



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/005

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CONCERNING:

### NIGERIA

#### Verification of permits and certificates issued by Nigeria for export of specimens of the species *Pterocarpus erinaceus*

1. At its 69th meeting (SC69, Geneva, November 2017), the Standing Committee considered exports of specimens of rosewood (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) from Nigeria, based on information contained in paragraphs 21 – 29 of document [SC69 Doc. 29.1 \(Rev. 2\)](#) and additional information provided by China and Nigeria, subsequently. At the meeting, the Standing Committee agreed that with regard to trade in specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*:
  - Parties should not accept any CITES permit or certificate for *Pterocarpus erinaceus* issued by Nigeria unless its authenticity has been confirmed by the Secretariat, noting that China and Nigeria have existing CITES document exchanging mechanism to verify the authenticity of all CITES permits and certificates for *Pterocarpus erinaceus* issued by Nigeria;
  - Range States and importing countries should pay particular attention to trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus* to ensure that trade in this species only takes place when Parties are satisfied that it is in line with the requirements of the Convention.
2. The Standing Committee also welcomed the invitation by the Government of Nigeria to conduct a technical mission to Nigeria and invited the Secretariat to provide any relevant information on compliance with the Convention related to trade in *Pterocarpus erinaceus* to the Standing Committee.
3. Requests related to the verification of permits and certificates issued by Nigeria for export of specimens of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* may be submitted to the Secretariat for verification at [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org).