



**CITES CoP19 side event: CITES & Forests**  
***Sustainable trade in CITES listed tree species***  
**15 November 2022, 19.00-21.00 in Room Caribe 5**  
**Refreshments and snacks from 18.45**



More and more tree species are included in Appendix II of CITES. This CoP is no exemption with 153 species proposed for inclusion in App. II. At the same time, forests are critical to mitigate climate change, provide habitat for fauna and flora and for the economies of certain countries and livelihoods for rural and local communities. The inclusion in CITES of tree species requires that Parties must regulate trade and ensure that it is sustainable, legal and traceable in generations to come for livelihood of rural communities and for the benefit of the conservation of the species. In recent years, the CITES Secretariat and its main partners, ITTO and FAO have supported a number of Parties in their efforts to do just that.

Together, CITES Tree Species Programme and the Lower Mekong Region Project have been a strategic component in supporting Parties in their implementation of the Convention, Resolutions and Decisions through the making of non-detriment findings, marking and traceability, identification, capacity building and governance, and enforcement for CITES listed tree species in range States in Africa, Asia, and South and Central America and the Caribbean.

The side event will highlight the main results and impact of the projects by some of the Parties engaged and discuss challenges and opportunities in providing a comprehensive approach to supporting Parties in sustainably managing CITES-listed trees.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
19.00-19.10	<b>Opening</b>  Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jorge Rodriguez Romero, Head of Unit, European Commission</li> <li>• Ivonne Higuero, CITES Secretary-General</li> </ul>
19.10-19.40	<b>CITES Tree Species Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview on CTSP: objective, scope, results, benefits to species conservation</li> <li>- Examples of impact on the ground</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sofie H. Flensburg, CITES Secretariat</li> <li>• Jean Lagarde, Sofia Hirakuri, CTSP Regional coordinators</li> <li>• Dany Chheang, Cambodia</li> <li>• Ulysse Korogone, Benin (tbc)</li> </ul>
19.40-20.10	<b>Lower Mekong Region project on CITES tree species</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview on LMR: – objective, scope, results, benefits to species conservation</li> <li>- Outcomes showcase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabel Camarena, CITES Secretariat</li> <li>• Salehin Khan, CITES Secretariat</li> </ul>
20.10-20.50	<b>What next?</b>  Discussion on opportunities and challenges in providing a comprehensive approach to supporting countries in managing CITES-listed trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Johnson, Director, ITTO</li> <li>• CTSP Regional coordinators</li> <li>• Flore Koumba Pambo, Chair of the CITES Plants Committee</li> <li>• Donor representatives</li> </ul>
20.50-21.00	<b>Launch of the CITES Timber Identification Tool &amp; closure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabel Camarena, CITES Secretariat</li> </ul>