



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Ongoing consultations with the Plants Committee
in preparation for the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC78)

1. The Secretariat hereby informs Parties on the status of the consultations with the Plants Committee as agreed at its 27th meeting (PC27; Geneva, July 2024) and in preparation for the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC78).
2. As the time of writing, the Secretariat has shared with the Plants Committee advance draft reports of the studies on the following agenda items and invited the Committee to provide their scientific or technical advice on the preliminary reports by 29 November 2024, so that the Secretariat can finalize the reports in time for consideration at SC78:
 - a) Trade in medicinal and aromatic plants species [[Decision 19.261](#), paragraph c)];
 - b) CITES and forests [[Decision 19.32](#), paragraph b)]; and
 - c) Annotation #15 [[Decision 18.321 \(Rev. CoP19\)](#)].
3. Parties wishing to consult and provide their comments on the aforementioned studies are invited to do so through and in coordination their Plants Committee regional representatives, and to share with them any feedback they might have by **29 November 2024**. The directory of the Plants Committee members is available at: <https://cites.org/eng/com/pc/member.php>
4. With regards to progress in the implementation of [Decision 19.145](#) on *Identification of timber and other wood products*, the Secretariat has no preliminary findings to share with the Plants Committee at this point. Any progress on this matter will instead be included in the relevant section of the report of the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees for SC78.

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