

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/031

Geneva, 12 May 2022

CONCERNING:

MADAGASCAR

Recommendation to suspend commercial trade of specimens of *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp. from Madagascar

1. At its 74th meeting (SC74, Lyon, March 2022), the Standing Committee considered trade from Madagascar in CITES-listed ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.), and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.), based on reports submitted by the Secretariat and Madagascar. At that meeting, the Standing Committee:
 - a) ***decided to uphold the recommendation for Parties not to accept exports or re-exports for commercial purposes from Madagascar of specimens of *Diospyros* spp. (populations from Madagascar; annotation #5) or *Dalbergia* spp. (annotation #15) from Madagascar, until Madagascar has made a legal acquisition finding and a non-detriment finding for these species on a national level to the satisfaction of the Secretariat;***
 - b) ***invited Parties of origin, transit and destination of specimens of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar to implement all the measures recommended by the Standing Committee regarding commercial trade in specimens of these species from Madagascar, including the suspension of such trade, and to effectively manage the stockpiles of wood of *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar. Parties are invited to follow the guidance included in Resolution Conf. 17.8 on Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species, in particular paragraphs 2 and 8;***
2. The Secretariat reminds Parties that, on 11 June 2017, the Standing Committee decided by postal procedure to acknowledge that finished products of *Dalbergia* spp. that were produced, packaged, ready for retail trade and duly registered and authorized for export in Madagascar prior to 2 January 2017 are not covered by the recommendation to suspend trade. Consequently, exports of those registered specimens can take place in accordance with the relevant special provisions of the Convention related to trade in pre-convention specimens.
3. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2018/007 of 15 January 2018.