

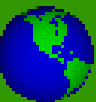


Key timber issues at CITES CoP17

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In this presentation we will look at:

- ❖ 8 Working documents on tree spp.
- ❖ 10 Listing or amendment proposals on tree spp
- ❖ 9 Tree species side events



CITES and Trees – CoP17 working documents

Document CoP17
Doc. nr.

Key timber issues

10.3.1 - PC Chair
report

- The ongoing work on the timber trade study will continue in order to report the final results at PC23 (PY, May, 2017). This work may result on further amendments at CoP18, to the annotations for tree species. The work of the WG on Annotations will continue under the SC.
- Timber ID: a) reference made to the ongoing cooperation of the Global Timber Tracking Network in the development of the directory on institutions with morphological or molecular timber identification expertise, details of experts in timber identification and tools/manuals available to help authorities with identification. b) reference made to the UNODC (see doc. CoP17 Doc. 48.1 – Timber identification).
- Resolution Conf. 14.4 on *Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber* The extensive progress, positive impact and areas for future work for the joint CITES-ITTO programme. (see doc. CoP17 Doc. 14.5 – Cooperation with other organizations)
- Exports and imports of timber species accompanied by CITES export permits under a court order: need to ensure that permits issued under court order are issued based on the required CITES findings. (see doc. CoP17 Doc. 37 – Permits and certificates)



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48.1 - Timber ID	submitted by the Secretariat and prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) . This document provides a summary of the ongoing work lead by UNODC within the framework of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) to strengthen the development and use of tools and technologies to address illicit trafficking of timber . It provides explanatory text to accompany a set of draft decisions for consideration at the CITES CoP17 to improve timber identification of CITES listed trees and look-alike species .
53.1 - PC Agarwood	Three draft decisions are proposed to consider the current production systems of tree species , including mixed and monospecific plantations, and assess the applicability of the current definitions of artificial propagation. Parties are also invited to compile and publish identification manuals on agarwood products.
55.2 - MG Dalbergia and Diospyros	Doc. by the Secretariat. Draft revision of the Action Plan as requested at SC65. Main difference with the CoP16 Action Plan is that this set of draft decisions strengthen the call for work in transit and destination countries to develop action plans to effectively manage the timber stockpiles from Madagascar .
62. - International trade in rosewood spp.	There are 16 spp. of rosewood in CITES (15 Dalbergia spp.) and most recently Senegal included <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i> in App. III. But in total we have 58 spp of Dalbergia spp. and some could be consider rosewood as taxonomy is being revised. This document raises concern about the current levels of overexploitation and status of the spp. in the wild . The main challenges for CITES beign ID and NDF. Draft decisions are proposed to further work on <i>Pterocarpus</i>, <i>Millettia</i> and <i>Cassia</i> spp. assessing int. trade and potential benefits of listings .



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65. - <i>Osyris lanceolata</i> (East African Aloe)	A set of draft decisions are proposed to consider this a priority for funding and gather further information on the conservation status of, trade in and use of <i>Osyris</i> species within the region, internationally and help build capacity to carry out non-detriment findings for currently-listed populations.
67. - <i>Prunus africana</i>	A set of draft decisions are proposed to organize a regional workshop on the sustainable use and the control of international trade in this sp.
76. Neotropical tree spp. and 77. – African tree spp.	A set of draft decisions are proposed to continue with the WG on Neotropical tree spp. and to create a similar WG but for African tree spp.



Listing or amendment proposals on tree spp

	Appendix I	Appendix II	Appendix III
Animal parts and derivatives	Always included	Always included	Included if specified
Plant parts and derivatives	Always included	Included if specified	Included if specified

- **Annotations** to the listings for plants in Appendix II, and for Appendix III species, **determine which parts and derivatives are included** (*The Parties have agreed that for plant species included in Appendix II, the absence of an annotation relating to that species indicates that all readily recognizable parts and derivatives are included*)

Annotation example

- ***Dalbergia calycina*** (for Guatemala: Appendix III, applies only to **logs, sawn wood veneer sheets, and plywood**; but other populations are not included in this listing)



Annotation example

- **Aniba rosaeodora** (Appendix II) applies only to logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and essential oil (excluding finished products packaged and ready for retail)



Annotation example

- ***Guaiacum* spp.** (App. II)

All parts and derivatives except:

- a) seeds and pollen; and
- b) finished products packaged and ready for retail trade.



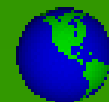
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	Proponent	Species covered by the proposal	English common name (not official – for reference only)
50	Mexico	Include <i>Beaucarnea</i> in Appendix II	(Ponytail palm, Elephant-foot tree)
53	Thailand	<i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i> – amend the annot.	Siamese rosewood
54	Mexico	<p>Include 13 timber species of genus <i>Dalbergia</i> (native to Mexico and Central America) in Appendix II:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Dalbergia calderonii</i> 2) <i>Dalbergia calycina</i> 3) <i>Dalbergia congestiflora</i> 4) <i>Dalbergia cubilquitzensis</i> 5) <i>Dalbergia glomerata</i> 6) <i>Dalbergia longepedunculata</i> 7) <i>Dalbergia luteola</i> 8) <i>Dalbergia melanocardium</i> 9) <i>Dalbergia modesta</i> 10) <i>Dalbergia palo-escrito</i> 11) <i>Dalbergia rhachiflexa</i> 12) <i>Dalbergia ruddae</i> 13) <i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i> 	Rosewood x 13 spp.



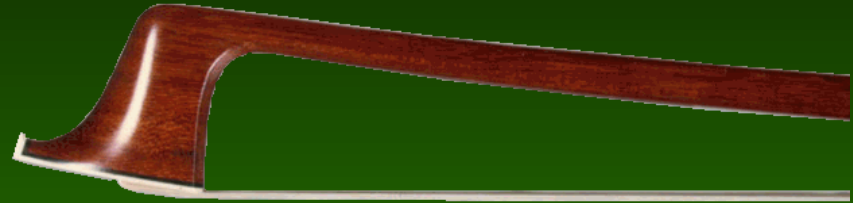
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55	Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala and Kenya	Include the genus <i>Dalbergia</i> in CITES Appendix II with exception to the species included in Appendix I	Rosewood
56	The European Union and Gabon	Include <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i> , <i>Guibourtia pellegriniana</i> and <i>Guibourtia demeusei</i> in Appendix II	Bubingas
57	Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the European Union, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo	Include <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i> in Appendix II, without annotation	African rosewood, Kosso
58	Madagascar	Include <i>Adansonia grandidieri</i> in Appendix II only for seeds, fruits, oil and live plants and annotate the listing to this effect	Grandidier's baobab
59	Algeria	Include <i>Abies numidica</i> in Appendix I	Algerian fir
60	United States of America	Amend the listings of <i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp. in App. II: Ann. #14 to control trade in 'wood chips'.	Agarwood
62	United States of America	Amend the listings of <i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i> in App. II: Ann. #11 to exempt: Finished products containing extracts as ingredients, including fragrances.	Holy wood



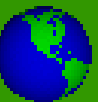
Need of ID materials in CITES

- On 1 July 1975, 18 species were included in the Appendices.



- To date, more than 400 tree species are included in the CITES Appendices and.

- During the CITES CoP17 10 proposals on tree species will be discussed and, potentially 198 additional tree species could be included in Appendix II and one tree species in Appendix I.



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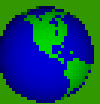
- With an increasing nr of Parties we'll see more and more tree spp. listed.
- **This CoP17 will consider 199 documents**
- We are 250-300% overbudget for translation of those documents
- **At CoP16 we had almost 1600 participants and this CoP announces itself much bigger...**



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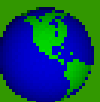
Side events: with more than 100 side events the most pertinent for tree spp. work are:

- 25 September - lunch time: Title: 'Plants, People and Passion' (sustainability of the harvest - SFM) – CITES-ITTO-UNCTAD
- 25 September - lunch time: Title: 'Rosewood Timber Spp. Overview and Needs Assessment' – WRI- Global Eye – EIA – Guatemala – Mexico and Madagascar to be confirmed
- 26 September - lunch time: UNCTAD - ITC (traceability)
- 27 September - lunch time: Title: 'Release of the revised 9 Steps- NDF-Guidance for Perennial Plants' (NDF – tree species)
- 27 September - lunch time: Title: 'Cycad Trade and Conservation in South Africa' – Scientific Authority of South Africa
- 27 September - evening: Title: 'Protection of Bubinga (Kevazingo), a rare and sacred tree of Central Africa – Scientific Authority of Germany and Gabón



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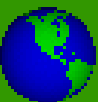
- 28 September - lunch time: Title: 'Sustainable harvest and trade in *Prunus africana*' - Scientific Authority of Germany
 - 3 October - lunch time: Title: ITTO-CITES Programme - Trees in CITES (SFM)
 - 4 October - lunch time: Title: ITTO-CITES Programme - Advisory Committee.
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- This are the side events requested at the time of preparing this presentation, others may be organize in addition and proposed dates or time may slightly change. Please check the CITES official programme available closer to the CoP17 time.



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Summing up

- Proposals to address current rocketing overharvesting rates on some of the most economically valuable tree spp. worldwide.
- Regional working groups on tree species and international *fora* proposed to prioritise these species.
- Identification as a key first step towards an effective implementation of CITES for tree species.
- Non-detriment findings and national action plans for tree spp.
- Work with range States is as important as working with transit and destination countries. Demand reduction is a key element.
- Amendments to tree species annotations will continue as CITES adapts to quick international market shifts.
- The work on look-alike species is needed to ensure the effective implementation of CITES for listed species.
- Consultation with range States is mandatory in accordance with Resolution Conf. 8.21 (Rev.CoP16) on Consultation with range States on proposals to amend Appendices I and II.





Mahogany tree; picture of J. Grogan

Muchas gracias ! Merci beaucoup! Thank you!

