

## Information regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> Cites-Conference

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Dear partners and customers,

We would like to inform you about changes and new listings of woods in the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): CITES: several important wood species to be protected in future

The 19th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was held in Panama City from November 14 to 25. Several important wood species (e.g. Padouk, Ipé and Cumarú) were listed on Appendix II of the Convention, which means that special permits for export and import will be required in the future.

In the future, the following species of the genera listed below will be listed on Appendix II of CITES:

- Genus *Dipteryx* spp. (Cumarú)
- Genera *Handroanthus* spp., *Roseodendron* spp., and *Tabebuia* spp. (Ipé)
- **Genus *Azelia* spp. (Doussié) - African population**
- **Genus *Pterocarpus* spp. (Padouk) - African population**
- **Genus *Khaya* spp. (Khaya) - African population**

For all of the above new listings, Note #17: logs or blocks of wood, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and processed wood (Note: in our view, "processed wood" corresponds to planed wood).

CITES listings generally become effective after 90 days. **For *Azelia*, *Pterocarpus* and *Khaya* this means an entry into force on 23.2.2023.** For Ipé and Cumarú a transition period of 24 months was negotiated. According to the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), this transition period will also apply from 23.2.2023, i.e. these listings will enter into force on 23.2.2025.

A listing on CITES Appendix II does not mean a trade ban. Instead, special permits are required for export and import. For this, the respective authorities in the country of origin must confirm that the logging was legal and that the continued existence of the species was not endangered as a result. These authorities then issue a CITES export permit, which can be used to apply for an import permit from the respective authority in the importing country (in Germany: BfN).

This letter is intended as first, non-binding information and makes no claim for completeness and/or legal compliance.

An overview about the listed species can be found on the website of German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN.de): [https://www.bfn.de/sites/default/files/2022-01/Liste%20der%20gesch%C3%BCzten%20Holzarten-22\\_engl.pdf](https://www.bfn.de/sites/default/files/2022-01/Liste%20der%20gesch%C3%BCzten%20Holzarten-22_engl.pdf)