

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

Trees

MADAGASCAR

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Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Co-Chairs: Nomenclature specialist (Mr McGough) and Madagascar;

Members: Representative of Europe (Mr Sajeva);

Parties: Austria, Canada, China, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America; and

IGOs and NGOs: European Commission, IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), Botanical Gardens Conservation International, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC International and WWF.

Mandate

- a) Advise on an appropriate format and provide guidance to enable Madagascar to report on progress at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17); and
- b) Review Madagascar's report on the implementation of the action plan and provide it with relevant support and advice

Recommendations

- a) That Madagascar produce for the 17th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties and future reports to the Plants Committee its report in a tabular format to allow ease of assessment of progress against each of the actions in the Action Plan.

That the headings in the table include but are not restricted to:

ACTIONS, PROGRESS TO DATE (including project titles and short summary), DEADLINES (including projects' end date), KEY PARTNERS and PROPOSED FUTURE ACTIONS

That in preparation for reporting to the next Plants Committee Madagascar should consider the need for continuing the Action Plan after CoP17 and the potential revisions required for any revised plan to be presented to that meeting of the Conference of the Parties

- b) That the Plants Committee commends Madagascar on its significant progress in implementing the Action Plan since the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties and notes the overall need for effective coordination of the wide range of activities being carried out.

That Madagascar continues its surveys of populations of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* as a matter of urgency and its report to PC22 includes an estimate of the number of populations that remain to be surveyed and the time lines for the completion of this task.

That funding for these surveys be considered a priority for Parties and Agencies supporting implementation of the Action Plan.

That those Parties involved in researching information on the main species to be exported develop adequate material to allow identification in the form that the wood is traded and that the CITES Secretariat assists Madagascar in ensuring that such work is coordinated.

That Madagascar extends its embargo on exports of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* to at least the date of PC22/ SC66 noting that it will be unlikely that a stockpile audit be completed for some significant time.

That the CITES Secretariat supports Madagascar in developing strong links with transit and destination countries and as a matter of urgency seek funding and other resources to hold a workshop bringing together these key stakeholders.

That Madagascar, as a matter of urgency, completes the process by which it can become a full member of ITTO and the CITES Secretariat continues to treat this action as a priority.

That Parties and other Agencies support Madagascar and assist the CITES Secretariat in identifying alternate sources of funding while the ITTO membership process is underway.

That a standard reference for *Dalbergia* and *Diopsyros* be prepared as soon as possible and in the case of *Dalbergia* a draft list should be made available by the next meeting of the CITES Standing Committee.