

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



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Species conservation and trade

Flora

BRAZIL WOOD (*PAUBRASILIA ECHINATA*)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Standing Committee.
2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted an amendment to annotation #10 for *Paubrasilia echinata*, as follows:

All parts, derivatives and finished products, except re-export of finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument accessories and finished musical instrument parts.

3. At CoP19, the Conference of the Parties also adopted [Decisions 19.249 to 19.253](#) on *Brazil wood* (*Paubrasilia echinata*).

Implementation of Decision 19.249 directed to the Secretariat, Decision 19.251 directed to Parties, in particular source transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata* and Decision 19.252 directed to governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities

4. On 22 March 2023, the Secretariat published [Notification to the Parties No. 2023/033](#). The Notification was addressed to Parties and stakeholders mentioned in Decisions 19.251 and 19.252, and included a [questionnaire](#) on *Paubrasilia echinata* requesting information relevant to Decisions 19.249 to 19.253. The 15 responses¹ to the Notification served as a basis for the background information and recommendations contained in document [PC26 Doc. 31](#) prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the Plants Committee at its 26th meeting (PC26; Geneva, 2023). The responses to the Notification were shared with the Plants Committee in the language received (see Annexes 2 – 16 to document [PC26 Doc. 31](#)).
5. The Secretariat also prepared and shared draft terms of reference for a proposed study to assess and monitor the implications of the amendment to annotation #10 on the conservation of and international trade in Brazil wood (*Paubrasilia echinata*) with the Plants Committee (see Annex 1 to document PC26 Doc. 31). The draft terms of reference were based on the scope of work contained in paragraph b) of Decision 19.249, namely to “*evaluate options for the establishment of a traceability system to register the provenance of Paubrasilia echinata (pernambuco) bows produced, acquired, or transported by owners, musicians and manufacturers*”. The Secretariat also took the responses to Notification to the Parties No. 2023/033 into consideration in preparing the draft terms of reference.

¹ Parties: Austria, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Private sector: Federal Guild Association, ForestBased Solutions LLC and music industry representatives [American Federation of Violin and Bow Makers (AFVM), Confederation of European Music Industries (CAFIM), Chambre Syndicale de la Façure Instrumentale (CSFI), International Alliance of Violin and Bow Makers for Endangered Species (Alliance), International Federation of Musicians (FIM), International Pernambuco Conservation Initiative (France-Europe, Germany & USA), International Society of Violin and Bow Makers (EILA), League of American Orchestras (League), PEARLE –Live Music Europe (PEARLE)]

6. As indicated in summary record [PC26 SR](#), “the Committee invited the Secretariat to consider the following comments as it finalizes the terms of reference contained in Annex 1 to document PC26 Doc. 31. Specifically, Activity 1.1 of this study on improved implementation of the Appendix-II listing of *Paubrasilia echinata* should also consider a traceability system that would also include unfinished products (bow blanks) and the stocks of discarded materials as part of the production process during the manufacture of bows.” The Secretariat finalized the terms of reference taking into consideration the comments made by the Plants Committee and initiated the study thanks to a financial contribution from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Secretariat appreciates the support provided in this regard.
7. At the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC27; Geneva, 2024), the Secretariat provided an update on the study to assess and monitor the implications of the amendment to annotation #10 on the conservation and international trade of Brazil wood (*Paubrasilia echinata*) (see document [PC27 Doc. 29](#)).
8. At SC78, the Secretariat reported progress on the implementation of Decisions 19.249 to 19.253 in document [SC78 Doc. 73](#). Annex 1 to document SC78 Doc. 73 contained an executive summary of the draft report while Annex 2 contained the full draft report on “*Paubrasilia echinata* bows: Fine tuning traceability solutions”.
9. The draft report was structured around the following three chapters:
 - a) Chapter 1: Options towards the establishment of a traceability system for *Paubrasilia echinata* bows.

This chapter responds to paragraphs a) and b) of Decision 19.249 and includes, *inter alia*, an analysis of the relevant aspects of the responses to the Notification to the Parties No. 2023/033.
 - b) Chapter 2: Analysis of cross-cutting matters relevant to the implementation of Decisions 19.250 to 19.253, including enforcement, stockpile management and capacity-building needs; and
 - c) Chapter 3: Reflections towards an improved implementation of the Appendix II listing of *Paubrasilia echinata*.

Implementation of Decision 19.250 directed to the Plants Committee

10. The Plants Committee considered document [PC26 Doc. 31](#) at PC26 and provided comments on the draft terms of reference for the proposed study (PC26 SR) as indicated above.
11. The Plants Committee also considered document [PC27 Doc. 29](#) at PC27, and as indicated in the summary record [PC27 SR](#), *the Plants Committee*:
 - a) noted the progress achieved in undertaking the study called for under Decision 19.249; and
 - b) invited the Secretariat to include in its report to the Standing Committee a revision or the deletion of Decisions 19.249 and 19.250 on Brazil wood (*Paubrasilia echinata*) based on progress in implementation.

Implementation of Decision 19.253 directed to the Standing Committee

12. At SC78, the Standing Committee considered document SC78 Doc. 73. The Secretariat indicated in the document that feedback from the Standing Committee, as per Decision 19.253, will be essential for the finalization of the report before submission for consideration at CoP20. At the same time, the Secretariat noted that the progress achieved thus far with the report can serve as a foundation to continue the work on traceability for *Paubrasilia echinata* bows following CoP20. For this purpose, in paragraph 9 to document SC78 Doc. 73, the Secretariat included draft decisions for consideration of the Standing Committee.
13. As indicated in summary record [SC78 SR](#), the Standing Committee:
 - a) noted the feedback provided to the draft report contained in the Annexes 1 and 2 to document SC78 Doc. 73 and requested the Secretariat to revise the draft report and to submit it to CoP20;
 - b) agreed to establish a drafting group to review the draft decisions in paragraph 9 of document SC78 Doc. 73 and submit the revision as an in-session document for consideration by the Standing Committee. Membership was agreed as follows: Brazil, Poland and the United States of America; and

- c) agreed that Decisions 19.249 to 19.253 have been implemented and can be proposed for deletion.
14. As also indicated in the summary record (SC78 SR), on the basis of the recommendations of the drafting group referred to in the paragraph above, the Standing Committee also:
- a) invited Brazil to share via a Notification to the Parties any relevant information on *Paubrasilia echinata* (including but not limited to plantation growth and stockpiles) and allowing Parties and other relevant stakeholders to consider and respond to it prior to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20); and,
- b) invited Brazil to share with the Secretariat any comments received from the Notification, so that they can be considered as part of the revisions to the draft report on “*Paubrasilia echinata* bows: Fine Tuning Traceability Solutions”; and
- c) requested the Secretariat to submit the following draft decisions on Brazil wood (*Paubrasilia echinata*) for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at CoP20 [draft decisions agreed by the Standing Committee at SC78 are contained in Annex 1 to the present document].

Progress achieved since SC78

15. The Secretariat published Notification to the Parties [No. 2025/076](#) at the request of Brazil on 16 June 2025. The Notification contains information that the Standing Committee invited Brazil to provide prior to CoP20.
16. Accordingly, the Secretariat will make available in Annex 2 to the present document the final report “*Paubrasilia echinata* bows: Fine Tuning Traceability Solutions” incorporating the feedback received to the draft report at SC78 (see SC78 SR), as well as any new information resulting from Notification to the Parties No. 2025/076.

Recommendations

17. The Conference of the Parties is invited to:
- a) adopt the draft decisions on *Brazil wood* (*Paubrasilia echinata*) contained in Annex 1 to the present document;
- b) note the final report “*Paubrasilia echinata* bows: Fine Tuning Traceability Solutions” contained in Annex 2 to the present document (and referred to in the draft decisions); and
- c) delete Decisions 19.249 to 19.253.

COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The implementation of the decisions is expected to have workload and budgetary implications for the Secretariat, the Plants Committee and the Standing Committee.

The Secretariat proposes the following tentative budget and source of funding:

| Activity | Approximate cost | Source of funding |
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| Preparation of a report on the voluntary marking or identification systems developed by source, transit and destination Parties for <i>Paubrasilia echinata</i> and the mechanisms used to register <i>Paubrasilia echinata</i> bow and wood stockpiles. | USD 20,000 | Extrabudgetary |
| Programme Support Costs (PSC) (13% for calculation purposes) | USD 2,600 | |
| Total | USD 22,600 | |

DRAFT DECISIONS ON *BRAZIL WOOD (PAUBRASILIA ECHINATA)*

Directed to Parties, in particular source, transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata*

20.AA Parties, in particular source, transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata* are invited to:

- a) consider the findings of the report "Paubrasilia echinata bows: Fine Tuning Traceability Solutions" (CITES Secretariat, 202X);
- b) collaborate, as appropriate, with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and entities to develop voluntary marking or identification systems for *Paubrasilia echinata* musical instruments to enhance traceability mechanisms for individual bows;
- c) establish a mechanism to register *Paubrasilia echinata* bow and wood stockpiles; and
- d) provide the Secretariat with information relating to the voluntary marking or identification systems developed for bows and the mechanism used to register *Paubrasilia echinata* bow and wood stockpiles.

Directed to the Secretariat

20.BB Subject to extrabudgetary resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) consolidate information relating to:
 - i) the voluntary marking or identification systems developed by source, transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata*;
 - ii) the mechanisms used to register *Paubrasilia echinata* bow and wood stockpiles; and
 - iii) make the information available to Parties on request; and
- b) submit a report to the Standing Committee and Plants Committee relating to the information received from Parties in terms of Decision 20.AA.

Directed to the Plants Committee

20.CC The Plants Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 20.BB and make recommendations as appropriate in preparation for the Secretariat's reporting to the Standing Committee under Decision 20.DD.

Directed to the Standing Committee

20.DD The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat under Decision 20.BB, including any recommendations by the Plants Committee under Decision 20.CC, and make recommendations for consideration by:

- a) the source, transit and destination Parties for *Paubrasilia echinata*; and
- b) the Conference of the Parties at its 21st meeting, as appropriate.