

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/63

Geneva, 30 August 2022

CONCERNING:

Seizure of a stockpile of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* by Senegal from Mali under the expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood *Pterocarpus erinaceus* for all range States

1. This Notification to the Parties is prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Management Authority of Senegal.
2. In compliance of the outcomes of the expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, the Management Authority of Senegal would like to inform the Parties that on 10 August 2022, it has seized 124 containers (approximately 2480 m<sup>3</sup>) of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Mali.
3. The Secretariat is monitoring the implementation of this Article XIII process and recalls that the expedited compliance procedure pursuant to Article XIII is applicable to Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Togo. In accordance with the recommendations agreed by the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting and set out in [Notification No. 2022/021 of 28 March 2022](#), Parties shall suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from these seven range States as of 8 June 2022 (date of Notification No. 2022/045). The recommendation to suspend trade covers exports, re-exports and imports involving those seven Parties.
5. Indeed, in response to Notification to the Parties No. 2022/021 of March 28, 2022, Mali submitted a non-detriment finding and a legal acquisition finding to the Secretariat in respect of this species, and in parallel requested authorization to export 163,758 m<sup>3</sup> of timber resulting from past annual export quotas (2020 and 2021). However, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Standing Committee and the Chair of the Plants Committee, considered that none of the documents submitted constituted a satisfactory justification, and the request for authorization to export this stockpile could not succeed<sup>1</sup>.
6. The recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* remains in place until the following conditions are met by the Party concerned:
  - a) The Party makes scientifically based non-detriment findings for trade in the species in their countries to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, having

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<sup>1</sup> Notification No. 2022/045 of 8 June 2022 – paragraph 4

regard to Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) and based on the outcomes of the Review of Significant Trade process for this species; and

b) The Party provides evidence of adequate legal acquisition findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee, having regard to Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP18).

7. Parties are reminded of their general duties to exercise due diligence [see Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP18)] and to not authorise the transit or import of any specimen if there is reason to believe that it is traded in contravention of the laws of any country involved in the transaction, or if there is reason to believe that the specimen accompanied by a CITES document may not have been traded in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.
8. The recommendation to suspend trade is also applicable to stockpiles of confiscated specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. Parties wishing to export such stockpiles despite the recommendation to suspend trade may consider requesting a specific authorization of the Standing Committee through the Secretariat.
9. In this context, **Parties subject to the expedited compliance procedure (Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Togo) are invited to take all necessary measures to implement the decisions of the Standing Committee, including the suspension (as of 8 June 2022, date of Notification 2022/045) of imports, exports and re-exports of specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* until the relevant elements of the non-detriment findings and legal acquisition findings have been provided and approved by the Secretariat and the Chairs of the Standing Committee and the Plants Committee.**
10. The Secretariat recognizes the diligence exercised by the Management Authority of Senegal and encourages all concerned Parties to communicate without delay any information they may receive regarding the export, transit, transshipment, import or re-export of stockpiles of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Parties mentioned in paragraph 3 of this Notification.