



## UNCTAD and CITES collaboration - Background -

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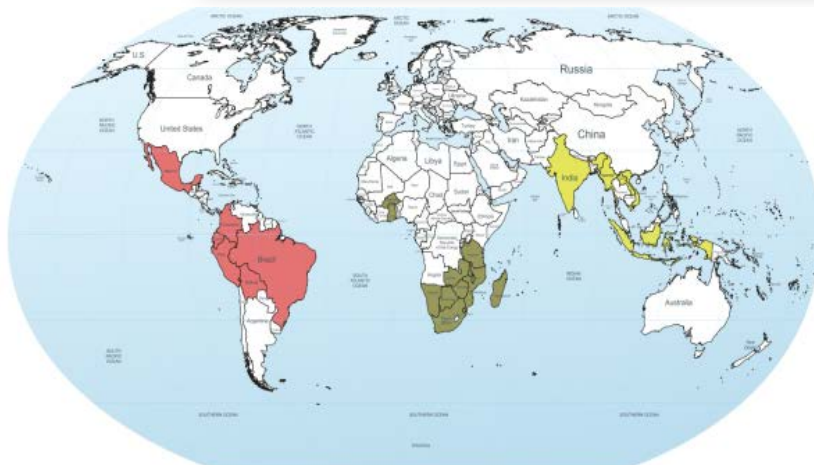


UNCTAD is the programme of the United Nations dedicated to promoting the development –friendly integration of developing countries into the world economy



The BioTrade Initiative of UNCTAD – Launched in 1996 – aims to promote trade and investment in biodiversity derived products and services to further sustainable development

BioTrade refers to those activities of collection, production, transformation, and commercialization of goods and services derived from native biodiversity (species & ecosystems) under the criteria of environmental, social and economic sustainability



#### Sectors involved in BioTrade activities:

- Personal care
- Pharmaceuticals/ phytopharma
- Food
- Fashion
- Ornamental flora and fauna
- Handicrafts
- Textiles and natural fibres
- Sustainable tourism
- Forestry-based carbon credit activities.



BioTrade impact in figures  
Sales of BioTrade beneficiary companies and associations

**€4.3 billion**  
(2015)

*A significant increase from  
US\$40 million in 2003*

Number of beneficiaries  
Around

**5 million**  
worldwide

*Producers/farmers, collectors/  
hunters, workers, among others*





Long standing collaboration to ensure the conservation of species, enhance the livelihoods of the poor in remote and marginal areas and promote business opportunities for entrepreneurs that comply with CITES requirements and national legislation

- 2010 – MOU which is the basis for the close working relationship between CITES and the UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative.



**Studies & workshops on CITES-listed fauna spp.**

**Sustainable trade of vicuña fibre**  
 Vicuña populations are scattered across the Andes in Chile. In Bolivia, they should face major increases: the species of Colombia, between 3,700 and 1,100 individuals. WWF researchers took a look at the vicuña in Bolivia, but the Bolivian National Trust for Conservation of Nature and Genetic Heritage (SERNANP) has published the vicuña Decree.

A relative of the llama family, the vicuña has been declared a globally important part of the world's natural heritage. It is included in the Appendix I of the CITES Convention and Management Plan. The programme promotes the drawing of other sustainable use, and gives the control of the vicuña.

The Supreme Decree will not only make a national plan for a more effective conservation of the vicuña, but also to improve the quality of products through the National Sustainable Trade Programme (PNST).



**Studies & workshops on CITES listed flora spp.**

**Traceability studies for CITES-listed species: medicinal & ornamental plants and on pythons**



# Current support on traceability

- Increased importance is being placed on developing umbrella guidelines and adoption of standards for traceability for CITES-listed flora and fauna species, and at CoP17 Parties resolved to establish a CITES Traceability Working Group (WG) at CITES 68 Standing Committee meeting (Decision 17.152)
- Decision 17.154 Parties will be submitting information on projects and national experiences related to traceability which needs to be analyzed to support a focused discussion in the WG and to prepare recommendations



In collaboration with CITES Secretariat, WG Chairs (Mexico and Switzerland), UNCTAD is supporting the development of this study:

- Analyze the information submitted by CITES Parties under Decision 17.153 to support development of recommendations for CITES traceability
- Compile all existing definitions of traceability and provide recommendations on how it could be considered for CITES purposes
- Provide inputs for discussion and consideration under the CITES Traceability WG

The initial findings of this consultancy are presented in this side event



# Questions and answers



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## Thank you

For further information: [www.biotrade.org](http://www.biotrade.org)

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