

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/023

Geneva, 5 April 2022

CONCERNING:

GUINEA

Application of Article XIII in Guinea

Maintenance of a recommendation to suspend trade and extension of an export deadline for pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

1. At its 74th meeting (SC74, Lyon, March 2022), in accordance with Article XIII of the Convention, the Standing Committee adopted a revised set of recommendations ([SC74 Sum. 3 \(Rev. 1\) \(08/03/2022\), pages 7-8](#)) 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*.
2. Guinea is invited to report on the implementation of the recommendations to the Secretariat before the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee so that the Secretariat can in turn submit its report and recommendations to the Standing Committee at that meeting.
3. At SC74, the Standing Committee agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend commercial trade with Guinea until the above-mentioned recommendations [paragraphs b) to d)] have been implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat.
4. As a reminder, in Notification to the Parties No. 2021/037 of 6 May 2021, the Secretariat published a partial withdrawal of the recommendation to suspend trade for a stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Guinea, following the procedure initiated under Rule 20 of the Standing Committee's Rules of Procedure¹.

¹ Notification to the Parties No. 2021/004 of 12 January 2021.

5. Pursuant to that procedure, the Standing Committee decided to exceptionally allow the export and import of the stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Guinea, up to a maximum volume of 14,000 m³, subject to compliance with the safeguard measures adopted by Guinea on 16 November 2020 (**Note de Service 200051**), including the following²:
- 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 certificate 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;*
6. At SC74, the Standing Committee further agreed to extend the deadline for the export of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* until 13 November 2022. As a result, Guinea shall take all the necessary measures by **13 November 2022** to implement the Standing Committee decision adopted on 21 April 2021³.
7. In the meantime, the Standing Committee invited importing Parties to exert due diligence when CITES permits or certificates from Guinea are submitted, if they have reason to believe that the specimens of CITES-listed species may not have been traded in accordance with the decision adopted by the Standing Committee on 21 April 2021 and in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and paragraphs 1 c) and 2 of Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP18) on **Compliance and enforcement**.
8. The Secretariat draws the attention of the Parties to the fact that Notification to the Parties No. 2022/021 of 28 March 2022 regarding **'expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood Pterocarpus erinaceus for all range States'** does not apply to the stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Guinea referred to in paragraphs 4 to 6 above.
9. 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](#).
10. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2021/037 of 6 May 2021.

² Notification to the Parties No. 2021/033 of 26 April 2021.

³ Notification to the Parties No. 2021/033 of 26 April 2021