

CoP19 proposals on tree species

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The CoP19 Forest canopy: Overview of tree-species proposals

- A total of seven proposals, by seven proponent Parties.
- Covering:
 - 7 genera
 - 153 tree species*
 - * Considering the figures of proposals limited to populations of Africa.
 - Distributed throughout three CITES Regions: CSAC, Africa and Asia.



Prop. 44: Handroanthus spp, Roseodendron spp. and Tabebuia spp. (Trumpet trees)

Include in Appendix II with annotation #17

(Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and transformed wood.)



- Proponents: Colombia, European Union and Panama
- Three genera native to the Americas.
- If adopted, 113 tree species would be added to the Appendices.
- Wood mainly exported as decks, sawn wood and floorings for use in furniture and construction.



Prop. 46: *Afzelia spp.* (African populations) (Pod mahoganies)

Include in Appendix II with annotation #17

(Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and transformed wood.)



- Proponents: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, Liberia and Senegal
- The genus is native to Africa and South-East Asia.
- Only African populations are proposed for adoption. If adopted 4 tree species would be added to Appendix II.
- Main specimens in international trade: timber for boat building, machinery, furniture, flooring, veneer and musical instruments.



Prop. 47: *Dalbergia sissoo* (North Indian rosewood)

Delete from Appendix II



- Proponents: India and Nepal
- Tree species native to 11 countries, and introduced as an exotic in around 35 more.
- If the proposal is adopted, the Appendices would read:
 - "Dalbergia spp. #15 (except for the species listed in Appendix I and Dalbergia sissoo)"
- Wild harvest does not seem to be a threat, however look-alike criterion with *Dalbergia* spp. must be taken into account.



Prop. 48: *Dipteryx spp.* (Cumaru)

Include in Appendix II with annotation "Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, transformed wood and seeds"



- Proponents: Colombia, European Union and Panama
- Genus native to the Americas.
- If adopted, 14 species would be added to Appendix II, with a new annotation.
- Main specimen in International trade is wood for flooring. Little evidence of International trade in seeds.
- Consideration should be given to existing Annotation #17: Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and transformed wood



Prop. 49: *Paubrasilia echinata* (Brazil wood)

Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I with annotation "All parts, derivatives and finished products, including bows of musical instruments, except musical instruments and their parts, composing travelling orchestras, and solo musicians carrying musical passports in accordance with Res. 16.8."



- Proponent: Brazil
- Tree species endemic to Brazil, currently listed in Appendix II with Annotation #10.
- Little empirical evidence of wild populations status to support an Appendix I listing.
- Important to consider complications related to reference to a Resolution (which should be avoided).
- The text of the Convention does not allow to annotate an Appendix I listing to exclude certain parts and derivatives as is proposed in this case.



Prop. 50: *Pterocarpus spp.* (African populations) and *Pterocarpus erinaceus* and

Include in Appendix II with annotation #17 (Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheers, plywood and transformed wood) and amend annotations of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* and *P. tinctorius*, already listed in Appendix II, to annotation #17



- Proponents: Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, Liberia, Senegal and Togo
- The genus *Pterocarpus* has a pantropical distribution.
- Only African populations of the genus are proposed for inclusion (12 species).
- Main specimens in international trade: logs and other wood products.
- Some species under significant levels of international trade.
- Also, look-alike concerns with *Pterocarpus* species already listed in the Appendices.



Prop. 51: *Khaya spp.* (African populations) (African mahoganies)

Include in Appendix II with annotation #17 (Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and transformed wood.)



- Proponents: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, Liberia and Senegal
- The genus is native to Africa and covers 5 species.
- Specimens of the species have become a commercial substitute for mahogany of the genus *Swietenia*.
- Main specimens in trade: lumber, sawn wood, veneer, plywood, mouldings.
- Some species under significant levels of international trade.
- Identification at the intra-specific level seems challenging.



CITES Secretariat's final assessments on CoP19 amendment proposals

- Check the Secretariat's final assessments here:
 - CoP19 Doc. 89.4 (Rev. 1)
 - https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/E
 -CoP19-89-01-R1.pdf
- And ITTO's comments here:
 - CoP19 Doc. 89.3, Annex 4
 - https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/E
 -CoP19-89-03-A-4.pdf



