

**Workshop on traceability systems for CITES Appendices II and III listed non-timber forest plant species
(ornamental and medicinal plants)**

Organized with the support of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
22 September 2016 - Johannesburg, South Africa
DAVINCI Hotel and Suites, Sandton

Background

At the 15th and 16th meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to CITES, it was decided to consider traceability as a key issue for the sustainable management of CITES-listed species (for a list of relevant resolutions and decisions, see SC66 Doc. 34.1¹). In response, UNCTAD BioTrade and the CITES Secretariat have been collaborating on the preparation of technical documents and workshops on traceability issues, following to track the species through the supply chain, from the origin all the way to the market and final consumption.

Within non-timber plant species, CITES Parties and BioTrade partners have been implementing traceability systems, but no comprehensive study has yet been undertaken. In view of this lacuna, since 2015 UNCTAD has been preparing, in consultation with the CITES Secretariat and its BioTrade focal points, two comprehensive studies to facilitate the tracing of sustainable trade of CITES-listed non-timber forest plant species, focusing on ornamental in the Andean/Latin America region and medicinal plants in the Mekong sub region.

The studies will provide additional guidance on the use of a potential "umbrella model" for developing traceability systems for CITES-listed species, for consideration by the CITES Parties. This is in line with the Secretariat's ongoing discussions with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) regarding the possible development of a business requirement specification for international trade in wildlife (AC28 Doc 14.2.1²).

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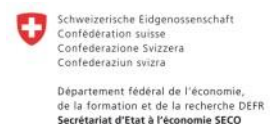
Objective

The aim of the workshop is to present and discuss the results of the above-mentioned studies, according to the following topics:

- A technical summary of traceability systems available and recommendations on its implementation in line with global standards and norms;
- Assess its socio-economic implications, benefits;
- Define capacity-building requirements for the stakeholders involved; and
- Provide input to the CITES processes on traceability issues.

¹ <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/pc/22/E-PC22-22-01.pdf>

² <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/pc/22/Inf/E-PC22-Inf-06.pdf>



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Agenda

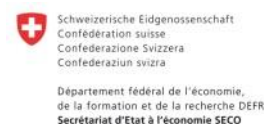
09:30 - 10:00	Registration of participants
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome remarks UNCTAD CITES Secretariat - Haruko Okusu (TBC)
10:20 - 10:50	Introduction to BioTrade & UNCTAD's projects on traceability systems for CITES-listed non-timber forest plant species Lorena Jaramillo, UNCTAD
10:50- 11:20	Preliminary findings of the traceability study for ornamental plants under CITES Appendices II and III Heiner Lehr, UNCTAD consultant
11:20 - 11:50	Capacity-building requirements for the stakeholders - TRAFFIC (tbc)
11:50 - 12:00	Q&A
12:00 - 13:30	• Lunch break
13:30-13:40	Traceability & CITES - Markus Pikart
13:40 - 15:40	Roundtable discussion: is traceability for plant products feasible and desirable? Facilitated by Heiner Lehr, UNCTAD Consultant Key note commentators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITES Secretariat - Markus Pikart • CITES MAs/specialists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Duangduen Sripotar (Thailand) - Mathias Loertscher (Switzerland) - Harol Gutierrez (Peru) • Marcos Silva (OTCA) • Pablo Sinovas (UNEP-WCMC) Key recommendations from the participants
15:40-16:10	Coffee break
16:10 16:20	Summary and next steps UNCTAD
16:20 - 16:30	Closing UNCTAD

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