

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



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**Committee I**

**Brazilwood (*Paubrasilia echinata*)**

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**1. DRAFT DECISIONS ON *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 urged to:

- a) consider the findings of the report "*Paubrasilia echinata* bows: Fine Tuning Traceability Solutions" (CITES Secretariat, 2025);
- b) following guidance from the Standing Committee and the Plants Committee, and with the consultation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and entities, develop a harmonized approach for *Paubrasilia echinata* individual bows to enhance traceability, noting existing examples of relevant approaches already used for other CITES-listed species;
- c) provide the Secretariat with:
  - i) supplementary information to the notifications No. 2023/033 and 2025/076 on:
    - A. the traceability systems developed for *Paubrasilia echinata* individual bows, bow blanks and wood stockpiles, including the cost and enforceability of these systems, as well as possible options for their harmonization, and noting existing examples of relevant approaches already used for other CITES-listed species;
    - B. views and information relating to possible options for a harmonized approach to enhance traceability of *Paubrasilia echinata* individual bows, bow blanks and wood stockpiles; and
    - C. whether Parties or other stakeholders have existing conversion factors, to define the number of bows that can be produced by a certain volume of wood, for both whole logs and sawn wood.
  - ii) information on existing national bow blanks and wood stockpiles of *Paubrasilia echinata*, held by companies, manufacturers and traders as well as governmental entities, evaluating:

- A. the size of bow blank and wood stockpiles, with bow blanks to be reported in numbers, and wood stockpiles to be reported in volume, differentiating between sawn wood and whole logs;
  - B. the best available information to evidence harvest date;
  - C. whether import documentation is available for existing bow blank and wood stockpiles; and
  - D. the challenges and opportunities of the assessment, to contribute to the discussions of a harmonized approach that will be established by the Standing Committee and Plants Committee.
- iii) based on the data collected in ii) and following a standard conversion factor that will be developed by the Plants Committee, report the number of bows that can be produced by wood stockpiles;
  - iv) information on specimens of *Paubrasilia echinata* of non-wild origin within their territory, including number and size of such operations, any national or subnational requirements and processes related to such operations, and viability of such operations to provide wood of sufficient quality/quantity to supply domestic and/or international demand for production of bows; and
  - v) information on progress in developing and implementing awareness-raising activities on the illicit trade of *Paubrasilia echinata* and its severe implications for the conservation of the species, including demand reduction campaigns and activities, and research and promotion of alternative materials for *Paubrasilia echinata* bows.
- d) take all possible measures to establish the origin of regulated *Paubrasilia echinata* specimens to be exported and re-exported from countries outside of Brazil, including but not limited to enquiries to countries of previous import and sufficient evidence that such specimens were not obtained in violation of the laws of the country of origin;
  - e) undertake due diligence as outlined in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoPXX) on Compliance and enforcement and closely scrutinizing consignments of covered CITES-listed *Paubrasilia echinata* specimens and accompanying CITES documents to ensure that illegal specimens are not laundered into legal trade, and raise any concerns about imports with the exporting State, or with the Plants Committee, Standing Committee, or the Secretariat;
  - f) sharing information on seizures of specimens of *Paubrasilia echinata* through the illegal trade reports; and
  - g) monitor the implementation and enforcement of the revised Annotation #10 and raise any concerns with the Secretariat and the appropriate Committee.

**Directed to the Secretariat**

**20.BB** The Secretariat shall:

- a) with sufficient time for response and analysis ahead of the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee, issue a notification to Parties and other stakeholders seeking information outlined in decision 20.AA C) i), including any relevant approaches used for other CITES-listed species that may be relevant to *Paubrasilia echinata*;
- b) submit a report to the Standing Committee detailing the results of the notification; and

- c) subject to extrabudgetary resources, the Secretariat shall:
  - i) consolidate information and make information available to Parties, as it becomes available, relating to the decisions in 20.AA c) ii) through v);
  - ii) in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair and the Plants Committee on Terms of Reference, to undertake the following:
    - A. using the information received by the Secretariat in response to Decision 20.AA, and other sources of information as appropriate, undertake a study to explore the possible mechanisms to develop a harmonized approach to enhance traceability of *Paubrasilia echinata* individual bows, bow blanks and wood stockpiles;
    - B. prepare a report for the Plants Committee and Standing Committee that summarizes the main elements of such traceability mechanisms; highlights standard and best practices of such mechanisms; provides an evaluation of the cost and enforceability of such mechanisms at the national and international levels; and considers any existing mechanisms that could be utilized to link separate traceability mechanisms
  - iii) in consultation with the Plants Committee, create guidance on the technical criteria to classify the wood suitable for bow making which would support the development of a standard conversion factor that will be developed by the Plants Committee, to assist Parties in reporting the number of bows that can be produced by wood stockpiles.

**Directed to the Plants Committee**

**20.CC** The Plants Committee shall:

- a) analyze and review the results of any relevant activities under Decisions 20.AA, 20.BB and 20.EE and make recommendations to the Standing Committee.
- b) assist in informing the Terms of Reference for the study called for in 20.BB ii).
- c) taking into account inputs from 20.AA c) i) and 20.EE. a) i), develop an average conversion factor to define the number of bows that can be produced by a certain volume of wood, for both whole logs and sawn wood; and
- d) assess the applicability of the source codes to *Paubrasilia echinata* from non-wild origin. If non-wild origin stock does not meet source codes A or Y, provide recommendations on further appropriate actions.

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

**20.DD** The Standing Committee shall:

- a) in collaboration with Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders/producers, and interested stakeholders, consider reports submitted under Decision 20.BB and 20.CC, and make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties, regarding:
  - i) at the 21st meeting: The creation of a harmonized approach to enhance traceability of *Paubrasilia echinata* individual bows, bow blanks and wood stockpiles, considering multiple approaches to differentiate between pre-Convention wood and bow blank stockpiles produced after the species was included in the Appendices;
  - ii) any other relevant activities under Decisions 20.AA, 20.BB, 20.CC and 20.EE.

- b) develop recommendations for Parties, the Secretariat, and stakeholders, for demand reduction campaigns and activities, and research and promotion of alternative materials for *Paubrasilia echinata* bows, to ensure sustainable and legal international trade in *Paubrasilia echinata*.

**Directed to Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders, music industry, and interested stakeholders**

**20.EE** Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders/producers, music industry, and interested stakeholders are urged to, as applicable:

- a) provide **funding** and input for the implementation of Decision 20.AA and 20.BB;
- b) implement a harmonized approach to enhance **traceability** of *Paubrasilia echinata* individual bows, bow blanks, and wood stockpiles, as described in the decisions above;
- c) support efforts and projects to:
  - i) prevent illicit harvesting and trading of *Paubrasilia echinata*;
  - ii) research for **alternative materials for the production** of music instrument bows;
  - iii) the conservation of *Paubrasilia echinata* and **restoration of its natural habitat**; and
  - iv) the creation and implementation of **protected areas** in the natural habitat of *Paubrasilia echinata* historical occurrence
- d) promote awareness of the current extinction risk of *Paubrasilia echinata* and its connection with the string-cord music instrument production.
- e) fund research related to:
  - i) **silviculture** on *Paubrasilia echinata*;
  - ii) the quality of wood originated from planted trees to be used in the bow making industry; and
  - iii) near infrared spectrometry (NIRS) or other technologies for the rapid differentiation of bows produced from wild and planted trees.

## **2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 46 ON *PAUBRASILIA ECHINATA***

Retain Appendix II listing with the following revision to Annotation 10:

All parts and derivatives, except finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument accessories and finished musical instrument parts for non-commercial trade only for the purpose of paid and unpaid performance, personal use, display, loan, competition, teaching, appraisal, or repair, provided that this does not change the ownership and that such transport is not for sale, transfer or disposal of the specimen outside of the owner's usual State of residence. Zero quota for wild-harvested specimens (source code W) traded for commercial purposes.