

SIXTEENTH SESSION
16-23 May 1994
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

DECISION 3(XVI)

**LISTING OF INTERNATIONALLY TRADED TIMBER SPECIES
IN THE APPENDICES OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES)**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 6(XII) concerning actions to improve cooperation between ITTO and CITES,

Noting the latest draft proposals to list several internationally traded tropical timber species in the Appendices of CITES for the consideration of the 9th CITES Conference of the Parties in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A., from 7 to 18 November 1994,

Emphasizing the need to have a sound scientific basis for making objective decisions on the listing of species in the Appendices of CITES,

Underlining the importance of internationally traded timber to the economies of producing and consuming member countries,

Recognizing objective 1(a) of the ITTA, 1983, of providing an effective framework for cooperation and consultation between producing and consuming members with regards to all relevant aspects of the tropical timber economy,

Decides to:

- (i) encourage members to coordinate their actions within ITTO and CITES, and to avoid inconsistent approaches in these fora;
- (ii) request members to consult on the status of internationally traded tropical timber species at ITTO, preferably before such species are formally proposed for listing in the Appendices of CITES;
- (iii) request members to inform the ITTO at the earliest opportunity of any proposal to list internationally traded tropical timber species in the Appendices of CITES, providing the basis and information regarding the proposal;
- (iv) request the Executive Director to notify members of any proposal to list internationally traded tropical timber species in the Appendices of CITES, to provide all available relevant

information regarding the proposal and species concerned to members, and to arrange for consultation on the matter at the subsequent Council Session;

(v) further request the Executive Director to arrange for a study to examine methodological bases for regulating international trade in plant species that are endangered or may become endangered;

(vi) authorize the Executive Director to arrange for the financing of the above study from the Special Account.

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