

CoP17 Prop 54 [Mexico] Inclusion in Appendix II of 13 timber species of the genus *Dalbergia* native to Mexico and Central America without annotation: *Dalbergia calderonii*; *D. calycina*, *D. congestiflora*, *D. cubilquitzensis*, *D. glomerata*, *D. longepedunculata*, *D. luteola*, *D. melanocardium*, *D. modesta*, *D. palo-escrito*, *D. rhachiflexa*, *D. ruddae*, *D. tucurensis*

There are 20 *Dalbergia* species found in Mexico, six of them endemic. 15 produce high quality timber of which two are already listed in Appendix II (*D. retusa* and *D. stevensonii*) and the remainder are proposed here for listing in Appendix II. There is little information on the populations and trade in most species, although Mexico has now carried out risk assessments for their populations. Over-exploitation of primary species of rosewood has led to the observed shift in “rosewood” trade from depleted *Dalbergia* species such as *D. retusa*, *D. granadillo*, and *D. stevensonii* with other species in Mexico. There is also reported to be illegal trade in *Dalbergia* species in the region. All the species proposed to be listed are either categorized as threatened or endangered in Mexico.

The 13 species proposed for listing have timber that is similar to that of species already listed in Appendix II from the same geographical region. Enforcement of the current listing is difficult due to problems in species identification. Trade is often reported at genus level and enforcement officers do not have a quick and easy technique to identify to species level which needs to take place under costly and complicated laboratory conditions. There is also reported to be illegal trade in *Dalbergia* species in the region.

In June 2016, the 22nd Plants Committee endorsed a recommendation from the “Workshop on evaluating the timber species of the genus *Dalbergia* in Mexico in the context of NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010” 2016 to list these 13 timber species in Appendix II.

With no annotations specified in this proposal, this listing would regulate trade in all parts and derivatives. It should be noted that under the current Appendix-II listings for *D. retusa* and *D. Stevensonii*, the only products included are logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets and plywood. For consistency with current *Dalbergia* listings, and to support actual implementation of *Dalbergia* species traded mainly as timber, an annotation #6 covering logs, sawn timber, veneer and plywood would ensure the annotations are consistent.

Such an annotation would not be necessary if CoP17 Prop. 55 proposing inclusion of the genus *Dalbergia* in CITES Appendix II is accepted.

ACCEPT with an annotation #6 covering logs, sawn timber, veneer and plywood would ensure the annotations are consistent if CoP17 Prop. 55 is not accepted.