This guide covers the main timber species regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). It provides information on the key issues regarding the implementation of the Convention for this important group of plants. Written for the non-expert, individual sections cover the species found in significant trade, with details on their distribution, uses, traded parts and derivatives, and scientific and common names.

Additional sections cover timber identification and measurement, guidance on CITES documentation and key resources.
CITES and Timber
A guide to CITES-listed tree species

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this guide is to introduce you to the tree species that are regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora – CITES – and to provide guidance on the key issues regarding the implementation of the Convention for this important group of plants. The guide does not cover all of the woody and tree species regulated under CITES, rather it concentrates on those species found in significant trade for their timber and parts and derivatives or those newly listed in CITES. Subjects covered in this guide include where to find information about the CITES listing; which parts and derivatives are in trade and whether they are regulated or not; identification techniques available; and key resources on where to find more assistance or information. This publication is also available digitally (see KEY RESOURCES at the end of the guide).
REGULATING THE TIMBER TRADE

There are a range of national, regional and international guidelines, legislation and treaties in place to verify, monitor and regulate the global harvesting and trade in timber to ensure it is legal, sustainable and traceable. They include promoting good forest governance; independent forest monitoring; chain of custody certification; legality and due diligence verification when procuring, selling and processing timber; and the regulation of the trade in illegal and unsustainably logged timber.

CITES

This international treaty came into force in 1975 (http://www.cites.org/eng) and regulates the international trade in plants and animals threatened through trade, listing them in one of three Appendices (I, II and III). In order to implement the Convention each Party has to establish a Management Authority and at least one Scientific Authority, and trade is regulated by means of a permit system. When trade threatens a species’ survival in the wild it can be proposed for listing by one or more of the Parties to CITES, either at the Conference of the Parties (CoP) or, if the Party is a range state, unilaterally at any time on Appendix III. Whereas for CITES Appendix I and II listed species checks are carried out to ensure sustainability and that the specimen was not obtained in contravention of national laws, only the contravention checks are required for Appendix III species. The Convention does allow for Parties to take “stricter measures”, such as imposing stricter export or import requirements.

Recommendations, guidance and interpretation of the Convention text are provided through CITES Decisions, Resolutions and Notifications. Those currently in effect are found under DOCUMENTS on the CITES home website (http://www.cites.org/eng). Current CITES Resolutions relating to timber are as follows:

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<td>Provides guidance and information on classifying monospecific tree plantations as artificially propagated (as defined in Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15)); HS classification codes of the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization for timber products (e.g. logs and sawn wood); steps to take when amending a CITES timber listing.</td>
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<td>Contains the CITES definition of artificial propagation. Key criteria are that artificially propagated Appendix I / Annex A species can be treated as Appendix II / Annex B species allowing trade for commercial purposes; and that cultivated parental stock must have been “established in accordance with the provisions of CITES and relevant national laws”.</td>
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<td>To facilitate the non-commercial movement of musical instruments made from CITES-listed species a certificate (“passport”) may be issued for frequent cross-border, non-commercial movement of a musical instrument. This includes, but is not restricted to, personal use, performance, display and competition.</td>
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European Union (EU) – Implementation of CITES

All member states of the EU are Parties to CITES. Due to the European Single Market and lack of internal border controls, they implement CITES uniformly through a set of regulations called the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations (EU WTR – http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/home_en.htm). The species covered by these Regulations are listed in four Annexes (A, B, C and D). The provisions of these Regulations go beyond those of CITES, including the requirement for an import permit for Appendix II / Annex B species, stricter requirements for the import of pre-Convention material and the possibility to impose import restrictions for certain species/country combinations. A Reference Guide to the EU WTR can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/referenceguide_en.pdf and a guide on the differences between CITES and the EU WTR is found at http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/differences_b_eu_and_cites.pdf.

The Regulations establish three main groups: the Committee on Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora, the Scientific Review Group (SRG) and the Enforcement Group. Where a member state’s CITES Scientific Authority has doubts over the sustainability of an import into the EU this may lead to other member states refusing similar imports and the application being discussed at a meeting of the SRG, which are held four times a year. The SRG may form one of three opinions (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/srg/def_srg_opinions.pdf) – positive, negative or a no opinion (the latter with three possible options). These may lead to EU import suspensions and ultimately a restriction being put in place for that species/country combination. The SRG opinions arising from a meeting are posted online (within five days) on Species + (www.speciesplus.net).

For links to a range of EU national agencies concerned with CITES and wildlife trade go to http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/links_national_en.htm

Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)

Through its FLEGT Action Plan, published in 2003, the EU initiated a number of regulations and measures to tackle illegal logging and promote legal and sustainable forestry (http://www.euflegt.efi.int/home). The two main FLEGT initiatives are the FLEGT licensing scheme, negotiated under bilateral Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs) with partner timber-producing countries, and the implementation of an EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). Under the FLEGT agreement the VPA partner country issues a FLEGT licence for specified timber products. The licence is the proof of legality (it is not required for Annex A, B or C listed species). It accompanies the shipment and must be verified by the EU member state’s appointed competent authority (nominated to enforce the FLEGT regulation) before the shipment is allowed entry into the EU.

EU Timber Regulation (EUTR)

The EU Timber Regulation (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/timber_regulation.htm) came into force on 3rd March 2013 to combat the placing on the EU market of illegal timber and products derived from them (as laid out in the Annex to the EUTR http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:295:0023:0034:EN:PDF). It is applicable to those who first place timber on the EU market (“Operators”) with an emphasis that they exercise “due diligence” and for those further down the supply chain (“Traders”) to keep records of suppliers. Timber and timber products covered by valid FLEGT or Wildlife Trade Regulations (Annex A, B, C specimens) are considered to comply with the permit requirements of this Regulation.

The Lacey Act

This U.S. Act states it is illegal to import, export, sell, acquire, or purchase fish, wildlife or plants that are taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of U.S. or Indian law or in interstate or foreign commerce involving any fish, wildlife, or plants taken, possessed or sold in violation of a State or foreign law. The Lacey Act covers CITES species and in 2008 it was amended to include products made from illegally logged woods (http://www.fws.gov/international/laws-treaties-agreements/us-conservation-laws/lacey-act.html).

Illegal Logging Prohibition Act (Australian Government 2012)

This Act prohibits the importation and processing of illegally logged timbers, with importers and processors required to make a declaration to customs at time of import to show compliance with the due diligence requirements under the Act (http://www.timberduediligence.com.au/).
UNDERSTANDING A CITES LISTING

When a species is listed in the CITES Appendices or EU Annexes it is important to understand the information attached to the listing to ensure it is implemented and enforced correctly. There are numerous sites to help you including the CITES website (http://www.cites.org) and the EU website on CITES implementation (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/legislation_en.htm). One central point of information is called Species + (www.speciesplus.net), a website developed by UNEP-WCMC (http://www.unep-wcmc.org) and the CITES Secretariat to assist Parties with implementing a number of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) including CITES. Below are a series of basic questions that may help you understand the scope of a timber listing.

1. Is the specimen listed in the CITES Appendices and/or the EU Annexes?
For a full list of CITES regulated species check the current Appendices (http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php), EU Annexes (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014R1320) or Species + where you can click on DOWNLOAD SPECIES LISTS or type in the name as shown in the example below.

Species + is set to CITES default. For guidance on how to use Species + click the ABOUT button Check to see if a species is listed by typing in the name (scientific or common) and clicking SEARCH. As you are typing Species + may suggest a name to choose from. Where possible use the scientific name. Using common names can be confusing as more than one species or genera may be assigned to that name.

If in doubt, check with the trader and your Scientific Authority to clarify what they understand to be the accepted scientific name. Alternatively, check to see if a CITES accepted standard reference or checklist is available for that species/genus (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/publications.php).

If CITES-listed, an information page with four tabs will appear – LEGAL (information on the CITES listing/suspensions/quotas/reservations and EU listing/suspensions/opinions); NAMES (scientific and common names); DISTRIBUTION (countries and territories); and REFERENCES (for distribution and CITES standard references).

If not CITES-listed the website will state there are no results for that species. The reasons for this may include there being a delay in the listing coming into force or it being published in the EU Annexes, or you may have misspelled the name. Check the outcome of the last CoP or CITES Notifications for more information http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2014.php.
2. Which parts and derivatives are regulated?

When a species is listed under CITES it is necessary to understand whether all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated or not. To clarify this listings may be accompanied by notes or text called ‘annotations’. Annotations for plant listings are often complex or require an understanding of the terms used in them. It helps to check the annotation and any definitions with other Scientific Authorities, in the Interpretation section of the Appendices or EU Annexes and in the CITES GLOSSARY (RESOURCES-TERMINOLOGY) in the CITES website (www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/index.php). The Glossary contains definitions of some of the terms used in annotations and are meant as general guidance only as they may not be accepted by all CITES Parties. The CITES Standing Committee, together with the CITES Plants and Animal Committees, is currently working to ensure that the annotations, particularly for plants, are easier to understand and implement.

Annotations – there are a number of different types of annotations for plants:

- # numbers e.g. #5, #11, #12 – these define the parts and derivatives that are subject to the provisions of the Convention
- Small footnote numbers e.g ¹¹ – these provide information on the listing, such as any special conditions related to the listing e.g. how specimens must be shipped, whether cultivated varieties are regulated or not
- Additional text – this is usually in parentheses and located in the Appendices / Annexes themselves, and provides information on taxonomic issues relevant to the listing or defines which populations are regulated e.g. “populations of...”
3. Are all populations or only certain populations regulated?

It is important to understand whether a species / genus listing covers all populations or only certain populations (e.g. populations of Madagascar, populations of the Neotropics) as this will determine whether permits are required, and if so which ones. For information on permit requirements check the CITES website and the EU WTR Reference Guide (under KEY RESOURCES) or for more formal guidance contact the Management Authority of the country of export and import, the CITES Secretariat or the EU Commission.

For Appendix II / Annex B species the Species + database will highlight whether specific populations are listed under the NOTES heading. In this example (Osyris lanceolata) only regulated specimens from the Parties outlined under the NOTES heading are regulated.

In this example Diospyros spp. (all species) are listed in Appendix II / Annex B with a #5 annotation. However, the “Populations of Madagascar” text restricts the scope of the listing to only cover regulated specimens from species endemic to Madagascar.

For Swietenia macrophylla the Appendix II / Annex B listing only covers the populations that fall within the “Neotropics” (i.e. Central and South America and the Caribbean). If, for example, timber from this species originated from a plantation in Fiji, which is outside of the “Neotropics”, it would not be regulated.

For Appendix III / Annex C species, look at the COUNTRY and NOTES headings (under the CITES LISTING or EU LISTING tabs) to check if all or only certain populations are listed. If a country name is only found under the COUNTRY heading all populations were listed by that country (illustrated here by Brazil and Bolivia). You may find the same country name under both the COUNTRY and NOTES headings. However, under the NOTES heading the name is preceded by “populations of...”. This means that the country only listed its own populations (illustrated in this example by “populations of Guatemala”).
4. Are CITES export quotas in place?

CITES export quotas are established by Parties unilaterally or are set by the Conference of the Parties as a tool to help regulate trade. They usually run annually (1st January to 31st December) but harvesting periods do not always follow this timeframe. Changes or updates are relayed through a Notification to the Parties. Export quotas since 2000 are available on the CITES website (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php)

Scroll down through the LEGAL tab until you reach the QUOTA section. Here you will find the current annual quota per country together with the products it applies to and the quota level.

In this example, the only country with a 2015 quota for *Prunus africana* is Cameroon. The quota is for 974,853 kg of dry bark.

Click on SHOW HISTORY for previous quotas, which products they applied to and the previous quota level.

Check Species + for export quota updates or the CITES website for a list of annual export quotas (http://cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php).

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5. Has a country taken out a reservation on the listing?

A reservation is a unilateral statement by a Party not to be bound by the CITES provisions for a species listing. A Party may take out a reservation if a species is not yet covered by its own national legislation.

That Party is treated as a non-Party with regard to that species and if it exports to a non-Party or another Party with the same reservation, no CITES documents are required. An export permit is required if the Party with a reservation exports to a Party that has not taken out a reservation on the same species.

Reservations, if any, will be listed under the CITES LISTING section in the LEGAL tab. In this example the “R” means Canada took out a reservation on the Appendix II listing of *Bulnesia sarmientoi* from 23/06/2010 until 23/10/2013 when it was withdrawn (“W”).

Click on SHOW HISTORY to see previous reservations.
6. Are there specific CITES international trade suspensions or EU opinions in place for this listing?

Species + notes any national export suspensions or CITES international suspensions that affect trade. The CITES Parties may take “stricter measures” than the Convention. As such they may impose stricter import or export conditions. The EU member states, through its SRG, issue opinions relating to stricter conditions for importing material into the EU. They are positive (import is allowed subject to permits being issued), negative (no imports until further communication with the country in question) or no opinion. The latter can take three separate forms, including the possibility that all import import applications must be referred to the SRG for consideration.

This example uses *Pterocarpus santalinus* (red sandalwood). Scroll down the LEGAL tab to the SUSPENSION heading for details on current CITES and national suspensions.

India is implementing a zero export quota for all wild specimens but allows the export of seized material.

India also has a national suspension on the export of wild Appendix II / Annex B specimens, such as red sandalwood. This suspension came into force on 31/05/1999 and a Notification is given which provides more details ([http://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/notif/1999/039.shtml](http://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/notif/1999/039.shtml)).

Current EU decisions and opinions are found under the EU DECISIONS heading in the LEGAL tab. Details of what they apply to and the date they came into force are provided.

The EU has put in place a negative opinion (no EU imports allowed) for all wild, artificially propagated and confiscated/seized material of red sandalwood from India. If new information is provided to the SRG this opinion may be overturned at its next meeting. If not, the opinion may remain in place.

Click on the SHOW HISTORY to see all previous EU opinions.
SPECIES PAGES

The following information is provided for each species/genus:

**Distribution** – covers the countries / territories that the species / genus are native to.*

**Uses** – the major uses for the taxa and products in trade (regulated or not).

**Trade** – the dataset used to inform this section has been taken from the CITES Trade Database ([http://trade.cites.org/](http://trade.cites.org/)) for the years 2003–2013.

**Plantations / artificial propagation** – highlights whether a species / genus is grown in plantations and/or is artificially propagated and whether timber or timber products from these sources are in trade.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations** – current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations are noted.

**EU Decisions** – this section outline those trade suspensions and opinions currently put in place by the European Union. These may be stricter than CITES.

**Scientific and common names** – CITES adopts “Standard References” to be used by Parties when referring to the scientific names of taxa listed on the Convention. These references provide the basis on which names should be used on CITES permits and annual reports – the accepted names – as adopted by a CoP. The references, where possible, include the major synonyms – the non-accepted names – that apply to these taxa. The list of Standard References is updated at every CoP based on the recommendations of the CITES Animal and Plants Committees. The list of “Standard References” is included in a CITES Resolution (for flora see Annex 2 of Resolution Conf. 12. 11 (Rev. CoP16) Standard Nomenclature: [http://www.cites.org/eng/res/12/12-11R16.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/12/12-11R16.php)). Where a standard reference has been adopted for a species or genus this reference is given. Where no standard reference is available we recommend a suitable source, but this is merely our recommendation. In such cases you can seek clarification or a definitive decision from the Scientific Services Unit ([http://www.cites.org/eng/disc/sec/staff.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/disc/sec/staff.php)) of the CITES Secretariat who may confer with the Nomenclature Specialist of the CITES Plants Committee to provide you with more formal guidance on the appropriate scientific name.

**Details on the CITES listing** – the date the species/genus were first listed is provided along with the date of the current listing and annotation. For EU listings the current listing and annotation date applies to the latest version of the Commission Regulation amending the list of species regulated under Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97.

**Product pictures** – pictures have been provided of products seen in international trade. As space is a limiting factor in the guide the coverage is not comprehensive. Products regulated by CITES have a RED tab and those not regulated have a GREEN tab. The photographs used are not, in all cases, true representations of the species in trade, rather they are meant as a guide to the products in trade.

**Tariff codes** – Commodity tariff chapter codes are provided against each picture of regulated products (red tab). A guide to tariffs codes can be found in the current edition of the International Integrated Tariffs. Due to the continual updating of specific codes, tariff CHAPTER CODES are listed rather than full individual tariff codes.

**Picture credits / copyright** – these are provided on page 91.

* Country abbreviations include Taiwan for Taiwan (Province of China); UK (United Kingdom); USA (United States of America); EU (European Union).
**Abies guatemalensis**
Guatemalan Fir

**Distribution**
This is the only species in the genus *Abies* currently listed under CITES. The species is native to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.

**Uses**
The timber has historically been used for construction purposes, and in the manufacture of tools, roof shingles, wood carvings and charcoal for domestic markets. Illegal harvesting for the domestic Christmas tree and Christmas decoration market is threatening the species.

**Trade**
This species is listed in Appendix I / Annex A and international trade in wild-sourced specimens for commercial purposes is prohibited. Commercial trade in artificially propagated specimens is permitted. Domestic use of this species accounts for the majority trade. The CITES Trade Database indicates little or no international trade with a small number of wild-collected specimens (fruit, live, seeds) exported from Guatemala and Mexico to the EU (Denmark) for scientific purposes.

As an Appendix I /Annex A listed species there is no annotation therefore all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated.

**Plantations/artificial propagation**
There are commercial plantations of this species in Guatemala and El Salvador, primarily supplying domestic markets.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**
There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

See Species + for details  [http://speciesplus.net/#!/taxon_concepts/17704/legal](http://speciesplus.net/#!/taxon_concepts/17704/legal)
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**Common names:**
- English: Guatemalan fir, Mexican fir
- French: sapin du Guatemala
- German: Guatemala-tanne
- Italian: abete del Guatemala
- Spanish: abeto Mexicano, pinabete, abeto, pashaque, romerillo

**Aniba rosaeodora**

**Rosewood, Pau rosa**

**Distribution**
This is one of 48 species in the genus *Aniba* and the only one listed under CITES. It is a large tree native to the tropical rainforests of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela.

**Uses**
The timber is harvested and distilled to extract the fragrant rosewood oil which is used in high end perfumery, to produce pure essential oils for aromatherapy or to add scent to cosmetics and toiletries, such as soap. The oil may be diluted to produce less expensive fragrances and oils. Oil is also extracted from leaves and smaller branches and research is currently underway to determine if this oil has different olfactory characteristics and quality to that distilled from the heartwood.

**Trade**
The main product in international trade is rosewood oil. The sole exporter supplying this small scale but valuable trade is Brazil. The USA is the principal importer of the oil, followed by Japan and the EU (France and Germany). The USA is also the largest re-exporter of oil, after the addition of synthetic linalool, followed by France. Current Brazilian national legislation prohibits the domestic and international trade of all native species (CITES and non-CITES species) with an IUCN Red List assessment of critically endangered (CR) and endangered (EN). All trade from Brazil should therefore only be in artificially propagated specimens.

The #12 annotation for this species means only logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and extracts are regulated. Definitions of the timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php)) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) ([http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php)). A definition of the term extract can be found in the Interpretation section of the Appendices and EU Annexes and in the CITES Glossary as meaning “Any substance obtained directly from plant material by physical or chemical means regardless of the manufacturing process. An extract may be solid (e.g. crystals, resin, fine or coarse particles), semi-solid (e.g. gums, waxes) or liquid (e.g. solutions, tinctures, oil and essential oils)”. As stated in the annotation, finished products containing such extracts as ingredients, such as perfumes, are not covered by this annotation and are therefore not regulated.
Plantations / artificial propagation
There is currently only one authorised commercial plantation for this species, in Maués, Brazil, that is producing oil for export. However, international cosmetic manufacturers are establishing smaller trial plantations, in Peru for example, to ensure tighter control over the sustainability of the ingredients for their products.

CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

EU Decisions
There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

See Species + for details  http://speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/19724/legal

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**Aquilaria and Gyrinops Agarwood**

**Distribution**
The main agarwood producing tree species are in the genera *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops*. All species in these two genera are listed under CITES. There are some 20 species of *Aquilaria* native to Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. There are some nine *Gyrinops* species which are native to India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. The genus *Gonystylus* (ramin) has also been linked to the agarwood trade but is more commonly traded as timber and timber products. See Species + for individual species distribution:


**Uses**
The infection of *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* trees by fungal pathogens produces a resinous heartwood that is highly prized for its fragrant properties. Oil is distilled from the wood, powder or sawdust and used in the fragrance and cosmetics/toiletries industries. Other products in trade include wood chips of various sizes and powder, sold both prior to the distillation process (non-exhausted) and post the distillation process (exhausted). Exhausted powder may then be further processed and compressed into statues, incense cones or sticks. The wood is made into carvings, beads (for prayer or decoration) or traded as highly prized items. Agarwood is also an ingredient in traditional and patented medicines.

**Trade**
Agarwood products are found in international trade as crude, semi-finished or finished products from both wild and artificially propagated sources. Processing of agarwood products may occur in countries of export or in the major re-exporting Parties, in particular the Middle East. For *Aquilaria* species wood chips and powders (both non-exhausted and exhausted) are the major products in trade followed by pieces of wood/sawn wood, oils and extracts. The major exporters are Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand. The major importers are Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait and Europe (France, Germany, Italy and the UK). The major re-exporting countries are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UAE. The
Trade in *Gyrinops* species is much smaller than that of *Aquilaria* and the main product in trade is wood chips. The major exporter of *Gyrinops* products is Indonesia, imported by Saudi Arabia, Singapore and UAE. The major re-exporters of this genus are Saudi Arabia and Singapore.

Trade in wild-sourced agarwood products is not permitted by most range states (page 11, point 6 [http://www.cites.org/sites/default/files/common/com/pc/20/inf_docs/E20-07i.pdf](http://www.cites.org/sites/default/files/common/com/pc/20/inf_docs/E20-07i.pdf)). However, trade in products from artificially propagated sources is allowed subject to permits being issued.

**Note** the following issues regarding the #14 annotation:

- Finished products packaged and ready for retail trade – the annotation states that products traded in this state are not regulated. A definition of this wording can be found in the Interpretation section of the Appendices and Annexes and in the CITES Glossary ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php)). This means that if a regulated agarwood product, for example non-exhausted powder, fits the definition of a finished product packaged and ready for retail trade then it is not regulated. This does not apply to beads, prayer beads and carvings.

- Identification of agarwood products in trade – distinguishing between agarwood products in trade may prove problematic e.g. the difference between non-exhausted and exhausted powder (the latter is lighter in colour with little odour).

There is also an exemption under the CITES personal and household effects derogation (Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP16) [http://www.cites.org/eng/res/13/13-07R16.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/13/13-07R16.php)) for specimens of agarwood. Up to 1 kg woodchips, 24 ml oil and two sets of beads or prayer beads (or two necklaces or bracelets) per person is permitted without permits (Note: personally owned or possessed specimens will be exempted as personal effects if both the countries of import and export implement the personal and household effects exemption for the species).

### Plantations / artificial propagation

There are commercial mono- and mixed plantations of *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* as the technology to artificially inoculate trees and produce the resinous heartwood is now available. Trees of both genera are also grown in mixed community farms and gardens within its natural range. Timber or timber products from all of these production systems are in international trade and may be declared as artificially propagated material. Check with the country of origin and Resolutions Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15) ([http://www.cites.org/eng/res/11/11-11R15.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/11/11-11R15.php)), Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) ([http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php)) and Resolution Conf. 16.10 ([http://www.cites.org/eng/res/16/16-10.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/16/16-10.php)) for guidance on whether the material fits the definition of artificially propagated for agarwood.

### CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are current CITES international trade suspensions for some species of *Aquilaria*.

There are current export quotas in place for *Aquilaria* species. Check Species + for details or check the annual export quotas on the CITES website ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php)).

There are current reservations in place for a number of *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* species.

There are current national export bans in place for some species of *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops*.

![Wood chips - finished product](image1)

![Compressed exhausted powder](image2)

![Prayer beads](image3)
EU decisions

There are a number of current EU opinions in place for both *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* species.

**Scientific names and author:**

*Aquilaria* Lam: 20 species

*Gyrinops* Gaertn: 9 species

**Family:** Thymelaeaceae

**Common names:**

- **Chinese:** chen xiang, chénxiāng
- **English:** agarwood, eaglewood, aloewood, agar, oud, oudh
- **French:** bois d’aigle
- **German:** adlerholz
- **Indonesia:** gaharu
- **Italian:** agarwood
- **Japanese:** 熱梅
- **Korean:** 고타
- **Lao:** mai ketsana
- **Malay:** a-ga-ru, agur, kalambio, gaharu, halim, karas, kareh, kritsanaa, lign-aloes, mai hom
- **Mongolian:** bsuul
- **Myanmar:** thit mhwae
- **Portuguese:** aquilária, madeira de agar, calambuca
- **Spanish:** madera de Agar
- **Thai:** mai kritsana
- **Viet Nam:** tràm hu’ông

**Date of Listing:**

- *Aquilaria malaccensis*
  - Appendix II: 16/02/1995
  - Annex B: 01/06/1997

- *Aquilaria spp.*
  - Appendix II: 12/01/2005
  - Annex B: 22/08/2005

- *Gyrinops spp.*
  - Appendix II: 12/01/2005
  - Annex B: 22/08/2005

**Current Listing and Annotation:**

- *Aquilaria* spp.
  - Appendix II: 12/06/2013
  - Annex B: 20/12/2014

- *Gyrinops* spp.
  - Appendix II: 12/06/2013
  - Annex B: 20/12/2014

**Annotation #14**

- All parts and derivatives are regulated, except:
  - Seeds and pollen
  - Seedling and tissue cultures obtained in vitro, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers
  - Fruits
  - Leaves
  - Exhausted agarwood powder, including compressed powder in all shapes
  - Finished products packaged and ready for retail trade, this exemption does not apply to beads, prayer beads and carvings


If you require more formal guidance contact the CITES Secretariat.
Araucaria araucana
Monkey Puzzle tree

Distribution
This is the only species in the genus Araucaria (19 species) currently listed under CITES. It is a long-lived, tall conifer, commonly known as the monkey puzzle tree or Chilean pine, and is native to the temperate rainforests of southern and central Chile and south west Argentina.

Uses
The monkey puzzle tree has historically been used to make beams in buildings, bridges, piers, pit props, roofs, furniture, ship masts, veneers, plywood, flooring and paper pulp. The pine nuts are edible and are harvested in Chile under strict legislation. This species was introduced into Europe as early as the late 1700s.

Trade
This species is listed in Appendix I /Annex A and the international trade in wild-sourced specimens for commercial purposes is prohibited. Commercial trade in artificially propagated specimens is permitted. The CITES Trade Database indicates that the majority of trade is in artificially propagated live plants and seeds (source code “D” which is artificially propagated material of an Appendix I species). The main exporters of these specimens are Chile and to a much lesser extent Argentina. The main importers are the Netherlands with smaller quantities imported by Switzerland. The main re-exports of live plants are from Chile and the EU (Belgium, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands) to Switzerland. The main re-exports of seed are from New Zealand to the USA. Timber or wood blanks from felled ornamental trees planted outside of its natural range are in international trade for the manufacture of wooden artefacts (e.g. bowls and vases). Fossilised specimens of this species are also for sale on the Internet. As an Appendix I /Annex A listed species there is no annotation therefore all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated.

Plantations / artificial propagation
Commercial plantations are established worldwide, in particular in Chile, Argentina and New Zealand. Artificially propagated seed and specimens of this species are for sale on the Internet and can be found growing in nurseries, parks and gardens, particularly throughout Western Europe, the west and east coast of the USA, New Zealand and south eastern Australia.
**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

See Species + for details [http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/25968/legal](http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/25968/legal)

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01/06/1997  
(Populations of Chile) | Appendix I  
13/02/2003  
Annex A  
20/12/2014 |
| **Family:** Araucariaceae | | |
| **Common names:**  
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French: désespoir des singes  
German: araukarie, Chilenische araukarie  
Spanish: araucaria, piñonero, pino araucaria, pehuén (from Mapuche), pino Chileno  
Swedish: brovgran | | |
If you require more formal guidance contact the CITES Secretariat. | | |
**Bulnesia sarmientoi**
Palo santo, holy wood

**Distribution**

*Bulnesia sarmientoi* is the only one of ten species in the genus *Bulnesia* listed under CITES. This species is a deciduous tree known for its aromatic wood. It is native to south-eastern Bolivia through western Paraguay and adjoining sectors of Brazil to northern Argentina, an area called the Gran Chaco (or Región Chaqueña).

**Uses**

The heavy, hard wood is used in the manufacture of wood flooring, furniture, handicrafts, smoking pipes, mortars, and axes. The wood is distilled to produce an essential oil known as ‘guayacol’ which is used in the manufacture of perfumes, cosmetics, toiletries and candles. The oil is also mixed with pyrethrum to make mosquito coils. Residual sawdust is treated with solvents to produce ‘palo santo’ resin used in the manufacture of varnish and dark paints. Small pieces of wood or wood chips, oil and powder compressed into cones or incense sticks are in international trade, in particular over the Internet. Some of these products may be made from non-CITES listed species (e.g. *Bursera graveolens*) which also use the common name ‘palo santo’. There are also similarities between *B. sarmientoi* and species in the genus *Guaiacum*, which belongs to the same family as *Bulnesia* (Zygophyllaceae). They both produce oil, the wood has similar characteristics and they share the common names of ‘palo santo’ and ‘guayacán’ as well as some of their trade names, such as ‘lignum vitae’ and ‘guaiac’. All *Guaiacum* species are also regulated under CITES.

**Trade**

*Bulnesia sarmientoi* is in international trade as timber and semi-finished and finished products. The majority of international trade is in wild-sourced timber exported from Argentina to China. Paraguay exports mainly essential oil for further processing in the fragrance industry, which is imported into China, the USA, the EU (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands and the UK) and Switzerland. The major re-exporters of oil are the EU (France, Germany and Spain), Switzerland and the USA. Current Brazilian national legislation prohibits the domestic and international trade of all wild-collected native species (CITES and non-CITES species) with an IUCN Red List assessment of critically endangered (CR) and endangered (EN). All trade from Brazil should therefore only be in artificially propagated specimens.

The #11 annotation means only logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, powder and extracts are regulated. Definitions of the timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php)) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) ([http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php)). Definitions of the terms

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**Log**

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**Utensils**
“extract” and “powder” can be found in the Interpretation to the Appendices and EU Annexes and in the CITES Glossary. The definition of an extract is given as “Any substance obtained directly from plant material by physical or chemical means regardless of the manufacturing process. An extract may be solid (e.g. crystals, resin, fine or coarse particles), semi-solid (e.g. gums, waxes) or liquid (e.g. solutions, tinctures, oil and essential oils)”. The definition of a powder is given as “A dry, solid substance in the form of fine or coarse particles”.

**Plantations/artificial propagation**
There are no known commercial plantations or artificial propagation of this species.

**CITES trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**
There are no current CITES international trade suspension, export quotas or reservations in place for this species. There is a current suspension on the export of Appendix II species from Paraguay, but this does not apply to the export and trade in timber and essential oil of *B. sarmientoi*.

**EU Decisions**
There is a current EU opinion for this species from Paraguay. See Species + for details [http://speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/23851/legal](http://speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/23851/legal)

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Caesalpinia echinata
Pernambuco, pau-brasil

Distribution
Of the 161 species in the genus Caesalpinia this is the only species listed under CITES. It is endemic to the eastern region of Brazil in the threatened Atlantic Coastal Rainforest (Mata Atlântica) in the states of Pernambuco, Bahia, Espírito Santo and Rio de Janeiro.

Uses
Historically valued in Europe as a source of red dye, the wood is flexible but durable and was also used for construction purposes. From the late 18th century its popularity led to it being used in the manufacture of violin bows. Currently, pernambuco is the principle wood used to make high quality violin bows.

Trade
The main products in trade are timber and carvings, including wood blanks for the manufacture of violin bows. All exports originate from Brazil. The CITES Trade Database indicates that the majority of the timber is source code “O”, meaning it was acquired before the species was listed on CITES (i.e. pre-Convention). The main importers of timber and carvings are China, Switzerland and to a lesser extent the EU (Bulgaria, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the UK), Japan and the USA. The biggest re-exporters are the USA (to China and EU – France, Germany, Spain, the UK and Bulgaria) and Germany (to China and Switzerland). There are small volumes of wild-sourced timber re-exported from the USA to France, China and Australia. Current Brazilian national legislation prohibits the domestic and international trade of all wild-collected native species (CITES and non-CITES species) with an IUCN Red List assessment of critically endangered (CR) and endangered (EN). All trade from Brazil should therefore only be in artificially propagated specimens.

The #10 annotation means that only logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, including unfinished wood articles (“blanks”) used for the fabrication of bows for stringed musical instruments are regulated. Definitions of the timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) (http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). A finished bow made from Caesalpinia echinata is not regulated whereas an unfinished wooden “blank” used to make a bow would require a permit.
Plantations / artificial propagation
There are no large-scale commercial plantations of this species. Smaller replanting and conservation initiatives, such as those being carried out by the International Pernambuco Conservation Initiative (http://www.ipci-usa.org/index.html), are in place in Brazil, but as yet no wood from these sources is in international trade.

CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

EU Decisions
There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.
See Species + for details http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/18906/legal

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**Cedrela**
*Spanish cedars*

**Distribution**
The genus *Cedrela* consists of 17 species, three of which are listed in Appendix III / Annex C (*Cedrela fissilis*, *C. lilloi* and *C. odorata*) and four of which are regulated under Annex D only (*C. montana*, *C. oaxacensis*, *C. salvadorensis* and *C. tonduzi*). These species are native to Central and South America and the Caribbean including Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories (Cayman Islands, Monserrat) and the USA (Virgin Islands).

**Uses**
The species are traded for their workable, aromatic, insect-repelling and rot resistant timber which is used to make quality furniture, musical instruments, panelling, cigar boxes and in light construction (doors, boat building). Many old churches and cathedrals throughout the genus’ distribution have panelling, doors and roofs made of *Cedrela*.

**Trade**
The CITES Trade Database indicates that the vast majority of trade relates to *Cedrela odorata* and is in sawn timber with lower levels of trade in timber pieces, carvings and veneer. The main exporters are Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru while Argentina, Mexico and the USA were the main importers followed by Canada, China, Japan, Spain, Puerto Rico and Paraguay. Imports into the EU are minimal for direct trade from exporting range states and there are discrepancies between trade levels reported by exporting and importing countries. The major EU importing member state is Spain followed by Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK. There has been a small amount of trade in artificially propagated timber from plantations in Ghana and Cote d’Ivoire into the EU (Denmark and the UK). There is one recorded import of *C. fissilis* from Costa Rica to Spain, and no recorded trade for the four *Cedrela* species listed in Annex D.

Current Brazilian national legislation prohibits the domestic and international trade of all wild-collected native species (CITES and non-CITES species) with an IUCN Red List assessment of critically endangered (CR) and endangered (EN). All trade from Brazil should therefore only be in artificially propagated specimens. The #5 annotation means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are regulated. Definitions of these timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php)) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) ([http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php)). Finished products, such as musical instruments or furniture, are not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**
The species *Cedrela odorata* has been widely introduced outside its natural range as a shade tree for crops, an ornamental tree and for its timber. There are commercial plantations of this species producing timber for the international market in Africa (Ghana, Nigeria, Cote d’Ivoire, Madagascar, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda) and in SE Asia (Viet Nam, the Philippines). Smaller or trial plantations have been established in Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Thailand.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this genus. There is a national export ban on commercial trade in Appendix II species from Paraguay (see Notification No. 2011/009 [http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2011/E009.pdf](http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2011/E009.pdf)). This includes *C. odorata*, *C. lilloi* and *C. fissilis*.
EU decisions

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this genus.

See Species + for details  http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Cedrela&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1

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**Appendix III**

| C. fissilis | 14/10/2010 (only the Bolivian population. All other populations in Annex D) |
| C. lilloi | 14/02/2012 (only the Bolivian population. All other populations in Annex D) |
| C. odorata | Brazil: 27/04/2011 Bolivia: 14/10/2010 In addition, the following countries listed their national populations: Colombia: 29/10/2001 Guatemala: 12/02/2008 Peru: 12/06/2001 |

**Annex C**

| C. fissilis | 20/12/2014 |
| C. lilloi | 20/12/2014 |
| C. odorata | Brazil: 20/12/2014 Bolivia: 20/12/2014 In addition, the following countries listed their national populations: Colombia: 29/10/2001 Guatemala: 12/02/2008 Peru: 12/06/2001 |

**Annex D**

| C. fissilis | 11/04/2008 |
| C. lilloi | 11/04/2008 |
| C. odorata | 11/04/2008 (except for those populations listed in Annex C (Populations of Colombia, Guatemala and Peru). |
| C. montana | 11/04/2008 |
| C. oaxacensis | 11/04/2008 |
| C. salvadorensis | 11/04/2008 |
| C. tonduzii | 11/04/2008 |

**Annotation**

§4 (Annex D) Logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets
#5 Logs, sawn wood, and veneer sheets.
**Dalbergia Rosewoods**

**Distribution**

The genus *Dalbergia* consists of approximately 250 species of trees, shrubs and vines which have a pan-tropical distribution. The CITES-listed *Dalbergia* species can be divided into three separate geographical areas – Africa (Madagascar), Central and South America, and Asia.

**AFRICA (MADAGASCAR)**

**Distribution**

There are currently 48 accepted species of Madagascan *Dalbergia* of which 47 are endemic (only found in Madagascar) and one, *D. bracteolata*, is also found in Kenya, Mozambique and Tanzania. The taxonomy of endemic Madagascan *Dalbergia* is under review so it is important to work from the current accepted list of scientific names (see Scientific Names below).

**Uses**

*Dalbergia* species are traditionally used locally for house construction, fences and woodworking. However, timber from Madagascan *Dalbergia* species are now among the species classified under China’s National Hongmu Standard for use in the manufacture of luxury deep red coloured Hongmu furniture, highly sought after in Asia, in particular China. The timber from these species is also used in the manufacture of musical instruments, in particular guitars. China is the only country that has a specific customs code for Hongmu species – 44039930.

**Trade**

The recent listing of these species in 2013 means there is very little trade data available. All trade is for scientific purposes from Madagascar to Switzerland except for one pre-Convention commercial export of 36,000kg of *Dalbergia louvelii* from Madagascar to China in 2012. There are also three pre-Convention exports of very small amounts of *D. baronii* and *Dalbergia* spp. to Japan and Ecuador in 2013. However, demand is high as evidenced by large seizures of illegally logged and exported *Dalbergia* timber from Madagascar en route to China.

The #5 annotation means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are regulated. Definitions of these product terms are found in the CITES Glossary [http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) [http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). Finished products, such as musical instruments or furniture, are not regulated. The listing of the Madagascan populations of *Dalbergia* species means that only regulated products of a *Dalbergia* species endemic to Madagascar are covered under this listing.

Guitars

Logs buried on a beach
Plantations/artificial propagation

There are no known commercial plantations or artificial propagation of these species in Madagascar.

CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions in place for these species.

There is a current zero export quota in place for the *Dalbergia* populations of Madagascar.

There is a current reservation in place for this listing.

EU Decisions

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for these species.

See Species + for details     http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Dalbergia&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1

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**CITES Standard Reference:** The CoP has adopted a standard reference for generic names (*The Plant-Book*, second edition, D. J. Mabberley, 1997, Cambridge University Press reprinted with corrections 1998). A preliminary checklist for Malagasy *Dalbergia* species for use by the CITES Parties was adopted at the 65th Standing Committee (July 2014). See http://www.cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/sc/65/Inf/E-SC65-Inf-21.pdf. To check if updates have been made to this list or if you require more formal guidance contact the CITES Secretariat.
**Dalbergia Rosewoods**

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### ASIA

#### Distribution

The only Asian species of *Dalbergia* currently listed under CITES is *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*. It is native to Cambodia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Thailand and Viet Nam.

#### Uses

The timber has a red colouration highly sought after in Asia, in particular China. This species is among the timber species classified under China’s National Hongmu Standard for use in the manufacture of luxury Hongmu furniture. China is the only country that has a specific customs code for Hongmu species – 44039930. The timber is also used to make musical instruments (lutes and Erhu Chinese violins which are sometimes made from old furniture), jewellery, gun blanks, sewing-machines, sports equipment and as a decorative veneer (e.g. in passenger ships and for instrument cases). However, given the current high prices fetched by this species its trade is for high end products rather than for local consumption or low end production.

#### Trade

The recent listing of this species in 2013 means there is no trade data available. However, the trade in timber (logs, sawn wood and some veneers) is evidenced by seizures and NGO campaigns on the illegal trade in this species. Destination markets are mainland China, Hong Kong SAR, Singapore and Taiwan. Prices for timber vary from $6,000-50,000/m³. Timber may be traded under the name *Dalbergia cambodiana* but this is a synonym of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*. As such, specimens traded under the name *Dalbergia cambodiana* are included in Appendix II, and such trade should be regulated accordingly (http://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2014-061.pdf). The common name used for this species (rosewood) may refer to other non-CITES listed species of Asian *Dalbergia* (*D. bariensis*) or species from other genera (*Pterocarpus macrocarpus*, synonym *P. pedatus*).

The #5 annotation means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are currently regulated. Definitions of these timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) (http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). Finished products, such as musical instruments or furniture, are not regulated.
Plantations/artificial propagation
No commercial plantations of this species exist. Therefore all trade will be wild in origin. As this species is slow growing the artificial propagation trials that have been encouraged in range states will take many years to produce sizeable timber for export.

CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations
There is a current CITES international trade suspension for this species from Lao People’s Democratic Republic. There are no export quotas or reservations in place for this species. All range states have domestic legislation in place to ban the logging and/or export of this species.

EU Decisions
There are no current EU opinions for this species.

See Species + for details http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/15804/legal

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Dalbergia Rosewoods
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CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Distribution
The Central and South American CITES-listed Dalbergia species are D. calycina (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua); D. cubilquitzensis (Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua); D. darienensis (Colombia and Panama); D. glomerata (Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico); D. granadillo (El Salvador and Mexico); D. nigra (Brazil); D. retusa (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama); D. stevensoni (southern Belize and nearby regions of Guatemala and Mexico); and D. tucurensis (Guatemala and Nicaragua). For some of these species only certain populations are regulated and for others their listing under the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations has not yet come into force (see Species + for individual distribution and listing details http://www.speciesplus.net/species#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Dalbergia&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1).

Uses
Uses vary from species to species but include: Dalbergia cubilquitzensis (chess sets, general carpentry, jewellery boxes, luxury furniture, musical instruments, tool handles, veneer, handicrafts); D. darienensis (cabinet making, furniture, marquetry, parquet flooring, musical instruments); D. glomerata (furniture and general construction); D. nigra (furniture, art work, musical instruments particularly guitars); D. granadillo / D. retusa (inlay work, scientific instruments, tool and cutlery handles, hand gun grips, butts of billiard cues, decorative and figured veneers, parquet floors, car dashboards, jewellery boxes, canes and in particular guitars and woodwind instruments such as clarinets); D. stevensoni (percussion bars for marimbas and xylophones, fingerboards for banjos, guitars and mandolins, harp bodies, furniture and decorative veneer, particularly in the Asian market); and D. tucurensis (guitars, boxes, humidors, picture frames, marimbas, guitars, ukuleles).

Trade
Given the majority of these species are newly listed in Appendix II / Annex B or Appendix III / Annex C there is little trade data available for all but a few species i.e. D. stevensoni, D. retusa and D. nigra. Trade levels are often difficult to interpret given the many different terms and units cited for some species and products (e.g. kg, m³, carvings) or there is little differentiation between the species as trade is recorded as “Dalbergia spp.” or “rosewoods.”

Dalbergia nigra table 9503  D. stevensoni logs 4403  Chess set
The main exporters of timber of *Dalbergia stevensonii* are Guatemala and Belize with Germany, China and the USA as the major importers. This species is re-exported from the EU (Germany) to Japan, USA and Turkey. For *D. retusa* / *D. granadillo* (included as may be traded under both species names and supposedly indistinguishable from *D. retusa*) there is little trade data available but the trade appears to be in timber from Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama. The major importers are Spain, the USA, Switzerland and China (including Hong Kong). Re-exports are of timber and small high value items such as gun blanks.

For *Dalbergia nigra* the species is listed in Appendix I / Annex A and the international trade in wild-sourced specimens for commercial purposes is prohibited. Commercial trade in artificially propagated specimens is permitted. The CITES Trade Database shows that the majority of trade has been in specimens harvested prior to the species listing in 1992 i.e. pre-Convention material. However, the EU does not fully implement the exemptions for commercial use of Appendix I listed species (as laid out in the Convention text) through its Wildlife Trade Regulations (Council Regulation 338/97 – see KEY RESOURCES page for reports and websites containing more information). The trade in this species is in a variety of units including carvings, sawn wood logs, timber, timber pieces and veneer and trade in wild-sourced specimens has taken place. The trade is also shifting to processed products (furniture, carvings in particular musical instruments and veneer) and from direct exports (from the only range state, Brazil) to re-exports of pre-Convention material. The largest importers of this material are Japan, the USA, Canada, Malaysia and the EU (Spain, the Netherlands, the UK, Italy and Germany). The main re-exporters are the USA, the EU (Spain, Germany and the UK). Current Brazilian national legislation prohibits the domestic and international trade of all wild-collected native species (CITES and non-CITES species) with an IUCN Red List assessment of critically endangered (CR) and endangered (EN). All trade from Brazil should therefore only be in artificially propagated specimens.

All but one of the Central and South American *Dalbergia* species have a #6 annotation. This means that only logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood are regulated. Definitions of these timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) (http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). Under this annotation finished products, such as musical instruments or furniture, are not regulated. The annotation for *D. darienensis* is #2, which means all parts and derivatives except seeds, pollen and finished products packaged and ready for retail trade are regulated. As Appendix I / Annex A listed (*D. nigra*) all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

Tree planting schemes are in place for some species but the majority of trade will be wild in origin. Planting schemes for *D. stevensonii* have been established in Belize (following damage caused by Hurricane Iris in 2001) and *D. retusa/granadillo* plantations are maintained in Costa Rica and Nicaragua although the majority of wood still comes from privately owned “fincas” (rural or agricultural land that was planted 80–100 years ago). There are no known plantations or artificial propagation of *D. nigra*.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions and export quotas for these species.
EU Decisions

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for these species.

See Species+ for details http://www.speciesplus.net/species#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Dalbergia&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1

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**Diospyros**

**Ebonies**

**Distribution**

Over 500 species have been described in the genus *Diospyros* but many of the species names in circulation are incorrect because they may, amongst other things, represent more than one species. The taxonomy of the genus is currently in revision. The number of ebony species in Madagascar ranges from 85 to 240, but currently only 87 species are recognised as valid names. All but one of these species, *D. ferrea* which is also found along the coasts of East Africa and India, are endemic to Madagascar. The listing of the Madagascan populations of *Diospyros* species means that only regulated products of a *Diospyros* species endemic to Madagascar is regulated.

**Uses**

Ebony is used in the manufacture of furniture, musical instruments, in particular fingerboards for violins and guitars, piano keys, violin/viola pegs, wind instruments, cutlery and marquetry and inlay. Highly valuable ebony species include *Diospyros gracilipes*, *D. perrieri*, and *D. platycalyx*.

**Trade**

The recent listing of these species in Appendix II in 2013 means there is very little trade data available. According to the CITES Trade Database, there is only a small amount of trade for scientific purposes to Switzerland, Germany and the UK. It appears that *D. perrieri* and *D. tropofila* are in trade.

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**Plantations / artificial propagation**

There are no known plantations or artificial propagation of these species within Madagascar.
CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions in place for Diospyros species.

There is a current zero export quota for Diospyros material exported from Madagascan populations only.

There are current reservations in place for these species.

EU Decisions

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for Madagascan Diospyros species.

See Species + for details
http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Diospyros&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1

Scientific names and authors: Diospyros L. (populations of Madagascar only). See Species + and CITES Standard Reference below for individual names and authors

Family: Ebenaceae

Common names:
English: ebony, ebonies
French: bois d’ébène
German: ebenholz
Italian: ebano
Malagasy: kakazomainty, hazomafana, hazomainty, lopingo, maintipody, maintipototra, mapingo, pingo
Portugese: ébano


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Violin pegs

Violin with ebony fingerboard

Piano with ebony keys
**Dipteryx panamensis**

**Almendro**

**Distribution**
This large tree can grow to 60 metres in height and is found in the humid rainforests of southern Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia.

**Uses**
This species has one of the heaviest woods in the world, and due to its mechanical resistance it was difficult to harvest before the advances in chainsaw technology in the 1980s. It is used in marine construction, sports equipment and construction of railroad ties, bridges, industrial flooring, boats, springboards, industrial machinery, and agricultural tool handles.

**Trade**
The CITES Trade Database shows little trade with limited exports of timber, the majority of which is exported by Panama then smaller volumes by Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The trade is in wild specimens and the main importer is the USA. The main EU importer is Germany. In 2008 the harvesting of almendro trees from the wild was completely banned in Costa Rica. The taxonomy of this listing is in need of revision given the species name *Dipteryx panamensis* is commonly believed to be a synonym of *D. oleifera*.

There is no annotation therefore all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**
There are some commercial and experimental plantations of this species in Costa Rica, but the production levels of these are unknown.
### Scientific and Common Names

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**Family:** Leguminosae

**Common names:**
- English: almendro, tonka bean tree
- German: waldmandelbaum
- Spanish: almendro


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**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

See Species + for details http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/22966/legal
**Fitzroya cupressoides**

**Alerce**

**Distribution**
This species of conifer is one of the largest South American trees, reaching over 50 metres in height, and it is the only species in the genus *Fitzroya*. It is native to southern Argentina and southern Chile and can live to over 2,000 years.

**Uses**
The reddish brown, straight grained, insect resistant timber is durable and easily worked, and has been used in the manufacture of musical instruments, furniture, roof shingles and ships masts.

**Trade**
This species is listed in Appendix I / Annex A and the international trade in wild-sourced specimens for commercial purposes is prohibited. Commercial trade in artificially propagated specimens is permitted. The CITES Trade Database shows that the majority of trade is in pre-Convention timber worked into carvings with the main exporter being Chile. The main importers of these products are the USA and Europe (France and Spain). Between 2003–2004 around 70m³ of wild-collected timber was exported from Chile to Taiwan. This trade may have been misreported pre-Convention timber.

Artificially propagated live plants and seeds are for sale on the Internet and through plant nurseries. As an Appendix 1/Annex A listed species there is no annotation therefore all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**
There are no known commercial plantations of this species and logging is illegal but the species was introduced into cultivation in Europe in 1849 so large specimens may be found in parks and gardens.
CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

EU Decisions

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

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If you require more formal guidance contact the CITES Secretariat.

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House shingles

Sawn wood
**Fraxinus mandshurica**
Manchurian ash

**Distribution**
This is currently the only species in the genus *Fraxinus* (approximately 58 species) listed under CITES. The species is native to northern China, Republic of Korea, Japan and south east Russian Federation (Sakhalin Island).

**Uses**
An important and valuable hardwood tree, its timber is used in the manufacture of furniture, utensils, sporting goods and veneers.

**Trade**
The recent listing of this species in 2014 means there is no trade data available. Given plantations exist both wild and plantation grown material may be in trade.

The #5 annotation means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are regulated. Definitions of these product terms are found in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) (http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). Finished products, such as furniture, are not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**
Commercial plantations of this species exist in China and this species has been planted as an ornamental tree in Canada, the USA and Europe.
CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

EU Decisions

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

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Gonystylus
Ramin

Distribution
Ramin is the common name given to all species in the genus *Gonystylus* which is listed under CITES. The 30 or so species are native to the peat swamp forests of southeast Asia, including Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, Indonesia, (Kalimantan and Sumatra) Malaysia (Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak), Singapore, the Solomon Islands and the Philippines.

Uses
The light coloured, easily turned wood is in trade as a wide range of semi-finished and finished products. These include mouldings, dowels, handles, paint brush blanks, finished paint brushes, curtain rods, umbrella poles, sports equipment (snooker and pool cues), toys (dolls house miniatures), furniture, cots, tool handles, technical drawing implements, window shutters, slatted wooden blinds, picture frames, slatted louvre wooden doors and veneers.

Trade
The key ramin products in trade are sawn timber, timber pieces and carvings. All trade is wild in origin and trade is reported at the genus or species level with *Gonystylus bancanus* being the dominant species in trade. According to the CITES Trade Database, Malaysia is the main exporter with smaller volumes coming from Indonesia. Lower levels of exports are also reported from non-range states (China, India, Singapore, Taiwan and Viet Nam). Major importers include Malaysia, the EU (dominated by the Netherlands and Italy), China, Japan, Switzerland and the USA. The trade data also shows that re-exports of ramin, in particular sawn wood, carvings and timber pieces, were reported by China, the EU (Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK), India, Japan and Singapore. There are discrepancies between exporter and importer data and trade in a product may be reported in different units (kg or m³).

The #4 annotation means all parts and derivatives are regulated apart from seeds, pollen, tissue cultured plants in sterile containers and cut flowers from artificially propagated plants. Therefore all finished and semi-finished products, such as picture frames, paint brushes, blinds and snooker cues, are regulated.

Plantations / artificial propagation
There are no known commercial plantations or artificial propagation of this genus so all trade is wild in origin.
CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions in place for this genus.
There is a current reservation for this genus.
There are current export quotas in place for ramin species from Indonesia and Malaysia. Check Species + for details or check the annual export quotas on the CITES website (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php).

EU Decisions

There are current EU opinions in place for certain ramin species/country combinations

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Door frame  
Venetian blinds  
Louvred doors
**Guaiacum**

**Lignum vitae**

**Distribution**
There are five species of tropical trees and shrubs in the genus *Guaiacum* which is listed under CITES. They are native to Central and South America and the Caribbean including Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Puerto Rico, St Vincent and the Grenadines, the United Kingdom Overseas Territories (Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Monserrat, Turks and Caicos), the United States of America (Virgin islands) and Venezuela.

**Uses**
These species are popular in trade for mechanical devices (e.g. marine bearings and propeller shafts) as the wood has self-lubricating properties. They are also used in the manufacture of pulley sheaves, casters, bowling balls, and handles and sheaths. The species have medicinal uses and are sometimes cited as an ingredient in alcoholic drinks. The trade data does not always differentiate between the species, but the two major species in trade are *Guaiacum sanctum* and *G. coulteri*.

**Trade**
The vast majority of trade is in wild-sourced timber of *Guaiacum sanctum* exported from Mexico. Germany is the main importer and re-exporter, followed by Hong Kong and the USA. The other products in trade are extracts and powder with Germany and Switzerland as the largest importers and re-exporters.

The #2 annotation states that all parts and derivatives are regulated except seeds, pollen and finished products packaged and ready for retail trade. The definition of “finished products packaged and ready for retail trade” can be found in the Interpretation section to the Appendices and EU Annexes and in the CITES Glossary ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php)) as a “Product, shipped singly or in bulk, requiring no further processing, packaged, labelled for final use or the retail trade in a state fit for being sold to or used by the general public”. This means that a product that requires no alteration or re-packaging and is ready for immediate use or sale is not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**
There are no large-scale commercial plantations of *Guaiacum* species, although plantation trials of *G. sanctum* have been carried out in Ghana. *Guaiacum officinale* and *G. sanctum* are planted as ornamental trees in the USA and other tropical areas. The majority of products in trade are wild in origin.
**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this genus.

**EU Decisions**

There is a current EU opinion for *Guaiacum sanctum*.


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**Bearings – finished product**

**Pulley sheaves – finished product**

**Alcohol – finished product**
**Osyris lanceolata**  
**African sandalwood**

**Distribution**

There are between three and seven species in the genus *Osyris*. The taxonomy of this genus is unclear and requires more discussion to ensure other species are not included under the name *O. lanceolata*, but at present it is the only species in this genus listed under CITES. The original distribution of this small, evergreen, semi-parasitic shrub or small tree is unclear but is likely to have been Africa and parts of southern Europe. The current distribution is more widespread possibly due to the introduction of the species. It is now cited as being native to many sub-Saharan countries in Africa (Algeria to Ethiopia and south to South Africa), in restricted parts of southern Europe and in Asia (India to China). Outside of the main production areas for international trade (Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan and Uganda), where it is now locally rare, the species seems to be widespread and common. Only the populations of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania are regulated.

**Uses**

The heartwood and roots are distilled to produce an aromatic essential oil. It is increasingly being used as a substitute for other “sandalwood” producing genera (e.g. *Santalum* and *Pterocarpus* species) that are either banned from export or are in increasingly short supply. The tree is harvested in Kenya, Tanzania and other countries, semi-processed in Tanzania and the product is illegally exported through Mombasa, Kenya to Indonesia, India, South Africa, France, Germany and east Asian countries for the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries.

**Trade**

The recent listing of this species in 2013 means there is no trade data available. The main products in international trade are essential oils or fragrances, cosmetics and toiletries containing the oil, handicrafts made from the timber and sawdust used in the manufacture of incense which may be compressed into cones or incense sticks. These products are available on the Internet.

The #2 annotation states that all parts and derivatives are regulated except seeds, pollen and finished products packaged and ready for retail trade. The definition of “finished products packaged and ready for retail trade” can be found in the Interpretation section to the Appendices and EU Annexes and in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) as any “Product, shipped singly or in bulk, requiring no further processing, packaged,
labelled for final use or the retail trade in a state fit for being sold to or used by the general public”. This means that a product that requires no alteration or re-packaging and is ready for immediate use or retail sale is not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

There are no commercial plantations of this species meaning all trade is wild in origin.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions or export quotas in place for this species.

There is a current reservation in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

See Species + for details  [http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/24847/legal](http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/24847/legal)

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### Scientific and Common Names

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**Family:** Santalaceae

**Common names:**
- **English:** East African sandalwood
- **German:** Ostafrikanisches sandelholz
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**Sawdust – unfinished**

**Essential oil – finished product**

**Logs**
**Pericopsis elata**  
**Afrormosia**

**Distribution**

*Pericopsis elata* is one of four species in the genus *Pericopsis* and the only one listed under CITES. It is native to the west and central African countries of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Cote d’Ivoire, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ghana and Nigeria.

**Uses**

Highly prized for its durable wood, the species has been used as a substitute for teak (*Tectonia* species) hence its common name of “African teak”. The principal uses for the timber are for the manufacture of flooring, furniture, window/door frames, decorative veneers and boatbuilding.

**Trade**

The trade in Afrormosia is restricted to sawn timber, logs and veneer sheets. The main exporters are Cameroon and the DRC with Congo and Ghana exporting smaller amounts. The main importers are the EU, in particular Belgium and Italy, with additional high import volumes recorded by France, Germany, Portugal, mainland China, Taiwan, and Japan. The source of the timber imported by the EU is Cameroon and DRC. Discrepancies are evident in the trade data reported by exporters and importers. Imports into the EU recorded by exporters were not recorded by importers (Cyprus, Ireland, and the Netherlands). The main re-exporters of timber are the USA together with the EU (Belgium, France, Germany and Spain) and Turkey.

The #5 annotation means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are regulated. Definitions of these timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) (http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). Live plants and seeds are not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

There are no large commercial plantations of this species but the species is grown in enrichment agroforestry systems and small plantations within its native range (e.g. Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana and DRC). The current trade will be wild in origin.
CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are no current reservations in place for this species.

There is a current CITES international trade suspension in place for this species (see Notification 2014/039 http://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2014-039_0.pdf).

There are current export quotas in place for this species. Check Species + for details or check the annual export quotas on the CITES website (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php).

EU Decisions

There are a number of EU opinions for this species.

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**Pilgerodendron uviferum**

Guaitecas cypress

**Distribution**

This slow-growing, evergreen conifer belongs to the Cypress family and is the only species in the genus *Pilgerodendron*. It is native to the temperate rainforests and sub-polar forests of Argentina and Chile.

**Uses**

The yellow-reddish timber of this species is decay resistant and has been heavily exploited for construction and the manufacture of carvings, house shingles, bridges, poles, fencing, boats and furniture.

**Trade**

This species is listed in Appendix I /Annex A and the international trade in wild-sourced specimens for commercial purposes is prohibited. Commercial trade in artificially propagated specimens is permitted. The CITES Trade Database indicates that carvings and seeds are the main products in trade along with much smaller quantities of live plants. The major exporter of carvings (source given as pre-Convention) is Argentina with the main importer being France. Wild-sourced seed exported from Chile for scientific purposes has been imported into the UK.

**Plantations /artificial propagation**

There are no known commercial plantations of this species. This species is planted as an ornamental tree and artificially propagated material (live plants and seed) is available from plant nurseries and for sale on the Internet.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

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**Pinus koraiensis**

Korean pine

**Distribution**

This is the only species of pine in the genus *Pinus* (some 175 species) listed under CITES. The Korean pine is an evergreen conifer that can grow up to 30 metres in height. It is native to China, Japan, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

**Uses**

The soft, straight grained and easily worked timber is used in the manufacture of telephone poles, railway sleepers, wooden bridges, boat building, flooring, plywood and veneers and can be chipped for particleboard manufacture, or pulped for the paper industry. It is also used in the manufacture of furniture, sports equipment and musical instruments. Resin extracted from the wood pulp is used to produce turpentine. The over-harvesting for its timber and edible seeds or “pine nuts” that are used in the food processing industry has resulted in a dramatic loss of habitat for the Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*). There is a logging ban in the Russian Federation territories to assist the conservation of this species of which the pine forests are its key habitat. Live plants and seed of cultivated varieties of this species are found in international trade and are for sale on the Internet.

**Trade**

The recent listing of this species in 2010 means there is little trade data available. The CITES Trade Database indicates all trade is wild in origin and timber, carvings and sawn wood are the main products in trade. The major exporter of these products is the Russian Federation and the main importers are China (mainland and Hong Kong SAR) and Japan. This species is cited as the source of the majority of pine nuts imported into Europe and the USA.

The #5 annotation means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are regulated. Definitions of these timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) (http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). Live plants, seeds, pine nuts and finished products, are not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

There are commercial plantations of this species in China and the Republic of Korea. Timber and pine nuts from these sources are in international trade.
**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.


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**Platymiscium pleiostachyum**

**Cristóbal**

**Distribution**

*Platymiscium pleiostachyum* is one of 35 species in the genus *Platymiscium*. It is the only species from this genus listed under CITES and is native to Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

**Uses**

The wood of this species is an attractive red to reddish brown in colour and is used in the manufacture of panelling, flooring, cabinet making, furniture and musical instruments (drums).

**Trade**

According to the CITES Trade Database there are very low levels of international trade in this species. Only two records are indicated – one carving (reported as artificially propagated) was exported by Costa Rica in 2003 to the USA and one unit of timber (reported as wild-sourced for scientific reasons) from El Salvador in 2006, also to the USA.

The #4 annotation means that all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated except for seeds, tissue cultured plants in sterile containers and cut flowers from artificially propagated flowers.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

There are no known commercial plantations of this species and any trade will be wild in origin.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

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b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers;
c) cut flowers of artificially propagated plants;
d) fruits and parts and derivatives thereof of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genus Vanilla (Orchidaceae) and of the family Cactaceae;
e) stems, flowers, and parts and derivatives thereof of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genera Opuntia subgenus Opuntia and Selenicereus (Cactaceae); and
f) finished products of Euphorbia antisypilitica packaged and ready for retail trade
Podocarpus neriifolius
Podocarp

Distribution
This is one of two species in the genus *Podocarpus* listed under CITES. This conifer is native to Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia (Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak), Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Uses
The timber is used for house building, carpentry and for the manufacture of paper, oars and masts of sailing vessels. Higher grades of timber are used for veneer, furniture making, cabinet making, household utensils, musical instruments and carvings.

Trade
The CITES Trade Database indicates very low levels of international trade in this species. Only 500 live plants were in trade in the period 2004–2014. The main exporters of live plants are Myanmar, Malaysia and Denmark. The main importers are China and Switzerland.

The #1 annotation means all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated apart from seeds, tissue cultured plants in sterile containers and cut flowers from artificially propagated plants.

Plantations / artificial propagation
There are no known commercial plantations of this species. Live plants are artificially propagated and in trade for use in the horticultural industry.

CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.
Scientific name and author: *Podocarpus neriifolius* D.Don

Family: Podocarpaceae

Common names:
Chinese: bai ri qing
English: brown pine, black pine podocarp
German: podo, maniu
Lao: ka dong
Malay: podo bukit
Portuguese: pinho bravo
Vietnamese: thông tre lá dài
Local: amanu, bukiti, jati bukit


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**Podocarpus parlatorei**  
Parlatore’s podocarp

**Distribution**
This is one of two species of the genus *Podocarpus* listed under CITES. This conifer is native to Bolivia and Argentina.

**Uses**
The timber is light in colour, lightweight and relatively soft. It is used to make fence posts, utensils, houses and pencils.

**Trade**
This species is listed in Appendix I / Annex A and the international trade in wild-sourced specimens for commercial purposes is prohibited. Commercial trade in artificially propagated specimens is permitted. The CITES Trade Database indicates little international trade with only two trade records being shown. These were for the export of leaves and timber (wild-sourced for scientific purposes) from Bolivia to Argentina.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**
There are no known commercial plantations of this species and any trade in timber will be wild in origin.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.

**EU Decisions**
There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.

See Species + for details [http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/22858/legal](http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/22858/legal)
**Scientific and Common Names**

**Scientific name and author:** *Podocarpus parlatorei* Pilg.

**Family:** Podocarpaceae

**Common names:**
- **English:** Parlatore’s podocarp, yellow wood, brown pine, black pine
- **German:** podo, maniu
- **Portuguese:** pinho do monte
- **Spanish:** monteromero, pino blanco, pino del cerro, pino montano


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**Current Listing and Annotation**

As an Appendix I / Annex A species all parts and derivatives, live or dead, are regulated.
Prunus africana
African cherry

Distribution
The African cherry, a wild relative of plums, cherries and almonds, is the only species in the genus Prunus listed under CITES. It is native to Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equitorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Sudan (prior to secession to southern Sudan), Swaziland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Uses
Extracts from its pungent bark are traded internationally as an herbal remedy for benign prostate hyperplasia. There are at least 40 brand-name products using Prunus africana bark extract as an ingredient. High street herbal products containing Pygeum africanum, which is a synonym of P. africana, are readily available over the counter or for sale on the Internet.

Trade
The main products in international trade are unprocessed dried bark and processed medicines. The traditional importers have been European companies, but there are emerging Asian markets in China and India. The major exporters of bark are Cameroon, Uganda and DRC, and the main importer is France, with Spain and Italy importing lower volumes. The main re-exporters of extracts are France and Spain.

The #4 annotation means that all parts and derivatives are regulated except seeds, tissue cultured plants in sterile containers and cut flowers from artificially propagated plants. This means that crude (unprocessed bark, powders) or processed products (pills) whether finished and ready for retail trade or not are regulated.

Plantations / artificial propagation
There are no commercial plantations of this species and the majority of harvested bark comes from wild trees. Small scale propagation schemes and trees planted as part of agroforestry or small agricultural farms systems, particularly in western Cameroon, have been ongoing since the 1970s. Bark from these sources is unlikely to be in international trade.

CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations
There are no current reservations in place for this species.
There are current CITES international trade suspensions in place for this species. See CITES Notification No. 2014/039 (http://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2014-039_0.pdf).

There is a current export quota for this species. Check Species + for details or check the annual export quotas on the CITES website (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php).

**EU decisions**

There are a number of current EU opinions for this species.

See Species + for details  http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/22086/legal

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The Plant List is a useful source of information on scientific names and synonyms for this species (http://www.thecarpophytonlist.org/tpl1.1/record/rjp-25340).

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**Unprocessed bark**

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**Pills**

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**Unprocessed bark**

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**Pterocarpus santalinus**

Red sandalwood

**Distribution**

Of the 66 or so species in the genus *Pterocarpus* this is the only species listed under CITES. This species is endemic to India but has been introduced on a small scale to Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

**Uses**

This species is renowned for its claret-red heartwood. The wood is used to make traditional instruments ('shamisen') and name seals ('hankos') in Japan and it yields a red pigment, santalin, used as a dye and colouring agent in cosmetics, pharmaceutical preparations and foodstuffs. This species is among the timber species classified under China’s National Hongmu Standard for use in the manufacture of luxury deep red coloured Hongmu furniture. China is the only country that has a specific customs code for Hongmu species – 44039930. This species is traded under the common name of “sandalwood” and may be confused with other sandalwood producing tree species and genera, which are CITES-listed (*Osyris lanceolata*) and non CITES-listed (*Amyris balsamifera, Baphia nitida, Fusanus spicatus* and *Santalum* species).

**Trade**

The main products in trade are timber, wood chips and powder. There should be no commercial trade in wild specimens of this species due to a zero export quota set by India for this and other native species. However, extensive seizures and an auction of this illegally harvested timber means wild-sourced specimens are in trade. The main exporter of timber is India and the main importer of timber is China. The main re-exporter is Singapore. Virtually all trade in powder is in Europe, (Germany and Switzerland), re-exported between each other.

The #7 annotation means that only logs, woodchips, powder and extracts are regulated. The definition of wood chips, extract and powder can be found in the Interpretation section of the Appendices and EU Annexes or in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php).

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

There are commercial plantations of this species in India (approximately 3,000 hectares mainly in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu) but it is not clear whether they are producing sufficient quantities for commercial purposes and export. Cultivation on farm land using this species is also carried out but no comprehensive inventories of this type of production have been made. Material from other sandalwood producing genera grown in plantations may be in trade and confused with *Pterocarpus santalinus* e.g. *Santalum album* (known as Indian sandalwood) is grown in plantations mainly in India and Australia.
CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations

There are no CITES international trade suspensions or reservations in place for this species. There is a current zero export quota in place for this species from India. However, a footnote states that “India will authorize the export of specimens of any type, from 310 metric tonnes of wood per year from artificially propagated source (Source “A”) and a one-time export of specimens of any type, from 11,806 metric tonnes of wood from confiscated or seized source (Source “I”). Check Species + for details or check the annual export quotas on the CITES website (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php).

There is a trade suspension in place for the export of all wild specimens of Appendix I, II and III species from India (see Notification 1999/039 http://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/notif/1999/039.shtml). However, export permits will be issued for cultivated varieties of plant species included in Appendices I and II.

EU decisions

There is a current EU negative opinion for this species from India.

See Species + for details http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/28106/legal

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Quercus mongolica
Mongolian oak

**Distribution**
This is the only one of some 600 species of oak regulated under CITES. This species is native to China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia and the Russian Federation (Sakalin Island).

**Uses**
The hard, heavy, straight-grained timber is durable and decay resistant and is used in the manufacture of mine and telegraph poles, stakes and sports equipment, boats, vehicles, agricultural tools, bridges and cookey.

**Trade**
The recent listing of this species in 2014 means there is no trade data available.
The #5 annotation means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are regulated. Definitions of these timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) (http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php). Live plants and seeds are not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**
There are plantations of this species in China, but their production levels are unknown. The species is used in afforestation projects in Japan and was introduced into Europe in 1879 so small quantities of timber from such trees may be in trade. Artificially propagated live plants and seed are available from horticultural nurseries worldwide and may be found in international trade, although there may be plant health restrictions on the import of oak species into certain countries.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for this species.
EU Decisions
There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for this species.
See Species + for details http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts/65569/legal

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Swietenia Mahoganies

Distribution
There are three species in the genus *Swietenia* (*S. macrophylla*, *S. humilis* and *S. mahagoni*) all of which are listed under CITES. These species are native to the Neotropics (Central and South America and the Caribbean) including Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom Overseas Territories (Anguilla, Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos) and Venezuela. See Species + for individual species distribution: [http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Swietenia%20&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1](http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Swietenia%20&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1).

Uses
The species *Swietenia mahagoni* is considered commercially extinct but was popular in the manufacture of musical instruments, in particular guitars, and is used as veneers and in carpentry in general. The timber from *S. humilis* is used for veneers, restoration and musical instruments. Timber from *S. macrophylla* is in trade for the manufacture of furniture, panelling and musical instruments (e.g. guitars, ukuleles) and sports equipment (e.g. billiard tables). The common name “mahogany” may also refer to non-CITES listed timber species or genera including *Khaya* and *Entandrophragma* species (known as African mahogany), *Shorea* (Meranti, Balau, or Lauan), New Zealand mahogany or kohekohe (*Dysoxylum spectabile*), *Toona sinensis* (Chinese mahogany), *Toona sureni* (Indonesian mahogany), *Toona ciliata* (Indian mahogany), *Toona calantas* (Philippine mahogany), *Melia azedarach* (Chinaberry), *Guarea* (Pink Mahogany or Bosse), Chittagong (also known as Indian Mahogany), *Chukrasia velutina* and *Carapa guianensis* (Crabwood).

Trade
Big leaf mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) is the most heavily exploited and common *Swietenia* species in international trade. Trade data for *S. humilis* indicates that Guatemala is the main exporter with the USA as the main importer. For *S. mahagoni*, which is considered commercially extinct, trade is mainly in pre-Convention timber/specimens and antiques. The major products of *S. macrophylla* seen in trade are timber (sawn wood and veneer) and lower volumes of carvings.
logs and plywood. The CITES Trade Database indicates that the main exporter is Peru and, particularly after 2006, Bolivia, Guatemala and Mexico. Exports were also reported by Brazil, Belize, Colombia, Ecuador and Nicaragua. The USA is the main importer for mahogany species along with the Dominican Republic. The EU (Denmark, Germany and Spain) is a minor importer, the source given as Brazil, Peru and Nicaragua. The EU (Germany, Italy and Spain) also re-exports timber and veneer, mainly to the USA.

Sunken logs of *Swietenia macrophylla* are salvaged from rivers, such as those in Honduras and Belize, where there has been a history of logging this species since the early 20th century.

Current Brazilian national legislation prohibits the domestic and international trade of all wild-collected native species (CITES and non-CITES species) with an IUCN Red List assessment of critically endangered (CR) and endangered (EN). All trade from Brazil should therefore only be in artificially propagated specimens.

The #4 annotation (applicable to *Swietenia humilis*) means all parts and derivatives are regulated apart from seeds, pollen, tissue cultured plants in sterile containers and cut flowers from artificially propagated plants. The #6 annotation (applicable to *S. macrophylla*) means only logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood are regulated and the #5 annotation (applicable to *S. mahagoni*) means only logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are regulated. Definitions of these timber terms are found in the CITES Glossary ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php)) and in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) ([http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/res/10/10-13R15.php)). Under the # 6 and # 5 annotations finished products, such as a finished guitar or a finished table with a veneer of mahogany, are not regulated. Any timber of *S. macrophylla* grown and exported from outside of the Neotropics is not regulated.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

Commercial plantations of *Swietenia macrophylla* are found in China, Fiji, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka and timber is in international trade from some of these countries, in particular Fiji. Small amounts of timber or artefacts made from specimens of all three species, which have been planted as ornamentals both within and outside of their natural range, may be in trade.

**CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas and reservations**

There are no current CITES international trade suspensions or reservations in place for these species.

There are a number of current export quotas in place for *Swietenia macrophylla*. Check Species + for details or check annual export quotas on the CITES website ([http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php](http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php)).

**EU Decisions**

There are a number of current EU opinions for *S.macrophylla*.

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Appendix II: 01/07/1975  
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| *Swietenia humilis* Zucc. | | **S. macrophylla**  
Appendix III: 16/11/1995  
Annex C: 01/06/1997 |
| *Swietenia macrophylla* King | | **S. mahagoni**  
Appendix II: 15/11/2003  
Annex B: 20/12/2014 |
| *Swietenia mahagoni* (L.) Jacq. | | **S. mahagoni**  
Appendix II: 23/06/2010  
Annex B: 20/12/2014 |
| **Family: Meliaceae** | | **Annex B:** 01/06/1997 |
| **Common names:** | | **Annex B:** 18/09/1997  
Annex B: 20/12/2014 |
| **English:** big-leaf mahogany, bigleaved mahogany, Brazilian mahogany (*S. macrophylla*), West Indian or Cuban mahogany, Honduran mahogany, American mahogany (*S. mahagoni*), Mexican or Honduran mahogany (*S. humilis*)  
**French:** acajou d’Amérique, swiéténie, acajou d’Amérique Centrale, acajou du Honduras, (*S. macrophylla*), acajou du Mexique, acajou de la côte du Pacifique (*S. humilis*), acajou à meubles, mahogani petites feuilles, acajou des Antilles, acajou ronceux (*S. mahagoni*)  
**German:** Amerikanisches mahagoni, mogno  
**Italian:** mogano Americano  
**Portugese:** mogno  
**Spanish:** caoba, mara, aguano o ahuano (*S. macrophylla*), cobano, caoba de Honduras, caoba de Pacifíca (*S. humilis*), caoba Española, acajou de Santo Domingo, caoba Americana (*S. mahagoni*) | | **Annex B:** 11/06/1992  
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**Measuring sawn wood for export**

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**4407**
**Taxus**

**Yews**

**Distribution**

There are some ten species in the genus *Taxus* but only five are currently listed under CITES. These species are trees and shrubs native to Afghanistan, Bhutan, China and Taiwan, Democratic Republic of Korea, India, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Viet Nam. See Species + for individual species distribution: http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Taxus&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1.

**Uses**

These species are grown for use as horticultural ornamentals, hedging plants, in particular *Taxus cuspidata*, and bonsai trees. Chemical extracts produced from the leaves and bark are used in anti-cancer drugs. The extracts are also used in traditional Chinese medicines (TCMs) as an anti-diabetic drug.

**Trade**

Live plants are the dominant product in trade. The CITES Trade Database indicates that the main exporters of artificially propagated live plants are the USA and Republic of Korea with the main importers being China and Italy. The main importer of extracts is Canada (exported by the USA) and China (direct exports from Myanmar). The main re-exporter of extracts is Italy. The #2 annotation means all timber and parts and derivatives are regulated except seeds, pollen and those products traded as finished products packaged and ready for retail trade. The definition of “finished products packaged and ready for retail trade” can be found in the Interpretation section of the Appendices or Annexes or the CITES Glossary (http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/terms/glossary.php) as any “Product, shipped singly or in bulk, requiring no further processing, packaged, labelled for final use or the retail trade in a state fit for being sold to or used by the general public”. With live, artificially propagated hybrids and cultivars of *T. cuspidata*, traded in pots or other small containers, they must meet the criteria laid out in the annotation to be considered exempt from regulation. CITES controls also apply to the infraspecific taxa (e.g. cultivated varieties) for all these species, except *T. wallichiana*.

**Plantations / artificial propagation**

Commercial plantations have been established in China and Viet Nam to supply material for the production of anti-cancer drugs. The crude and finished medicines are traded for the domestic markets but may also be in international trade. Live artificially propagated varieties of these species are in international trade, in particular those of *Taxus cuspidata*.

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*Taxus cuspidata*  
*Taxus cuspidata* ripe seeds
There are no current CITES international trade suspensions, export quotas or reservations in place for these species. There are trade suspensions in place for some of these species including the export of all wild specimens of Appendix I, II and III species from India (see Notification 1999/039 [http://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/notif/1999/039.shtml]). However, export permits will be issued for cultivated varieties of plant species included in Appendices I and II.

EU Decisions

There are no current EU suspensions or opinions for these species.

See Species + for details [http://www.speciesplus.net/#/taxon_concepts?taxonomy=cites_eu&taxon_concept_query=Taxus&geo_entities_ids=&geo_entity_scope=cites&page=1]

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**Family:** Taxaceae

**Common names:**
- Chinese: ximalaya, hongdoushan
- English: Himalayan yew (T. wallichiana), Japanese yew (T. cuspidata), Chinese yew (T. chinensis and T. sumatrana)
- French: if de l’Himalaya
- Italian: teixo
- Portuguese: tasso
- Spanish: tejo del Himalaya

**CITES Standard Reference:** The CoP has adopted a standard reference for this genus (The World Checklist and Bibliography of Conifers, A. Farjon, 2001). See [http://www.kew.org/data/checklists.html#conifers](http://www.kew.org/data/checklists.html#conifers) and [http://herbaria.plants.ox.ac.uk/bol/conifers](http://herbaria.plants.ox.ac.uk/bol/conifers)

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Taxus cuspidata bonsai

Pills – finished product
IDENTIFICATION

Prior to the identification of a sample being carried out, collate all the information you have about it (e.g. country of origin) and ensure you have checked the CITES listing and understand its scope. This may influence the questions you ask:

Identification to species or genus level
What species / genus is it? — no information on the sample is available.
Is it species / genus X? — to confirm that the sample matches a listed species / genus.

Geographical information
Which country is the sample from? — necessary when only specific populations are CITES-listed.
Is the sample from a particular timber concession, region or group of trees? – to confirm if trees or concessions that have been identified for export are in trade.

Source
Is the sample from artificially propagated (cultivated) or wild-sourced timber? – to confirm if certain sources of timber are in trade.

Age
How old is the sample? — to confirm the timber pre-dates implementation of any applicable legislation.

You should also check where the nearest laboratory / institute is that is competent to carry out identification tests; whether verified vouchered samples or comparative reference profiles/databases are in place to aid identification; what the charges are per sample and what is considered one sample (e.g. one paintbrush or a batch of paintbrushes); and how long the test will take.

There are a number of identification techniques available:

ANATOMICAL IDENTIFICATION — where the characteristics (type, distribution and arrangement) of the wood’s physical structure are used to identify the wood sample. This method can identify the sample to genus and / or family level and sometimes to species level depending on expertise and availability of validated reference samples. It uses either:

Macroscopic characteristics — visible to the unaided eye or with the help of x10 power and above hand lens. This type of identification can be carried out in the field; OR

Microscopic characteristics — these are too small to be seen with the unaided eye or with a hand lens. A light or electron microscope is required. This is carried out in a laboratory and can include identification of fibres.

When identifying a wood sample using anatomical characteristics it is necessary to understand which plane (referred to as “face”, “section” or “surface”) you are looking at. The transverse or cross section is the most useful for viewing the wood’s structure. If the sample has been heavily processed or is very thinly sliced there may be difficulty in identifying it. For anatomical identification where possible take samples that are at least 2–3cm³ in size.

Transverse plane
This plane is sometimes also called a cross-sectional plane or simply a cross section, end or cross grain and often provides the most useful information about the distribution, type and arrangement of the wood vessels.

Tangential plane
A longitudinal plane at right angles to the radius of the stem.

Radial plane
A longitudinal plane along the radius of the stem.
CHEMICAL IDENTIFICATION — there are a number of different techniques available:

Mass spectrometry — analysis of the chemicals synthesised by a plant. This produces a chemical profile which can be matched against reference material/datasets. This method can potentially identify a sample to species/ genus level and differentiate between cultivated versus wild material if sufficient reference material and databases are available.

Radiocarbon dating — used to calculate the age of the sample.

Stable Isotopes — measurement of the ratios of different stable isotopes to produce an isotopic fingerprint that often relates to specific geographic and climatic variables. This method can be used to identify geographic provenance

Near Infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) — this method measures the chemical characteristics in a sample after it has been subjected to near infrared electromagnetic energy. This method can be used to identify different species within a genus and region and individuals of different genera, but is dependent on sufficient validated reference samples being available.

Genetic identification — DNA analysis can usually identify a sample to species level, and may allow the determination of provenance if sufficient comparative reference profiles are available. Methods include:

DNA sequencing (or DNA bar coding) — this method generates a DNA sequence for a specific gene that is typically characteristic of the taxon or geographic region of origin of the sample. The DNA sequence for an unknown sample can be compared against reference data to allow identification. This method can be used to identify a sample to species, genus and family level and occasionally broad geographic origin.

DNA profiling (or DNA fingerprinting) — this method is used to identify genetic differences among biological populations or individuals. DNA profiles can be used to provide a unique identification for individual trees, or to assign a sample to its population of origin. The method can also be used as the basis for exclusion testing in supply chain authentication applications.

OTHER TECHNIQUES

Automated machine vision — a technique still in the prototype stage that uses a handheld device to take an image of the wood’s surface allowing comparison against verified reference samples.


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Papers and publications related to timber identification are found in the KEY RESOURCES section.
Timber is traded in many different forms and often the amounts recorded on invoices, permits, etc are in different unit codes (e.g. carvings, sawn wood, etc). To assist you when verifying the quantity invoiced on the shipment’s documents matches the quantity recorded on the CITES permit or certificate we recommend you use the following formulas (see KEY RESOURCES page for more information on conversion rates)

A number of the units used are specific to certain countries and may not be used in your country e.g. board feet is a unit of volume often used in the USA and Canada.

For assistance, ask the trader whether they use any standard conversion rates or contact your CITES Scientific Authority or your local or national forestry/plant health agency. These conversions should also be made by the importer or exporter so that the total quantity of CITES regulated material recorded on the shipping documents is expressed in the same unit of measurement found on the CITES documentation.


**CONVERT**

Kilograms (kg) of timber to cubic metres (m³)
There are 450–700 kg of timber per cubic metre of timber. Use the guide figure of 600 kg

Conversion formula: 1,000 kg / 600 = m³

**EXAMPLE**

1,000 kg of timber:
1,000 kg divided by 600 = 1.67 m³ of timber

**CONVERT**

Cubic feet (cubic ft) to cubic metres (m³)
Square ft x thickness = cubic ft.
1 cubic ft = 0.02832 m³

Conversion formula: cubic ft x thickness (ft) x 0.02832 = m³

**EXAMPLE**

10,000 cubic ft (approx. 1 inch thick):
10,000 sq. feet x 1/12 (12 inches in a foot) x 0.02832 = 23.6 m³ of timber

**CONVERT**

Square feet to square metres (m²)
Convert sq. ft to sq. metres (m²)
[sq. ft = length (ft) x width (ft)]

Conversion formula: 1 sq. ft x 0.0929 = m²

**EXAMPLE**

25,000 sq. feet of timber:
25,000 sq. ft x 0.0929 = 2,322.5 m² of timber
CONVERT
Square metres (m²) to cubic metres (m³)
Convert sq. metres to cubic metres (m³)

Conversion formula: \( m^2 \times \text{thickness} = m^3 \)

EXAMPLE
25,000 m² of timber (veneer) (0.6mm thick):
25,000 m² \( \times \) 0.0006 m = 15 m³ of timber

CONVERT
Volume of a cylinder (inches) to cubic metres (m³)
Convert volume of cylinder inches to cubic metres.

N.B. \( \pi \) (3.14) \( \times \) (radius in inches)² \( \times \) (length in inches) \( \times \) (total number of dowels) = cubic inches.

Conversion formula:
(cubic inches) \( \times \) (0.0000164) = m³ of dowel

EXAMPLE
100,000 dowels (1/4 inches diameter) \( \times \) 16 inches in length:
Radius = 1/2 diameter \( \rightarrow \) 1/4 = 0.25 \( \times \) 1/2 = 0.125
(3.14) \( \times \) (0.125)² \( \times \) 16 inches \( \times \) 100,000 = 78,500 cubic inches.
(78,500 cubic inches) \( \times \) 0.0000164 = 1.287 m³

CONVERT
Board feet (usually expressed as pie tablares (PT)) to cubic metres (m³)
There are 424 PT per cubic metre

Conversion formula: \( \frac{1,000 \text{ PT}}{424} = m^3 \)

EXAMPLE
1,000 board feet (PT) of timber:
1,000 PT of timber divided by 424 = 2.36 m³ of timber
CITES DOCUMENTATION

The basic requirements for export of CITES Appendix II listed taxa is that a valid export permit should be issued by a Management Authority, following the advice of the Scientific Authority. Some countries, such as the member States of the European Union, apply stricter domestic legislation and require import permits in addition to the export permit.

Information on CITES requirements can be found at:

Information on European Union Wildlife Trade Regulations implementing CITES can be found at:

Where an export and import document is required you should check for the following:

1. That the importer and exporter details match.
2. That the country of import and the country of export match.
3. That the issuing Management Authority of export is the same as shown in box 24 of the import permit.
4. That the descriptions of the specimens are the same.
5. That the scientific name is the same on both documents.
6. That the common name is the same on both documents. **Note:** These may vary as some species have more than one common name.
7. If box 16 of the import permit is completed the export permit referred to **MUST** be the one presented.
8. That the CITES Appendix recorded on both documents are the same.
9. The source code may differ, you will need to clarify this with your CITES Management Authority.
10. That the purpose recorded on both permits is the same.
11. Although the quantity may vary, the Import permit must cover (i.e. be equal to or less than) the amount recorded on the export permit.
12. Box 14/15 of the export permit must be completed at the point of export. Failure to do so may mean the permit is not valid at the point of import.
## CITES Standard permit/certificate form

### Standard permit/certificate form

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

#### PERMIT/CERTIFICATE No.

- [ ] EXPORT
- [ ] RE-EXPORT
- [ ] IMPORT
- [ ] OTHER:

2. Valid until

3. Importer (name and address)

4. Exporter/Importer (name, address and country)

5a. Country of import

5b. Security stamp no.

6a. Purpose of the transaction (see reverse)

6b. Security stamp no.

7b. Scientific name (genus and species) and common name of animal or plant

8b. Description of specimens, including identifying marks or numbers (if live)

9b. Appendix no. and source (see reverse)

10b. Quantity (including unit)

11b. Total exported/Duota

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**Place**

- [ ] Security stamp, signature and official seal

CITES PERMIT/CERTIFICATE No.

(as amended at CoP14)
CITES Standard permit/certificate form

Instructions and explanations:

These correspond to the black numbers on the permit/certificate form

2. For export permits and re-export certificates, the date of expiry of the document may not be more than 6 months after the date of issuance (1 year for import permits).

3. 3a) Must be written in full.

4. The absence of the signature of the applicant may render the permit or certificate invalid.

5. Special conditions i.e. national legislation or conditions placed on the shipment by the issuing Management Authority.
   5a) Note: The full list of abbreviations can be found on the reverse of the Permit.
   5b) Number of stamp affixed in Box 13.

6. The name, address and country of the issuing MA should already be printed on the form.

7. e.g. Gonystylus bancanus.

8. e.g. Ramin.

9. Description of the specimen in trade, including any marks e.g. louvre doors.

10. CITES Appendix listing and source e.g. II, W or Appendix II, Wild.

11. Units should conform to the most recent version of the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports. For timber this should be in m³ or kg.

   11a). The total no. of specimens exported in the current calendar year (1 Jan – 31 Dec) including those covered by the present permit and the current annual quota for the species (e.g. 500/1000). For timber this should be in m³ or kg.

12. The country in which the specimens were taken from the wild or artificially propagated.

   12a) Only to be completed in case of re-export of specimens previously re-exported. Country from which the specimens were re-exported before entering the country in which the present document is issued. Enter the no. of the re-export certificate and its date of issuance. If all or part of the information is not known, this should be justified in Box 5.

   12b) No. of the registered artificial propagation operation. “Date of acquisition” only required for pre-Convention specimens.

13. Must be completed by the official who issues the permit. Name must be written in full. Security stamp (if used) must be affixed in this block and must be cancelled by the signature of the issuing official and a stamp or seal.

14. Must be completed by the official who inspects the shipment at the time of export or re-export. Enter the quantities of specimens actually exported or re-exported. Strike out the unused blocks.

15. Bill of Lading/Air way bill number
European Community
Standard permit/certificate form
European Community  
Standard permit/certificate form

Instructions and explanations:
These correspond to the black numbers on the permit/certificate form

1. Name and address of person, persons, or company exporting the shipment.
2. Permit expiry date.
3. Name and address of person, persons, or company receiving the shipment.
4. Country arriving from e.g. Malaysia.
5. Country entering into e.g. the UK.
7. Address of Management Authority.
8. Whether the specimen is a live plant, a part or derivative – including any specific labels or markings.
9. Net mass (kg). For timber this should be m³ or kg.
10. Quantity.
11. CITES Appendix.
12. EC Annex listing.
13. The source of the specimen, e.g. W (wild) – this specimen comes from a wild non-regulated environment. The full list of abbreviations to be used can be found on the reverse of the Permit.
14. What the specimen(s) is/are to be used for. For example, T (Commercial) – may be sold for commercial purposes, P (personal use) – only for own use. The full list of abbreviations can be found on the reverse of the Permit.
15. Where the specimen was removed from its natural environment
16. If completed on the import permit, the export permit referred to in this box MUST be the permit presented.
17. Date of issue of the permit in Box 16.
18. Country of last re-export if different to box 15 that is the country the specimens were re-exported before entering the country in which the present document was issued. Including the (19) Permit number for the movement and (20) the Permit date of issue.
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20. The permit date of issue.
21. Latin/scientific name e.g. Cedrela odorata.
22. e.g. Ramin.
23. Any special conditions imposed by the exporting country.
24. (Re)export documentation from country of (re)export. NB Not all EU Member States complete box 24.
25. The stamp and signature of the issuing officer and the date of issue of the permit.  
   Note: the signature should cancel through the CITES security stamp if one is used.
26. Bill of Lading/Air way bill number.
27. Export/ re-export/ import endorsement MUST be completed by the officer inspecting the documents on export/ import/ re-export.
There is an exemption from the provisions regulating trade in CITES species that facilitates the loan, donation and exchange of scientific material for non-commercial purposes between scientific institutes. This may include specimens of CITES-listed tree species.

This form is a standard label used by EU registered institutes when they exchange scientific material (see Annex VI http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32012R0792&from=EN). No CITES standard form exists, so non-EU institutes may prepare their own labels. These may differ slightly in their layout.

This label can be used instead of a CITES permit for live or dead plant material, but only between registered institutes. For a list of registered institutes check http://cites.org/eng/common/reg/e_si.html

Once registered an institute is given a unique 5-digit registration number. For example, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (UK) is GB 005.

To facilitate the non-commercial cross-border movement of musical instruments derived from CITES species, including CITES-listed tree species, Parties may issue a musical instrument certificate for purposes including, but not limited to, personal use, performance, display or competition. Parties may use their own certificate (as shown in this example from Switzerland), the CITES standard (re)-export / import permit form (ticking the “Other” box) or they may use a travelling exhibition certificate if an orchestra is moving material by freight. For more information see Resolution Conf. 16.8 (http://cites.org/eng/res/16/16-08.php).


KEY RESOURCES

TIMBER IDENTIFICATION

CITESwoodID Version 2008-2 (and its updates). Computer-Aided Identification and Description of CITES Protected Trade Timbers. H. G. Richter, K. Gembruch, G. Koch – enables the user to identify by means of macroscopic characters traded timbers which are regulated by CITES. To use this CD you have to first install the delta program (http://delta-intkey.com/www/programs.htm) and then load the CITESwood database (www.delta-intkey.com/citesw).


Dalinigrin, a neoflavonoid marker for the identification of Brazilian rosewood (Dalbergia nigra) in CITES enforcement. Kite, G.C., Green, P.W., Veitch, N.C., Groves, M.C., Gasson, P.E., Simmonds, M.S. Contact: Geoff Kite g.kite@kew.org http://www.kew.org/discover/news/chemistry-aids-conservation

CITES Virtual College – identification tools and information on implementation of CITES https://cites.unia.es/cites/

TIMBER MEASUREMENT

Information on methodology for developing national volume conversion tables (standing volume & export grade sawnwood) – Conversion Table for Sawn Mahogany (Swietenia macrophylla) http://www.cites.org/common/com/pc/17/E-PC17-Inf-03.pdf

ENFORCEMENT

EU-TWIX – The EU-TWIX database assists national enforcement agencies, including CITES Management Authorities and prosecutors, in their task of detecting, analyzing and monitoring illegal activities related to trade in fauna and flora covered by the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations. Contact: Vinciane Sacre vsacre@traffic-europe.com http://www.eutwix.org/


CITES INFORMATION

Manuals on implementation of CITES timber trade


CITES TIMBER TRADE

ITTO-CITES programme on trees species  http://www.cites.org/eng/prog/itto.php
CITES timber profiles – Big-leaf mahogany (Swietenia macrophylla)  http://www.cites.org/eng/prog/mwg.php
CITES timber profile – African cherry (Prunus africana)  http://www.cites.org/eng/prog/african_cherry.php

EU INFORMATION

EU implementation of CITES

Reference guide to the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations (EU WTR)  http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/referenceguide_en.pdf

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Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA). http://eia-international.org/
European Union (EU) national agencies concerned with CITES and wildlife trade  http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/links_national_en.htm

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Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. www.naturvardsverket.se www.swedishepa.se
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Additional sections cover timber identification and measurement, guidance on CITES documentation and key resources.