

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

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Second meeting of the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group  
Belem (Brazil), 6-8 October 2003

AGENDA AND WORKING PROGRAMME  
(provisional)

Day 1 – General presentations and country reports

***Preliminaries***

1. Opening Statements
2. Election of a Chairman
3. Adoption of the Agenda

***Background***

4. Provisions for trade in *Swietenia macrophylla*, listed in Appendix II as of 15 November 2003 [Secretariat]
5. Decision 12.21 on the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group and previous recommendations made by the Mahogany Working Group [Secretariat]

***Sustainable management and scientifically based non-detriment findings***

6. The sustainable management of *Swietenia macrophylla* [Background document]
7. Making a non-detriment finding for *Swietenia macrophylla*; quota setting [Background document]

***Technical implementation and enforcement issues***

8. Enforcing the provisions of the Convention concerning trade in *Swietenia macrophylla* [Background document]

***Implementing the Appendix-II listing for Swietenia macrophylla in range States and importing countries***

9. Range States reports [maximum 5 to 10 minutes per range State; updating as appropriate information contained in proposal Prop. 12.50, adopted at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties]

Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, France (French Guiana), Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Venezuela

*Briefly address the following topics [if relevant to the range State]:*

*a) National conservation status of Swietenia macrophylla and trends*

*b) Legal status*

*c) Management and conservation of Swietenia macrophylla*

*d) Trade, trade controls and enforcement*

*e)Capacity for the implementation of the Appendix-II listing of Swietenia macrophylla, related to sustainable harvest and scientifically based non-detriment findings, and for enforcing relevant CITES provisions*

*f)Planned or necessary measures to support the implementation of the Appendix-II listing of Swietenia macrophylla as of 15 November 2003*

10. Principal importing countries [maximum 5 minutes per country; updating as appropriate information contained in proposal Prop. 12.50, adopted at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties]

Canada, Dominican Republic, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America

*Briefly address the following topics [if relevant]:*

*a)Technical implementation and enforcement issues of concern regarding the Appendix-II listing of Swietenia macrophylla*

*b)Planned or necessary measures to support the implementation of the Appendix-II listing of Swietenia macrophylla as of 15 November 2003*

#### Day 2 – Breakout groups

##### ***Group 1: Sustainable management and scientifically based non-detriment findings***

- The making of non detriment findings for trade in *Swietenia macrophylla* in compliance with Article IV of the Convention: experiences, problems, opportunities and solutions
- Developing national and regional sustainable management programmes for *Swietenia macrophylla*, and establishing harvest restrictions and quotas: experiences, problems, opportunities and solutions
- Collating and distributing know-how, expertise and information on *Swietenia macrophylla* management techniques (e.g. silviculture techniques, regeneration programmes)
- Obtaining and analysing trade data and comparative tabulations from UNEP-WCMC
  - Scope for regional collaboration, monitoring and harmonization
- National and regional capacities needed for the implementation of the Appendix-II listing of *Swietenia macrophylla*, related to sustainable harvest and scientifically based non-detriment findings: priorities; funding and resource needs; actions to address concerns
- Recommendations concerning the sustainable management of *Swietenia macrophylla* and the making of scientifically based non-detriment findings (with reference to earlier Mahogany Working Group recommendations as relevant).

##### ***Group 2: Technical implementation and enforcement issues***

- Collating and distributing information on national regulations pertaining to harvest of and trade in *Swietenia macrophylla*
- CITES requirements for implementing the Appendix-II listing and controlling the international trade in : status, capacities and needs, and solutions
- Communication amongst trading Parties re. illegal or suspicious shipments, permits or certificates issued, etc.
- Illegal and unregulated trade, cross border movements, border control problems: status, capacities and needs, and solutions
- Facilitating implementation and enforcement, and encouraging compliance through e.g. identification guides, training, information exchange and communication, compliance incentives, regulatory reforms, penalties, labelling, exchange of model permits and certificates, etc.

-Scope for regional and international collaboration, monitoring and harmonization

-Recommendations for improving compliance with and enforcement of CITES trade controls (with reference to earlier Mahogany Working Group recommendations as relevant).

Day 3 – Reports from working groups and implementation of Decision 12.21

11.Reports from Group 1 and Group 2

12.Prioritized actions and recommendations concerning the implementation of Decision 12.21 (taking into consideration the recommendations of the first meeting of the Mahogany Working Group)

13.Funding and resource requirements

14.Arrangements for reporting to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

15.Future of the Bigleaf Mahogany Working Group

***Closure***

16.Conclusions

17.Closure of the meeting