



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Information to be submitted for the consideration of the next  
meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees

1. At its 14th meeting, the Conference of the Parties agreed that Parties would report on a number of subjects with a view to facilitating discussions at the forthcoming 23rd meeting of the Animals Committee or 17th meeting of the Plants Committee.

For ease of reference the Secretariat lists these below.

**a. Sharks**

- i) Parties should report progress in identifying endangered shark species that require consideration for inclusion in the Appendices, if their management and conservation status does not improve [paragraph b) of Decision 14.104];
- ii) Parties landing and exporting products from shark species of concern identified by the Animals Committee (see Annex 3 to document CoP14 Doc. 59.1) should report on the fisheries, environmental and international trade management measures adopted, levels of landings and exports, and the status of these stocks and fisheries [paragraph c) of Decision 14.108];
- iii) Shark fishing and trading entities, particularly the major fishing or trading entities (Indonesia, the European Community, India, Spain, Taiwan (province of China), Mexico, Argentina, the United States of America, Thailand, Pakistan, Japan, Malaysia, France, Brazil, Sri Lanka, the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Nigeria and Portugal) are strongly encouraged to identify opportunities to: improve, in cooperation with FAO and relevant fishery management bodies, the monitoring and reporting of catch, bycatch, discards, market and international trade data, at the species level where possible and to establish systems to provide verification of catch information [paragraph c) of Decision 14.115]; and
- iv) Parties should provide details of their commodity codes for fish products (e.g. fresh/chilled, frozen and dried, processed and unprocessed, meat, oil, skin, cartilage and fins), imports, exports and re-exports, for both CITES-listed and non-listed species (Decision 14.106).

**b. *Cistanche deserticola*, *Dioscorea deltoidea*, *Nardostachys grandiflora*, *Picrorhiza kurrooa*, *Pterocarpus santalinus*, *Rauvolfia serpentina* and *Taxus wallichiana***

Range States of the above species to report on progress in the implementation of regionally coordinated actions should improve the management of and prevent illegal trade in these seven species, including, *inter alia*, measures to combat illegal trade, regional capacity-building workshops and harmonization of regulations and legislation: [paragraph b) of Decision 14.20].

**c. Orchidaceae spp.**

Countries of export and import of Orchidaceae spp. included in Appendix II should provide results of efforts to prepare identification material on further exemptions for artificially propagated hybrids of these orchids, taking into consideration the capacities of countries to implement and control such exemptions effectively [Decision 14.133].

**d. Bigleaf mahogany**

All range States of the bigleaf mahogany should submit reports on progress in the implementation of the 'Action plan for the control of international trade in bigleaf mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*)' [paragraph 1 e) iv) of the Action Plan adopted through Decision 14.145].

**e. *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *D. granadillo* and *D. stevensonii***

- i) Range States of the above mentioned species shall:
  - a) complete and update the available information on these;
  - b) assess their populations, taking into account *inter alia* the distribution, cover, density, size structure, regeneration dynamics and changes in land use;
  - c) report the existence, extent and type of forest plantations of the species; and
  - d) compile the information related to export of the species, including volumes and products, indicating the percentage from plantations [paragraph 1 of the Action Plan adopted through Decision 14.146].
- ii) All Parties shall:
  - a) compile the information on the import and export of the species, including origin (wild or cultivated), volumes and products, indicating the country of origin and final destination; and
  - b) report the existence, extent and type of forest plantations of these species, including exported volumes and products. [paragraph 2 of the Action Plan adopted through Decision 14.146].

2. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving the above reports by 15 December 2007 so as to have sufficient time to collate and summarize the information in due time for the forthcoming Animals and Plants Committee meetings. Parties are requested to make their reports as succinct as possible.