of the present Notification concerning recommendation a) on the export of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* with a maximum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:

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- 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 includes 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;*
7. However, the recommendation to suspend trade communicated to Parties in Notification No. 019/075 of 19 December 2019 concerning all other commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species is upheld for Guinea until all the recommendations of the Standing Committee on the application of Article XIII listed in paragraphs b), c) and d), pages 6-7, of document SC71 SR mentioned above are implemented.
 8. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under Documents / Trade suspensions.
 9. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2019/075 of 19 December 2019.