

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



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**Committee I**

Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa

DRAFT DECISIONS ON AGARWOOD-PRODUCING TAXA

*This document has been prepared by the Acting Chair of the Plants Committee on the basis of documents CoP17 Doc. 53.1 and CoP17 Doc 53.2 as agreed at the third session of Committee I (see document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 3).*

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

16.156 (Rev. CoP17) The Plants Committee shall consider the current production systems of tree species, including mixed and monospecific plantations, and assess the applicability of the current definitions of artificial propagation in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15) respectively, and report back at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

16.157 (Rev. CoP17) The Plants Committee shall monitor the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 (Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa) to assess any potential conservation impacts to the long-term survival of agarwood-producing species and possible problems arising from the implementation, and shall report on these issues at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Secretariat in collaboration with the Plants Committee***

17.XX Range, transit, consumer, and producer Parties of agarwood products are invited to compile and publish identification manuals on agarwood products, taking into consideration the updated version of the Glossary provided in the Annex to document PC22 Doc.17.5.3, and any further updated version, if appropriate. They are encouraged to distribute these identification manuals as training material to management and enforcement officials.

***Directed to range States***

17.XX Subject to available funding, the range States shall generate and compile biological and ecological data as well as information on the harvest, trade and management of agarwood-producing species in the wild. Range states are requested to report this information at the regional agarwood workshop referred to in Dec. 17.XX, and agree on regional priorities to ensure the survival of populations of agarwood-producing species in the wild.

- 17.XX The range States are invited to develop policies to encourage the sustainable use of and trade in parts and derivatives of artificially propagated agarwood-producing trees.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

- 17.XX Subject to external funding, the Secretariat, in cooperation with agarwood range States and the Plants Committee, shall organize a regional workshop to: continue the work of the *Asian Regional Workshop on the Management of Wild and Planted Agarwood Taxa*, hosted by the Government of India in Guwahati, Assam, India, from 19 to 23 January 2015 with an emphasis on how range States can cooperate to ensure the long-term survival of agarwood-producing species in the wild through agarwood plantation programmes that integrate forest recovery programmes; and strengthen the agarwood network for sharing information on planting stocks, management, technologies, harvest and trade.
- 17.XX The Secretariat will report to the Plants Committee meeting on the implementation of Decisions 17.XX and 17.XX prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES.

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

- 17.XX The Plants Committee will consider the report of the Secretariat submitted in accordance with Decision 17.XX and report accordingly to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to consumer and trading Parties***

- 17.XX Consumer and trading countries of agarwood are encouraged to contribute financially towards the *in situ* conservation of wild populations of agarwood-producing species in range States and foster cooperation between *in situ* conservation programmes and the fragrance industry for the promotion of the conservation and sustainable use of agarwood-producing species.