

Number	Category	Title	Directed to	Text of Decision
16.162 (Rev. CoP17)	Amendment and maintenance of the Appendices	Annotations	Directed to the Standing Committee, in cooperation with the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee	<p>The Standing Committee shall re-establish the working group on annotations, in close collaboration with the Animals and Plants Committees, recognizing that the Animals and Plants Committees are an important source of expertise and advice to Parties on such scientific and technical issues. The group shall include, but not be limited to, members from the Standing Committee, Animals Committee, Plants Committee, observer Parties, CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, enforcement authorities, including Customs, and industry representatives. The Standing Committee shall particularly endeavour to ensure balanced representation of importing and exporting Parties. The terms of reference for the working group shall be:</p> <p>a) to further consider procedures for crafting annotations and develop recommendations for improving them;</p> <p>b) to evaluate and address issues related to the drafting, interpretation and implementation of annotations, and assist Parties in drafting future annotations, drawing on appropriate expertise from within and outside its membership;</p> <p>c) to conduct any relevant additional work on evaluating the existing annotations for plant taxa listed in Appendices II and III, with an emphasis on ensuring that such annotations are clear as to the types of specimens to be covered by a listing, can be readily implemented, and focus on those parts and derivatives primarily exported from the range States and those commodities that dominate the trade in and demand for the wild resource;</p> <p>d) based on the results of the timber trade study directed to the Secretariat in Decision 15.35 (Rev. CoP16), to review the existing annotations for tree species and, if appropriate, draft amendments to those annotations and prepare clear definitions for the terms used in the annotations in order to facilitate their use and understanding by CITES authorities, enforcement officers, exporters and importers;</p> <p>e) in close collaboration with ongoing efforts in the Plants Committee, to continue reviewing the appropriateness and practical implementation of the annotation(s) of the agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.), taking into consideration the previous work done by the range and consumer States of these species;</p> <p>f) to review outstanding implementation challenges resulting from the listings of <i>Aniba rosaeodora</i> and <i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i> in the Appendices, particularly concerning trade in extracts, and propose appropriate solutions;</p> <p>g) to draft definitions of terms included in annotations, in cases where the terms are not easily understood or where there has been difficulty in implementing the listing as a result of confusion about what commodities are covered, and submit them to the Standing Committee for adoption by the Conference of the Parties and subsequent inclusion in the Interpretation section of the Appendices;</p> <p>h) to conduct any work related to annotations directed to it by the Conference of the Parties, the Standing, Animals or Plants Committee; and</p> <p>i) to prepare reports on progress made in addressing the issues tasked to it and submit them for consideration at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>The Standing Committee shall report to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of this Decision, propose amendments to Resolutions and Decisions as necessary, and request the Depositary Government to make any proposals to amend the Appendices as appropriate.</p>
16.163 (Rev. CoP17)	Amendment and maintenance of the Appendices	Annotations	Directed to Parties	At its 18th meeting, the Conference of the Parties shall review the report submitted by the Standing Committee on the outcomes of the work undertaken by its working group on annotations called for in Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP17) and evaluate the need for continuing such a working group.
17.83	Interpretation and implementation matters / Compliance and enforcement	Enforcement matters	Directed to the Secretariat	<p>The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:</p> <p>a) request ICCWC to develop guidelines that could be used to promote adequate integrity policies, and assist Parties to mitigate the risks of corruption in the trade chain as it relates to CITES-listed specimens;</p> <p>b) work with the World Bank and other ICCWC partner organizations to mobilize the “Wildlife crime and anti-money laundering” training programme developed under the auspices of ICCWC, to enhance capacity amongst law-enforcement agencies, prosecutors and judges, to detect and investigate illegal transactions and suspicious activities associated with wildlife crime, and to effectively prosecute and adjudicate money-laundering cases associated with wildlife crime;</p> <p>c) in consultation with identified laboratories, and in collaboration with ICCWC partner organizations and the ICCWC Wildlife Forensics Advisory Group, compile an electronic directory of laboratories that conduct wildlife forensic testing, that meet the minimum quality assurance standards and that, subject to available resources, are able and willing to carry out wildlife forensic analyses upon request from other countries; and</p> <p>d) convene a Task Force on illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species, consisting of representatives of Parties affected by illicit trafficking in such specimens, ICCWC partner organizations, other intergovernmental organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional enforcement networks, other Parties and experts. The Task Force should develop strategies to combat illegal trade in specimens of CITES-listed tree species, including measures to promote and further strengthen international cooperation.</p>

17.84	Interpretation and implementation matters / Compliance and enforcement	Enforcement matters	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall report on the implementation of Decision 17.83 at the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee.
17.177	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Definition of the term 'artificially propagated'	Directed to the Standing Committee	The Standing Committee should consider the recommendations of the Plants Committee made in accordance with Decision 17.175 and 17.176 , and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.159	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Electronic systems and information technologies	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding: a) publish on the CITES website the results of planned and ongoing projects undertaken by Parties related to the use of electronic systems and information technologies in improving the management of CITES trade, and the lessons learned, as submitted by Parties; b) communicate with national lead ministries responsible for the development of Single Window environments, to raise awareness of CITES and to ascertain the availability of financial support to assist CITES Management Authorities to develop CITES e-permitting systems; and c) provide capacity-building and advisory services to support Parties interested in implementing electronic solutions for <u>the management of CITES permits and certificates</u> .
17.166	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Identification (timber)	Directed to Parties	Parties are encouraged to expand or create and maintain scientific reference collections essential for the development of methodologies to identify CITES-listed tree species and distinguish them from look-alike species, in accordance with current best practices regarding collection, curation and facilitation of exchange of reference materials.
17.167	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Identification (timber)	Directed to the Plants Committee	With respect to CITES-listed tree species, the Plants Committee shall, at its 23rd and 24th meetings: <u>Concerning standard nomenclature</u> a) Prioritize taxa for the adoption of new or updated standard nomenclature references, in particular where nomenclature poses a barrier to identification of CITES-listed trees in trade; b) Identify the research needs and resource requirements for the production of standard nomenclature references for priority taxa; <u>Concerning wood and other material as reference samples for identification purposes, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and building on information on existing initiatives previously made available to Parties</u> a) Determine, for all CITES-listed tree species, the locations and availability of existing reference samples or collections, and identify priorities in addressing gaps; b) Encourage interested Parties to identify, collect and curate reference samples, and facilitate exchange to make them available, as appropriate, to research institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other authorities concerned; c) Identify and compile information on best practices for the collection and curation of reference samples, identifying gaps where they exist; and d) Consider how best to assist and strengthen capacities for forensic work on identification of CITES-listed tree species in trade.

17.168	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Identification (timber)	Directed to the Plants Committee	The Plants Committee shall update the Standing Committee on progress made on the implementation of Decisions 17.166-167 at the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee; and will report its findings and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.
17.169	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Identification (timber)	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and other relevant stakeholders, support the implementation of Decisions 17.166-168 .
16.53	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Non-detriment findings	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall: a) invite Parties to submit their experiences and the results from workshops, projects or publications related to the making of non-detriment findings for inclusion in the CITES website; and b) ensure this information is available in other formats (e.g. CD-ROM) where appropriate.
16.58 (Rev. CoP17)	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Physical inspection of timber shipments	Directed to the Secretariat	By the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat shall: a) obtain information and materials from those Parties that have reported that they have developed tools and procedures for the identification and measurement of CITES-listed tree species, and the physical inspection of timber shipments; b) publish the information on the CITES website so that it can be accessed by CITES plant inspection and enforcement authorities; and c) incorporate this information into its capacity-building activities related to timber trade.

17.152	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Traceability	Directed to the Standing Committee	<p>The Standing Committee shall, at its 68th meeting, establish a working group on traceability, which will work in collaboration with the secretariat to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) recommend a working definition of 'traceability' to assist Parties in work related to the implementation of traceability systems; b) encourage Parties that are developing traceability systems to ensure they are complementary, mutually supportive and standardized, as appropriate, and that they are adapted to the unique conditions relating to trade in CITES-listed species; c) provide general guidance on a mechanism to coordinate and oversee the development of traceability systems using lessons learned from the development of the global CITES permits and certificates system, global information and traceability systems, and other relevant initiatives; d) subject to the availability of external resources, and as appropriate, develop and make use of umbrella guidelines, and recommend standards, to develop traceability systems for different species that are mutually supportive and that generate standardized data; e) Subject to the availability of external resources, analyse examples that describe CITES supply chains, including but not limited to those using Unified Modelling Language, and identify points throughout the supply chain where specimens should be located, verified, and its application defined, bearing in mind a wide range of production systems and life forms; f) take into account the work on e-permitting to ensure links between CITES permits and certificates and traceability identifiers; g) collaborate with United Nations and other relevant organizations that have experience in the development and use of traceability standards and systems; and h) draft a resolution on traceability, as deemed necessary, to be submitted to the Standing Committee, taking into account any relevant conclusions and recommendations of the report resulting from Decision 17.154, as appropriate, for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.153	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Traceability	Directed to Parties	<p>Parties are invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) support the working group in its work on traceability; b) inform the working group on the development of projects and on new information related to traceability in response to the Notification issued by the Secretariat under Decision 17.154; c) adhere, as appropriate, to international standards and norms related to traceability systems in the development of these systems; d) use data generated from traceability systems, as appropriate, in activities related to non-detriment findings and monitoring programmes; and e) collaborate in the provision of capacity-building programmes that promote South-South and North-South cooperation in the development of traceability systems
17.154	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Traceability	Directed to the Secretariat	<p>The Secretariat shall issue a Notification, requesting Parties to provide information on the development of projects related to traceability.</p>

17.155	Interpretation and implementation matters / Trade control and traceability	Traceability	Directed to the Secretariat	<p>Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat shall:</p> <p>a) develop a portal on the CITES website on traceability, to make available:</p> <p>i) recommendations by the working group on a definition of 'traceability', general traceability guidelines, and other relevant information;</p> <p>ii) information on new and ongoing projects, as well as existing systems, on traceability, including lessons learned;</p> <p>iii) information on global organizations working on traceability standards and systems; and</p> <p>iv) relevant documents, research papers and guidelines on traceability; and</p> <p>b) in collaboration with the Standing Committee working group established under Decision 17.152 and UN/CEFACT, commission a report by a global organization or expert with experience in the development of standards related to traceability, to:</p> <p>i) describe a possible governance model (or models) for use in CITES traceability systems;</p> <p>ii) describe the CITES supply chain using Unified Modelling Language or a similar tool;</p> <p>iii) identify and recommend appropriate information exchange protocols and standards for use in CITES traceability systems;</p> <p>iv) describe a generic CITES traceability standard for use as a common model; and</p> <p>v) report to the Standing Committee on the conclusions of the report.</p>
17.255	Species specific matters	African cherry (Prunus africana)	Directed to the Secretariat	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <p>a) organize, subject to available resources, an International Workshop on the sustainable use and the control of international trade in Prunus africana with the participation of all relevant Parties, including exporting and importing countries, forestry experts and stakeholders with a view to producing recommendations, among others, on methodologies to be used for inventories (including regarding the sampling design and the inventory data set), sustainable harvesting techniques, monitoring and traceability systems, and perspectives in terms of developing plantations or agroforestry systems as a possible complementary mean of producing bark of Prunus africana in a sustainable manner, as well as any other relevant issues;</p> <p>b) seek external funding, in particular from interested Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the International Tropical Timber Organization; in order to organize the International Workshop as called for under paragraph a); and</p> <p>c) report to the Plants Committee at its 24th meeting about the recommendations made by the International Workshop for consideration and advice to the range States of Prunus africana.</p>
17.256	Species specific matters	African cherry (Prunus africana)	Directed to exporting and importing Parties of African cherry (Prunus africana)	<p>Exporting and importing Parties of Prunus africana shall cooperate with the Secretariat in the organization of the International Workshop by providing expertise, among others, on methodologies to be used for inventories, sustainable harvesting techniques, monitoring and traceability systems, perspectives in terms of developing plantations or agroforestry systems and funding on a voluntary basis.</p>
17.257	Species specific matters	African cherry (Prunus africana)	Directed to the Plants Committee	<p>The Plants Committee shall:</p> <p>a) cooperate with the Secretariat with regard to the organization of the International Workshop;</p> <p>b) review the recommendations from the International Workshop for consideration and advice to the range States of Prunus africana; and</p> <p>c) submit a report and provide recommendations to the Standing Committee, as appropriate, and report to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>

17.302	Species specific matters	African tree species	Directed to the Plants Committee	The Plants Committee shall form a working group on African tree species with the following terms of reference, as well as any other terms it deems appropriate: a) The working group will work primarily via electronic means; b) The working group will seek to facilitate the circulation and exchange of experiences among the range States, importing countries and other stakeholders on the sustainable use and management of CITES-listed African tree species; c) The working group will seek to identify gaps and weaknesses in the capacity of range States of African tree species to effectively implement CITES for these species; d) The working group will examine how the processes currently used by countries to develop annual export quotas compare with the processes recommended under CITES and develop recommendations for reconciling them; e) The working group will explore the conversion factors used for different commodities (e.g., logs, sawn wood, bark) and develop recommendations for improving such processes; f) The working group will seek to identify other African tree species that may benefit from inclusion in the CITES Appendices; g) The working group will bring any issues related to implementation and enforcement of CITES listings for African tree species to the attention of the Plants Committee; and h) The working group will report its findings and recommendations to the Plants Committee.
17.194	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to the Secretariat in collaboration with the Plants Committee	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.
17.195	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to range States for agarwood-producing taxa	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 Decision 17.195 , and agree on regional priorities to ensure the survival of populations of agarwood-producing species in the wild.
17.196	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to range States for agarwood-producing taxa	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.
17.197	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to the Secretariat	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.
17.198	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat will report to the Plants Committee meeting on the implementation of Decisions 17.194 and 17.198 prior to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES.
17.199	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to the Plants Committee	The Plants Committee will consider the report of the Secretariat submitted in accordance with Decision 17.198 and report accordingly to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

17.200	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to consumer and trading Parties for agarwood-producing taxa	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.
16.156 (Rev. CoP17)	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to the Plants Committee	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. CoP17) respectively, and report back at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
16.157 (Rev. CoP17)	Species specific matters	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. And Gyrinops spp.)	Directed to the Plants Committee	The Plants Committee shall monitor the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on <i>Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa</i> 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.
16.153 (Rev. CoP17)	Species specific matters	East African sandalwood (Osyris lanceolata)	Directed to the Plants Committee and the Eastern African range States for Osyris species	The Plants Committee and Eastern African range States of Osyris species shall: a) review and gather further information on the conservation status of, trade in and use of Osyris species and look-alike species and, assess their impact in the conservation status of Osyris lanceolata; b) assess the data required to make non-detriment findings following the existing guidance; c) identify mechanisms to help build capacity to carry out non-detriment findings for currently-listed populations; d) report to the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee on the outcomes and recommendations of the workshop organized under Decision 16.154 (Rev. CoP17) b) ; and e) report on their work at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
16.154 (Rev. CoP17)	Species specific matters	East African sandalwood (Osyris lanceolata)	Directed to the Secretariat	a) The Secretariat shall assist in obtaining external funding for the implementation of Decision 16.153 (Rev. CoP17) ; and b) Subject to the availability of funding, the Secretariat shall organize a consultative meeting of Osyris lanceolata range States to bring together relevant representatives of CITES Management Authorities and Scientific Authorities to share and exchange data, information, intelligence and law enforcement measures, in combating illegal trade in the species.
17.203	Species specific matters	Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)	Directed to source, transit and destinations Parties for Malagasy Diospyros spp. and Dalbergia spp.	Source, transit and destination Parties for specimens of species of the genera Dalbergia and Diospyros occurring in Madagascar are urged to: a) enforce all the measures that are recommended by the CITES Standing Committee concerning commercial trade in specimens of these species from Madagascar, including suspensions of such trade; b) develop action plans to effectively manage timber stockpiles of Dalbergia spp. and Diospyros spp. from Madagascar; and c) provide written reports describing progress made with implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision to the Standing Committee.

17.204	Species specific matters	Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)	Directed to Madagascar	<p>Madagascar shall:</p> <p>a) Continue to develop an inclusive process to identify the main commercially valuable species in these genera from Madagascar, in cooperation with transit and destination Parties, the CITES Secretariat and relevant partners, such as, ITTO, ICCWC, FAO and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with trade in timber of rosewood, ebonies and palisanders;</p> <p>b) for those species identified under paragraph a) establish, in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat, a precautionary export quota based upon a scientifically robust non-detriment finding;</p> <p>c) subject to the availability of funds, organize workshops in support of the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision, and to strengthen the national capacity to formulate non-detriment findings, and identify and agree on monitoring mechanisms that include appropriate technology (e.g. timber tracking);</p> <p>d) continue the production of identification materials for identifying timber and timber products of species of the genera Dalbergia and Diospyros from Madagascar;</p> <p>e) for those species identified under paragraph a), significantly strengthen control and enforcement measures against illegal logging and export at the national level including seizures, investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and sanctions;</p> <p>f) submit regular updates on audited inventories of at least a third of the stockpiles of species of Dalbergia and Diospyros from Madagascar, and a use plan for consideration, approval and further guidance from the Standing Committee; and</p> <p>g) provide written reports on progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) to d) of this Decision to each meeting of the Plants Committee; on progress with the implementation of paragraphs e) and f) of this Decision to the Standing Committee; and on progress with the implementation of this Decision to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting.</p>
17.205	Species specific matters	Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)	Directed to Parties	<p>Parties and relevant partners indicated in Decision 17.204 a) are invited to:</p> <p>a) provide technical and financial assistance to support the implementation of Decisions 17.203 to 17.208;</p> <p>b) provide technical and financial assistance in support of conducting audited inventories of Dalbergia spp. and Diospyros spp. from Madagascar; and</p> <p>c) provide reports to the Standing Committee, including information received from relevant partner organizations, concerning progress with the implementation of paragraphs a) and b) of this Decision.</p>
17.206	Species specific matters	Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)	Directed to the Plants Committee	<p>The Plants Committee shall:</p> <p>a) review and assess reports from Madagascar on its implementation of Decisions 17.204 paragraphs a) to d), and from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 17.208, and provide recommendations to Madagascar and the Standing Committee and other bodies as appropriate;</p> <p>b) continue supporting the preparation of a standard reference for the names of species of the genera Diospyros and Dalbergia occurring in Madagascar, to be adopted, if appropriate, at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and</p> <p>c) assist Madagascar in the identification of technical resources in support of the implementation of Decisions 17.204 paragraphs a) to d), and if needed, make recommendations to Madagascar, Standing Committee and other relevant organizations.</p>
17.207	Species specific matters	Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)	Directed to the Standing Committee	<p>The Standing Committee shall review and assess reports from Madagascar on the implementation of Decision 17.204 paragraph e) and f), and from the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 17.208, and make recommendations, which may include appropriate compliance measures and an assessment as to whether the conditions for a partial sale of audited stocks are in place, in accordance with the criteria established in Decision 17.204, paragraphs e) and f).</p>

17.208	Species specific matters	Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall: a) assist Madagascar, relevant Parties, and the Standing and Plants Committees in the implementation of Decisions 17.203 to 17.207 ; b) subject to available funding, assist with relevant capacity-building activities in Madagascar and transit and destination countries concerned by the trade in specimens of Diospyros spp. and Dalbergia spp. from Madagascar, including through international capacity building workshops; and c) provide written reports on progress with the implementation of this Decision to the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee, as appropriate.
16.159 (Rev. CoP17)	Species specific matters	Neotropical tree species	Directed to the Plants Committee	The Working Group on Neotropical Tree Species shall work under the auspices of the Plants Committee. During its 23rd meeting, the Plants Committee shall define the membership and the terms of reference of the Working Group. The Working Group shall preferably work through electronic means in order to reduce costs and speed up information exchange and progress in the activities included in its terms of reference. The Working Group shall report on its progress at the 24th meeting of the Plants Committee. In turn, the Plants Committee shall prepare a report on work completed for submission at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.234	Species specific matters	Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]	Directed to the Plants Committee	The Plants Committee shall: a) review at its regular meetings between the 17th and 18th meetings of the Conference of the Parties, document CoP17 Doc. 62 (Rev. 1) on International Trade in Rosewood Timber Species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)] and the draft decisions in its Annex; and b) based on the proposals in this document, as well as experiences with trade in CITES-listed rosewood species, formulate recommendations concerning timber rosewood species for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17.49	Strategic matters	World Wildlife Day	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall: a) liaise with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums and other relevant organizations and associations, to seek their support in making the observance of World Wildlife Day a regular event for kindergartens, educational institutions, zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums, nature reserves, national parks and all wildlife-related facilities around the world. b) report at each meeting of the Standing Committee on the celebrations of each World Wildlife Day. c) inform the United Nations General Assembly about the celebration of World Wildlife Day, inter alia, elaborating on the evaluation of the day, as requested.
17.55	Strategic matters / Cooperation with organizations and MEAs	Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions	Directed to Parties	Parties are encouraged to strengthen synergies among biodiversity multilateral environmental agreements at the national level by, among others, improving coordination and cooperation between national focal points and strengthening capacity-building activities.
17.56	Strategic matters / Cooperation with organizations and MEAs	Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions	Directed to the Standing Committee	The Standing Committee shall, with support of the Secretariat, explore options consistent with the CITES Strategic Vision to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and synergies at all relevant levels between CITES and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, its Aichi Targets and a possible follow-up framework, as appropriate, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. This should involve the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, and, as appropriate, engagement with other relevant organisations and processes, including processes under the Rio Conventions. The Standing Committee shall report on the implementation of this Decision at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

17.52	Strategic matters / Cooperation with organizations and MEAs	ICCWC	Directed to Parties	<p>Parties are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make full use of the 'ICCWC indicator framework for wildlife and forest crime' to measure and monitor the effectiveness of their own law-enforcement responses to wildlife and forest crime; b) draw upon the World Wildlife Crime Report developed by UNODC under the auspices of ICCWC, rooted in the best data and case studies available, and backed by in-depth analysis, to inform their decision making and in support of the development appropriate law enforcement responses to wildlife crime; c) provide funding support to ICCWC for the implementation of its Strategic Programme 2016-2020, to ensure that it continues to take a leading role in providing coordinated global support to the law-enforcement community; and d) provide continued external financial support to the Secretariat, to maintain the position of the ICCWC Support Officer.
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