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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

CEDRELA ODORATA, DALBERGIA RETUSA, DALBERGIA GRANADILLO AND DALBERGIA STEVENSONII

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the Plants Committee, on behalf of the Committee*.
2. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 14.146, on *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*, as follows:

The Conference of the Parties adopted the Action Plan attached as Annex 4 to these Decisions, to complete knowledge on the status of conservation of, trade in and sustainable use of Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii.
3. Annex 4 directed the Plants Committee to:
 - a) *establish the relevant methodology and necessary formats for the presentation of the information requested for the implementation of this Decision;*
 - b) *receive, analyse and follow up the Action Plan at its 17th and 18th meetings; and*
 - c) *propose the relevant recommendations for Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*
4. The Plants Committee established the methodology and necessary formats for the presentation of the information. The Secretariat forwarded those to the Parties concerned within the established time-frame, so that information may be collated and submitted for consideration by the Committee at its 17th and 18th meetings (see documents PC17 Doc. 16.3 and PC18 Doc. 13.3).
5. At its 18th meeting, the Committee had all the relevant information related to the species concerned. It established a working Group (WG7) to analyse and discuss this information, with the following membership: Co-Chairs: Canada (Ken Farr) and Peru (Fabiola Núñez); Plants Committee members: the representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera Luther) and the alternate representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Ms Rivera Brusatin); Parties: Brazil, Chile, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; international governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations: the European Community, UNEP-WCMC, Species Survival Network, TRAFFIC and WWF.

* *The geographical designations employed in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CITES Secretariat or the United Nations Environment Programme concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. The responsibility for the contents of the document rests exclusively with its author.*

6. The mandate of the working group was to:
- a) Analyse the responses received further to the Action Plan and the information contained in the proposals submitted at CoP14;
 - b) Apply the criteria for inclusion in the Appendices and assess whether these criteria are met; and;
 - c) Make recommendations relevant to the species concerned, including on the relevance of submitting proposals to include them in the Appendices at CoP15.
7. Later in that meeting, the co-chair of WG7 (Canada) presented document PC18 WG7 Doc. 1 (Rev. 1). The Committee noted that the working group had been unable to conclude whether the criteria for inclusion in the CITES Appendices had been met. The working group also believed that the information made available did not include all current knowledge concerning the population status of the species in question. Many range States were currently working to develop additional information on species population status, in some cases with the assistance of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the CITES-ITTO project. Brazil, Mexico and Peru highlighted their ongoing development of population studies. Peru presented preliminary results concerning population status of *Cedrela odorata* that indicated stable populations with good potential for natural regeneration.
8. The working group made the following recommendations to the Committee:
- a) Decision 14.146 should continue as the primary source of direction regarding collection and analysis of information on *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*;
 - b) The Plants Committee should encourage the range States that have not yet responded to Decision 14.146 to immediately do so;
 - c) The Plants Committee should urge range States of *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* to include all the populations within the ranges of these species in Appendix III with the adequate annotation and ensure the implementation and enforcement of CITES with regard to those species in that Appendix;
 - d) The Plants Committee should consider recommending to the Conference of the Parties that Decision 14.146 be renewed and updated as appropriate, including an amendment to paragraph 1. f) of the Action Plan as follows (new or modified text in bold):

include all the populations in the ranges of Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii in Appendix III with the adequate annotation and ensure the implementation and enforcement of CITES with regard to those species in that Appendix;
 - e) The Plants Committee should request the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group (BMWG) to incorporate, as a part of its activities, an analysis in the framework of Decision 14.146 of information received on the species indicated in that Decision;
 - f) The Chair of the BMWG should ensure that the analysis of the information described in Recommendation e) is completed by 1 September 2009 and provided to the Plants Committee for publication on the CITES website;
 - g) The BMWG should facilitate communication and information exchange amongst range States of the species indicated in Decision 14.146, including knowledge and experience gained as a result of the Appendix-III listing of *Cedrela odorata*;
 - h) The Plants Committee should consider extending the mandate of the BMWG to accommodate actions that may be required for the species indicated in Decision 14.146;
 - i) Recognizing the extremely positive outcomes resulting from cooperation between the range States and CITES-ITTO on projects involving the species indicated in Decision 14.146 (as described in document PC18 Doc. 5.3, *Regional report – Central and South America and the Caribbean*), the Plants Committee should encourage Parties to continue and enhance this cooperation;

- j) Range States should consider requesting technical and financial support from ITTO in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4 on *Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber*;
 - k) The range States of the species indicated in Decision 14.146 should facilitate generation of information required for identification and differentiation of these species and of similar species within the genera *Cedrela* and *Dalbergia*, through communication and cooperation with expert organizations such as the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, that are conducting taxonomic research relevant to these genera; and
 - l) The costs of applying these recommendations should be assessed by the CITES Secretariat.
9. The Committee noted the recommendations of the working group and agreed to reflect them in its own recommendations for CoP15 with regard to *Cedrela* spp., *Dalbergia retusa*, *D. granadillo* and *D. stevensonii*.
 10. At the time of writing, the Plants Committee had not received from the Chair of the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group any of the information mentioned in Recommendation f) of WG7.
 11. Taking into account the discussions and analyses of the information received, the Plants Committee recommends to the Conference of the Parties that Decision 14.146 be maintained as Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15), with the amendments proposed in the Annex to the present document.
 12. The Committee consulted the CITES Secretariat on the cost of implementing this decision. Based on its experience with the CITES-ITTO project, the Secretariat estimates the cost at around USD 1,000,000.

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

- A. In the case of *Cedrela odorata*, only three populations are included in Appendix III (the populations of Colombia, Guatemala and Peru). For *Dalbergia retusa* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*, only the population of Guatemala is listed in Appendix III. Finally, *Dalbergia granadillo* is not included in CITES.
- B. In this context, the Secretariat is of the opinion that Parties should focus their efforts on the implementation of the Convention for CITES-listed species. Between CoP14 and CoP15, paragraph 1. f) of Annex 4 of Decision 14.146, encouraged range States of *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* to consider the inclusion of their populations of *Cedrela odorata* in Appendix III. Since 2007, only Guatemala has included its populations of *Cedrela odorata* in Appendix III.
- C. If these species were listed in Appendix II, and the making of a non-detriment finding were required, the Secretariat would support the recommendation of the Plants Committee in paragraph 11 and the request of funding in paragraph 12. Since this is not the case, and as explained in the previous paragraph, the Secretariat can not support the recommendations in the present document.

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

NB: Text to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~. Proposed new text is underlined.

Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii

Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15)

The Conference of the Parties adopted the Action Plan attached as Annex 4 ~~X~~ to these Decisions, to complete knowledge on the status of conservation of, trade in and sustainable use of *Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*.

Annex 4~~X~~

Action plan for *Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*

1. The range States of *Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* shall:
 - a) complete and update the available information on the species mentioned in this Decision;
 - b) assess the populations of the species mentioned in this Decision, 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 mentioned in this Decision;
 - d) compile the information related to export of the species mentioned in this Decision, including volumes and products, indicating the percentage from plantations;
 - e) report to the Secretariat progress in the compilation of the information outlined in paragraphs a), b), c) and d) above, 60 days before the ~~47~~19th and ~~48~~20th meetings of the Plants Committee, so that the Secretariat may present a report to the Committee and the Committee may adopt the necessary measures; ~~and~~
 - f) ~~consider the inclusion of~~ include all their populations of *Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* in Appendix III, with the adequate annotation, and ensure¹ the implementation and enforcement of CITES with regard to ~~that~~those species in that Appendix;
 - g) consider the production of identification material for those species and similar species, collaborating with relevant expert organizations; and
 - h) consider providing technical and financial support to the CITES and ITTO Secretariats, in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4 on Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber.
2. Parties, with regard to *Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*, shall:
 - a) compile the information on the import and re-export of the species mentioned in this Decision, including origin (wild or cultivated), volumes and products, indicating the country of origin and final destination;
 - b) report the existence, extent and type of forest plantations of the species mentioned in this Decision, including exported volumes and products; ~~and~~

¹ Note from the Secretariat: a change to this verb is proposed in Spanish but does not affect the English or French version.

- c) report to the Secretariat on the compilation of the information outlined in paragraphs a) and b) above, 60 days before the ~~17~~¹⁹th and ~~18~~²⁰th meetings of the Plants Committee, so that the Secretariat may present a report to the Committee and the Committee may adopt the necessary measures; and
- d) continue, support and strengthen the cooperation between CITES and ITTO in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4.

3. The Plants Committee shall:

- a) establish the relevant methodology and necessary formats for the presentation of the information requested for the implementation of this Decision;
- b) request the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group (BMWG) to incorporate, as a part of its activities and in the context of the present Decision, an analysis of information received on the species concerned, and to facilitate communication and the exchange of information between range States, including knowledge and experience gained as a result of the Appendix-III listing of *Cedrela odorata*;
- ~~b~~c) receive, analyse and follow up the Action Plan at its ~~17~~¹⁹th and ~~18~~²⁰th meetings; and
- ~~e~~d) propose the relevant recommendations for *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* at the ~~15~~¹⁶th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

4. The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek external funding from interested parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, exporters, importers and other entities directly interested in supporting this Decision;
- b) inform Parties of the management of funds that have been raised, of technical assistance and of how they may accede to these resources;
- c) request technical and financial support from the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4 on *Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber*; and
- d) promote and assist capacity building in the range States through workshops, trainings and other activities considered relevant in the period between the ~~15~~¹⁴th and ~~16~~¹⁵th meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii

Decision 14.146 (Rev. CoP15)

The Conference of the Parties adopted the Action Plan attached as Annex X to these Decisions, to complete knowledge on the status of conservation of, trade in and sustainable use of *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*.

Annex X

Action plan for *Cedrela odorata, Dalbergia retusa, Dalbergia granadillo and Dalbergia stevensonii*

1. The range States of *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* shall:
 - a) complete and update the available information on the species mentioned in this Decision;
 - b) assess the populations of the species mentioned in this Decision, 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 mentioned in this Decision;
 - d) compile the information related to export of the species mentioned in this Decision, including volumes and products, indicating the percentage from plantations;
 - e) report to the Secretariat progress in the compilation of the information outlined in paragraphs a), b), c) and d) above, 60 days before the 19th and 20th meetings of the Plants Committee, so that the Secretariat may present a report to the Committee and the Committee may adopt the necessary measures;
 - f) include all their populations of *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* in Appendix III, with the adequate annotation, and ensure the implementation and enforcement of CITES with regard to those species in that Appendix;
 - g) consider the production of identification material for those species and similar species, collaborating with relevant expert organizations; and
 - h) consider providing technical and financial support to the CITES and ITTO Secretariats, in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4 on *Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber*.
2. Parties, with regard to *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii*, shall:
 - a) compile the information on the import and re-export of the species mentioned in this Decision, including origin (wild or cultivated), volumes and products, indicating the country of origin and final destination;
 - b) report the existence, extent and type of forest plantations of the species mentioned in this Decision, including exported volumes and products;
 - c) report to the Secretariat on the compilation of the information outlined in paragraphs a) and b) above, 60 days before the 19th and 20th meetings of the Plants Committee, so that the Secretariat may present a report to the Committee and the Committee may adopt the necessary measures; and

d) continue, support and strengthen the cooperation between CITES and ITTO in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4.

3. The Plants Committee shall:

a) establish the relevant methodology and necessary formats for the presentation of the information requested for the implementation of this Decision;

b) request the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group (BMWG) to incorporate, as a part of its activities and in the context of the present Decision, an analysis of information received on the species concerned, and to facilitate communication and the exchange of information between range States, including knowledge and experience gained as a result of the Appendix-III listing of *Cedrela odorata*;

c) receive, analyse and follow up the Action Plan at its 19th and 20th meetings; and

d) propose the relevant recommendations for *Cedrela odorata*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia granadillo* and *Dalbergia stevensonii* at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

4. The Secretariat shall:

a) seek external funding from interested parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, exporters, importers and other entities directly interested in supporting this Decision;

b) inform Parties of the management of funds that have been raised, of technical assistance and of how they may accede to these resources;

c) request technical and financial support from the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) in the framework of Resolution Conf. 14.4 on *Cooperation between CITES and ITTO regarding trade in tropical timber*, and

d) promote and assist capacity building in the range States through workshops, trainings and other activities considered relevant in the period between the 15th and 16th meetings of the Conference of the Parties.