



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/006

Geneva, 8 January 2024

CONCERNING:

EXPEDITED APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII FOR *PTEROCARPUS ERINACEUS* (WEST AFRICAN ROSEWOOD) FOR ALL RANGE STATES

Recapitulation of Article XIII and RST recommendations relevant to *Pterocarpus erinaceus* and reminder of the recommendation to suspend trade in the species with certain range States

1. At its 77th meeting (SC77, Geneva, November 2023), pursuant to Article XIII of the Convention, the Standing Committee reviewed the implementation by the range States of the recommendations made under the expedited application of Article XIII and the Review of Significant Trade (RST) concerning *Pterocarpus erinaceus* (West African rosewood), using as a basis the report of the Secretariat contained in document [SC77 Doc. 33.2.3 \(Rev. 1\)](#).
2. The Standing Committee also aligned recommendations directed to Nigeria under the application of Article XIII (SC77 Doc. 33.11) with recommendations made to other range States of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*.
3. All country-specific recommendations agreed by the Standing Committee are set out in the Annex to this Notification. For further reference, the current RST recommendations are available in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 33.2.3 (Rev. 1).
4. This Notification should be read in conjunction with [Notification to the Parties No. 2022/045](#) of 8 June 2022 and [Notification to the Parties No. 2018/084](#) of 1 November 2018.
5. The Standing Committee agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from **Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Nigeria and Togo** under the application of Article XIII until the conditions mentioned under each Party in the Annex to the present Notification have been met. The recommendation to suspend trade covers exports, re-exports and imports of specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* involving those eight Parties.
6. Parties that issue import permits for trade in specimens of Appendix-II species are encouraged to consult the list when processing applications. 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](#).

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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC SC77 RECOMMENDATIONS
[AS PER EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SC77 SUM. 2 (Rev.1)]

Concerning countries that maintain a zero export quota for *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

The Committee noted that no further recommendations with regard to Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Niger and Senegal were required.

With regard to progress in the implementation of Article XIII recommendations for selected range States of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, including those currently subject to RST recommendations [starred and bolded (*)]

The Committee agreed to the following recommendations:

Gambia (The)*

a) The Committee:

- i) agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from the Gambia under the expedited application of Article XIII until the conditions of paragraph 10 of Notification to the Parties No. 2022/045 are met;
- ii) noted that no progress has been made by the Gambia in the implementation of the RST recommendations contained in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 33.2.3 (Rev. 1); and
- iii) agreed that the short-term and long-term recommendations a) through d) have not been implemented;

Guinea-Bissau*

b) The Committee:

- i) agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Guinea-Bissau under the expedited application of Article XIII until the conditions of paragraph 10 of Notification to the Parties No. 2022/045 are met;
- ii) noted that no progress has been made by Guinea-Bissau in the implementation of the RST recommendations contained in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 33.2.3 (Rev. 1); and
- iii) agreed that the short-term and long-term recommendations a) through d) have not been implemented;

Mali*

c) The Committee:

- i) acknowledged the significant progress made by Mali in implementing recommendations under the expedited application of Article XIII and long-term RST recommendations;
- ii) noted that the Plants Committee accepted that the NDF presented by Mali supports the quota of 55,384.8 m³ requested by Mali;
- iii) recommended that the Secretariat publish any potential future quota proposed by Mali in round wood equivalent;

- iv) noted the incremental progress made by Mali in the preparation of the legal acquisition findings for *Pterocarpus erinaceus*; and
- v) agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Mali under the expedited application of Article XIII until Mali finishes providing the 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) as required in paragraph 10 (b) of Notification to the Parties No. 2022/045;

Nigeria*

d) The Committee:

- i) agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Nigeria under Article XIII until the following conditions are met:
 - A. The Party concerned makes a scientifically based non-detriment finding for trade in the species to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee, having regard to Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings* 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. CoP19) on *Legal acquisition findings*.
- ii) acknowledged the progress made by Nigeria in implementing the short-term RST recommendation (paragraph a); and
- iii) recommended the retention of the short- and long-term recommendations a) through d);

With regards to Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, and Togo

- e) The Committee agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, and Togo under the expedited application of Article XIII until the conditions of paragraph 10 of Notification to the Parties No. 2022/045 are fully met;

With regards to the remaining four *Pterocarpus erinaceus*/country combinations that are undergoing specific recommendations under the RST process (starred (*), not bolded)

Benin*

- f) Provided that this Party maintains its voluntary zero export quota, the Committee:
 - i) acknowledged the progress made by Benin in implementing the RST short-term recommendation (paragraph a);
 - ii) recommended that the remaining RST recommendations be addressed as a case study at the NDF workshop; and
 - iii) recommended the retention of the short- and long-term RST recommendations b) through d);

Burkina Faso*

- g) Provided that this Party maintains its voluntary zero export quota, the Committee:

- i) acknowledged the progress made by Burkina Faso in implementing the RST short-term recommendation (paragraph a); and
- ii) recommended the retention of the short- and long-term RST recommendations b) through d);

Ghana*

- h) Provided that this Party maintains its voluntary zero export quota, the Committee:
 - i) acknowledged the progress made by Ghana in implementing the short-term RST recommendation (paragraph a);
 - ii) recommended the retention of the short- and long-term RST recommendations b) through d); and
 - iii) requested the Secretariat to initiate an intersessional consultation process with the Plants Committee through its Chair to review the NDF submitted by Ghana, and inform the Chair of the Standing Committee about the outcomes;

Sierra Leone*

- i) Provided that this Party maintains its voluntary zero export quota, the Committee:
 - i) acknowledged the progress made by Sierra Leone in implementing the short-term RST recommendation (paragraph a);
 - ii) recommended the retention of the short- and long-term RST recommendations b) through d);
 - iii) further acknowledged the significant progress made in delivering the long-term recommendations; and
 - iv) requested the Secretariat to initiate an intersessional consultation process with the Plants Committee through its Chair to review the NDF submitted by Sierra Leone, and inform the Chair of the Standing Committee about the outcomes.