



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/057

Geneva, 29 April 2024

CONCERNING:

MALI

Partial withdrawal of recommendation to suspend trade
in the context of the expedited application of Article XIII
for *Pterocarpus erinaceus* (West African rosewood)

1. The Secretariat hereby informs all Parties that the recommendation to suspend trade for Mali is partially withdrawn with immediate effect concerning a volume of 39,950.4 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. The CITES Management Authority of Mali can proceed without further delay to issue export permits for that volume of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* to be exported by the company *Générale Industrie du Bois (GIB)*.
2. The partial withdrawal of the trade suspension for that volume is due to the presentation by Mali of a non-detriment finding (NDF) at the 26th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC26; Geneva, June 2023) requesting an export quota of 55,384.8 m³ for *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. The Plants Committee accepted that the NDF presented by Mali supports the requested export quota of 55,384.8 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*.
3. Subsequently, out of the agreed export quota of 55,384.8 m³, Mali presented a legal acquisition finding for a volume of 40,000.00 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. Following the review of this legal acquisition finding, the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee are satisfied that Mali presented evidence of legal acquisition findings for a total volume of 39,950.4 m³. Therefore, as indicated in paragraph 1 above, the recommendation to suspend trade for Mali is partially withdrawn with immediate effect with regard to the volume of 39,950.4 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*.
4. The recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* from Mali under the expedited application of Article XIII remains in effect for all other specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* until the conditions of paragraph 10 (b) of Notification to the Parties No. 2022/045 are met. Consequently, additional evidence of legal acquisition findings will be required for remaining volumes of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*.
5. 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](#). Parties that issue import permits for trade in specimens of Appendix-II species are encouraged to consult the list when processing applications.

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Background

1. It is recalled that, in accordance with the recommendations agreed by the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting (SC74; Lyon, March 2022) and communicated to all Parties in [Notification No. 2022/045](#) of 8 June 2022, commercial trade in specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus* was suspended with regard to seven range States, including Mali, until:
 - 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 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).
2. At the 26th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC26; Geneva, June 2023), Mali presented an NDF for *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. The Plants Committee accepted that the NDF presented by Mali supports the requested export quota of 55,384.8 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*.
3. 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*.
4. The Standing Committee acknowledged the significant progress made by Mali in implementing recommendations under the expedited application of Article XIII and long-term RST recommendation and noted that the Plants Committee accepted that the Non-Detriment Finding presented by Mali supports the quota of 55,384.8 m³ requested by Mali. The Standing Committee further 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 provides the evidence of adequate legal acquisition findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee. Recommendations of the Standing Committee were communicated to all Parties in [Notification No. 2024/006](#) of 8 January 2024.
5. Out of the agreed export quota of 55,384.8 m³, Mali presented an LAF for a volume of 40,000.00 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. Following the review of this legal acquisition finding, the Secretariat and the Chair of the Standing Committee are satisfied that Mali presented evidence of legal acquisition findings for a total volume of 39,950.4 m³. Therefore, the recommendation to suspend trade for Mali is partially withdrawn with immediate effect with regard to the volume of 39,950.4 m³ of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*. The CITES Management Authority of Mali can proceed without further delay to issue export permits for that volume to be exported by the company *Générale Industrie du Bois (GIB)*.