



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/033

Geneva, 22 March 2023

CONCERNING:

Decisions 19.249 to 19.253 on *Brazil wood* (*Paubrasilia echinata*)

1. At its 19th meeting (Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted an amendment to annotation #10 for *Paubrasilia echinata*, as follows:

“All parts, derivatives and finished products, except re-export of finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument accessories and finished musical instrument parts.”
2. As a complement to this amendment to Appendix II, CoP19 also adopted [Decisions 19.249 to 19.253](#) on *Brazil wood* (*Paubrasilia echinata*), as contained in Annex 1 to the present Notification.
3. In line with these Decisions, the Secretariat invites Parties and relevant stakeholders to complete the questionnaire in the Annex 2 to the present notification and submit it to info@cites.org with a copy to isabel.camarena@un.org by 17 April 2023.
4. In accordance with paragraph c) of Decision 19.249, the responses received to the present Notification will be taken into consideration by the Secretariat in its reporting to the Plants and Standing Committees, as appropriate.

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DECISIONS 19.249 TO 19.253 ON
BRAZIL WOOD (*PAUBRASILIA ECHINATA*)

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.249** The Secretariat shall:
- a) issue a Notification to the Parties and relevant stakeholders requesting information on recent developments, national and international enforcement actions, illegal trade and marking of bows regarding *Paubrasilia echinata*,
 - b) subject to external funding, in consultation with the Plants Committee and in association with expert stakeholders, evaluate options for the establishment of a traceability system to register the provenance of *Paubrasilia echinata* (pernambuco) bows produced, acquired, or transported by owners, musicians and manufacturers; and
 - c) prepare a report on its findings on the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) *supra* and submit any resulting recommendations to the Standing Committee at its meeting.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.250** The Plants Committee shall advise the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision 19.249, paragraph b).

Directed to Parties, in particular source transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata*

- 19.251** Parties, and in particular source, transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata*, are invited to:
- a) continue national enforcement efforts including investigations of illegal trade in *Paubrasilia echinata* and complement them with joint enforcement actions.
 - b) consider the registration of stockpiles of *Paubrasilia echinata* as appropriate;
 - c) offer support in capacity-building to Brazil and other Parties as appropriate to improve the implementation of the listing of *Paubrasilia echinata*;
 - d) provide information to the Secretariat, as requested in Decision 19.249.

Directed to governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations and other entities

- 19.252** Governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations and other entities, are invited to:
- a) support the implementation of the listing of *Paubrasilia echinata*, *inter alia* by:
 - i) exploring ways to increase the traceability of finished bows, including for example, the development and implementation of a system of a unique individual marking and by sensitising producers and consumers (in particular musicians) of the status of the species,

- ii) working with Brazil to identify existing *Paubrasilia echinata* plantations within Brazil that could be considered source code A or Y to establish a sustainable supply chain; and,
- b) provide information to the Secretariat, as requested in Decision 19.249.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.253

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) consider any report by the Secretariat resulting from the implementation of Decision 19.249, as well as any other relevant information brought to its attention regarding the implementation of the listing of *Paubrasilia echinata* in Appendix II; and,
- b) make recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting, including recommendations relating to the development and implementation of a traceability system of *Paubrasilia echinata* specimens.