



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/074

Geneva, 12 June 2025

CONCERNING:

Questionnaire relating to the utility and practicality of the
CITES online repository on timber identification resources and tools

1. In [Decision 19.145](#), the Secretariat is instructed to review the utility and practicality of the [online repository](#) and make recommendations on its development, in close consultation with the Plants Committee.
2. At its 26th meeting (Geneva, 2023), the Plants Committee agreed the terms of reference on *Maintenance and Expansion of the CITES timber-ID-repository* (see summary record [PC26 SR](#)). The terms of reference require the undertaking of coordinated extensive consultations with Parties and relevant stakeholders on the experience using the online repository.
3. In collaboration with the Research Institute of Wood Industry, Chinese Academy of Forestry (CRIWI, CAF), the Secretariat developed the questionnaire contained in the Annex to this Notification.
4. The Terms of Reference agreed by the Plants Committee specifies that consultations with enforcement officers, customs and Scientific Authorities should be prioritized. All Parties and other stakeholders, and especially enforcement officers, customs and Scientific Authorities, are invited to complete the questionnaire contained in the Annex to this Notification to inform recommendations to improve the functionality and users' experience of the online repository.
5. The completed questionnaires should be submitted to by email with subject line "Notification No. 2025/074: Timber repository questionnaire" to Dr. Yafang Yin (yafang@caf.ac.cn) and Dr. Yang Lu (yang.lu@caf.ac.cn), with a copy to Ms. Thea Carroll (thea.carroll@un.org) no later than **4 July 2025**.

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