

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/032

Geneva, 13 March 2025

CONCERNING:

APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Partial withdrawal of recommendation to suspend trade for commercial purposes with the Lao People's Democratic Republic for CITES-listed flora species for which an export quota has been published on the CITES website

1. In [Notification to the Parties No. 2023/127](#) of 21 November 2023, the Secretariat communicated to the Parties the recommendation of the Standing Committee, made during its 77th meeting (SC77; Geneva, November 2023), to suspend trade for commercial purposes with the Lao People's Democratic Republic in specimens of all CITES-listed species.
2. At its 78th meeting (SC78; Geneva, February 2025), the Standing Committee agreed that Parties shall **continue to suspend trade with the Lao People's Democratic Republic in specimens of all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes** until the Lao People's Democratic Republic has substantially achieved the recommendations agreed by the Committee, **except for CITES-listed flora species for which an export quota has been published on the CITES website**, noting that the Lao People's Democratic Republic commits to share with the Secretariat the non-detriment finding for CITES-listed plants species prior to the issuance of any export permit [[SC78 Sum. 3 \(Rev.1\)](#) and [SC78 Sum. 12 \(Rev. 1\)](#)]. The list of annual export quotas can be found on the [Export Quota tool](#).
3. The partial lifting of the recommendation to suspend trade for commercial purposes with regard to specimens of CITES-listed flora species from Lao People's Democratic Republic, for which an export quota has been published on the CITES website, **came into effect on 25 February 2025**, date of the adoption of the SC78 executive summary.
4. Parties are requested to inform their enforcement and customs authorities of this recommendation, and exercise due diligence to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species still subject to the recommendation to suspend trade for commercial purposes. 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](#).