



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/082

Geneva, 5 December 2022

CONCERNING:

GUINEA

Application of Article XIII in Guinea
Information on the export for pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

1. This Notification is issued at the request of Guinea.
2. At its 75th meeting (SC75, Panama City, November 2022), the Standing Committee took note of oral reports from Guinea (represented by Morocco as a Member of the Standing Committee) and the Secretariat concerning the export for pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*.
3. 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.
4. 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 certificates include a specific reference to the inventory. A copy of*

¹ Notification to the Parties [No. 2021/004](#) of 12 January 2021

² Notification to the Parties [No. 2021/033](#) of 26 April 2021

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;*

5. At SC74, the Standing Committee further agreed to extend the deadline for the export of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* until 13 November 2022³.
6. The Management Authority of Guinea informs the Parties that it has issued 70 CITES pre-Convention certificates by 13 November 2022 to export the stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. These certificates are valid for three years in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Permits and certificates*. Guinea invites the attention of the Parties to the fact that the stockpile is ready for export in containers, but transport is delayed owing to the reluctance of shipping companies to export the stockpile because of the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* made by the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting, under the *expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood Pterocarpus erinaceus for all range States*⁴.
7. Relevant stakeholders, including maritime transport companies are informed that the ongoing 'expedited procedure' does not apply to the stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Guinea referred to above.
8. The CITES Management Authorities of the transit and importing Parties are invited to take note of the present Notification, when taking all necessary measures related to the authorization of the trade of the concerned stockpile of pre-Convention specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Guinea.

³ Notification to the Parties [No. 2022/023](#) of 5 April 2022

⁴ Notification to the Parties [No. 2022/045](#) of 8 June 2022