



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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## CITES Tree Species Project: Call for preliminary expressions of interest

1. On 8 December 2023, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection reached an agreement with the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to contribute EUR 10 million to the CITES Tree Species Project (CTSP) on sustainable trade in CITES-listed tree species and related forest governance. The news release on the project can be found on the CITES website at:

<https://cites.org/eng/news/germany-commits-10-million-euros-to-cites-tree-species-project>

2. The project will follow a format similar to the previous project funded by the European Union entitled: *Supporting sustainable management of endangered tree species and conservation of the African Elephant (2017 – 2022)*, consisting of a grant mechanism to support interested Parties. It will however have a wider geographical scope. The new project will also focus on creating and strengthening linkages between CITES implementation of tree species listings with forest governance, sustainable forest management and climate change mitigation.
3. While the full project document is currently under development, the CITES Secretariat hereby calls for **preliminary expressions of interest** from Parties that are range States of CITES-listed tree species in receiving financial assistance to support their conservation and management measures to ensure that their trade in timber, bark, extracts and other products from CITES-listed tree species is legal, sustainable and traceable. While this preliminary expression of interest does not guarantee or limit the final selection of projects that will receive financial support, it will help the Secretariat in assessing the type and level of capacity-building needs that can be expected.
4. Interested Parties and stakeholders in developing countries are invited to complete the information in the Annex to this Notification and submit their expressions of interest by **31 May 2024** to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) with the subject line: *CITES Tree Species Project – Preliminary Expression of Interest*.

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