

CoP17 Prop. 58. [Madagascar] Inclusion of Grandidier's Baobab *Adansonia grandidieri* in Appendix II with an annotation limiting the parts and derivatives to seeds, fruits, oils and living plants

Grandidier's Baobab *Adansonia grandidieri*, one of six endemic *Adansonia* in Madagascar, is a large deciduous tree that occurs in west and southwest Madagascar. Recent studies based on analysis of satellite images and field observations, have found it to have a relatively extensive distribution (26 000 to 32 000 km²) along the Mangoky River and in the western part of the Menabe region, estimated by satellite imagery at over one million individuals, many more than previously thought to exist.

The main pressure on populations appears to be habitat related rather than trade, which is mainly domestic. Very little international trade is apparent and it is highly unlikely to have an impact on the wild population. The species would not appear to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II. Madagascar may consider a listing in Appendix III so that it may obtain the assistance of the international community to enhance export restrictions and international trade monitoring.

One of the main forms this species is traded in is as "powder", which is not included in the proposed annotation to "include seeds, fruits, oils and live plants". However, to include powder in a new annotation will increase the scope of the proposal. Madagascar would be encouraged to list all six species of domestic baobab in CITES Appendix III with the annotation "include powders, seeds, fruits, oils and live plants".

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