



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/019

Geneva, 15 March 2016

CONCERNING:

MADAGASCAR

Trade in *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp.: suspension of commercial trade in specimens of the species *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar until further notice

1. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, March 2013), the Conference of the Parties agreed to the inclusion in Appendix II of the populations of Madagascar of the species in the genera *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros*. The listings are annotated #5, indicating that the only parts and derivatives included are "logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets." The Conference of the Parties also adopted Decision 16.152 on Malagasy ebonyes (*Diospyros* spp.) and Malagasy rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.) and a related Action Plan.
2. Paragraph 4 of this Action Plan states that:

Madagascar shall ... put in place an embargo on export of stocks of these timbers until the CITES Standing Committee has approved the results of a stockpile audit and use plan to determine what component of the stockpile have been legally accumulated and can be legally exported.
3. In accordance with this Decision, the Management Authority of Madagascar communicated to the Secretariat the setting (and subsequent extensions) of a zero export quota for specimens of *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp. for the period 13 August 2013 to 15 January 2016 of which the Parties were informed through several Notification.
4. At its 66th meeting (Geneva, January 2016), the Standing Committee recommended that all Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species *Dalbergia* spp. and *Diospyros* spp. from Madagascar until that country fulfil the requirements presented under point 5 of the Action Plan adopted at CoP16, and recommendations b) and c) adopted by the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting (Geneva, July 2014).
5. All Parties are urged to continue to assist Madagascar by checking shipments of timber, in order to stop any illegal trade in specimens of *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros* species from that country. Parties that seize illegal shipments of these timber species are requested to inform the Management Authority of Madagascar and the Secretariat.
6. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2015/029 of 21 May 2015.