

Musical Instruments and the Proposed Listing of *Cedrela spp.* on Appendix II without Annotation

Overview:

Ecuador has authored a proposal to be considered at the 18th Conference of Parties for listing *Cedrela spp.* in Appendix II without an accompanying annotation. Lacking an annotation, such a listing would result in an undue administrative burden, have an immediate and deleterious impact on the musical instruments industry and provide little – if any – additional conservation benefit. We strongly feel that an Appendix II listing must be accompanied by an annotation and an appropriate geographic limitation to focus on the conservation of wild populations in its natural range rather than *Cedrela spp.* cultivated in non-range state plantations.

Musical instrument industry commitment to the sustainability of *Cedrela spp.*

The musical instruments industry strongly supports efforts to conserve *Cedrela spp.* as well as further study of its biology, conservation, and trade. We share the authors' goal of reversing the reductions in population and losses of genetic diversity of the genus.

The use of *Cedrela oderata* (Spanish Cedar) in the construction of guitars has a long history:

For centuries *Cedrela*, especially *Cedrela oderata*, has been used in minimal quantities, between 150 – 400 grams per instrument, by guitar builders.

The listing of *Cedrela spp.* without an accompanying annotation would result in a heavy administrative burden without a measurable conservation benefit.

Plant species included in CITES Appendix II are typically accompanied by a # Annotation. The *Cedrela* listing as proposed would result in many tens of thousands of acoustic guitars annually being subject to the CITES permitting regimen with the attendant additional administrative burden. CITES management authorities and enforcement resources would be consumed with issuing CITES permits rather than actively ensuring that international trade in the *Cedrela* genus does not negatively impact its survival in the wild.

An annotation for the *Cedrela spp.* Appendix II listing should have the result of exempting finished musical instruments.

Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP17), provides guidance and principles for annotations, and states that two main principles be followed as standard guidance when drafting annotations for plants: 1) controls should concentrate on those commodities that first appear in international trade as exports from range States; and 2) controls should include only those commodities that dominate the trade and the demand for the wild resource. Musical instruments do not first appear in international trade as exports from range States and are very far from dominating the trade. These principles and facts should guide the selection of the annotation.

For instance, Annotation #5, covering “logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets” and Annotation #6, which applies to “logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood”, apply to *Swietenia mahagoni* and *Swietenia macrophylla* respectively, which grow naturally in the same ranges as does *Cedrela*. They also properly regulate the wood when it first enters commerce, excluding all other commodities from CITES control.

Any *Cedrela* listing should only apply to neo-tropical species.

While “captive breeding and artificial reproduction” may have had limited success in Central and South America, the cultivation of plantation *Cedrela* has been successfully undertaken in Ghana and the Ivory Coast. Accordingly, as with the *Swietenia* listings, the *Cedrela* listing should be confined to neo-tropical regions.

Implementation

To avoid disruptions to trade and support enforcement protocols for management authorities, importers, and exporters, we encourage the timeframe for implementation to be extended beyond the standard 90-day period.

Signatories as of April 2019



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Anafima - Brazilian Music Industry Association (Associação Nacional da Indústria da Música) is the Brazilian music industry association that serves over 1,200 people annually across Brazil. The association is split into four main categories: musical instruments, pro audio, installations, and car audio. Each category has its own goals and objectives proposed by its members. Currently, ANAFIMA is the biggest association in Brazil and it represents companies of all different sizes. www.anafima.com.br/site/



The Argentinian Association of Musical Instruments Manufacture (Camara Argentina de Fabricantes de Instrumentos Musicales, or CAFIM, in Spanish) was founded in 2012 to protect the rights and interests of its members, encouraging the increase in the musical instruments industry in Argentina. CAFIM is an organization for the support, care, defense and promotion of such market and it settles itself as a valid mediator before the different governmental organisms. www.cafim.com.ar/



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The Australian Music Association (AMA). The Australian Music Association represents and furthers the interests of the Music Products industry which is a network of wholesalers, manufacturers, retailers and associated services for musical instruments, print music and music technology. The AMA also works with a network of government and non-government organisations to advocate for music education, promote music making and represent the industry in matters of common interest. It organises trade shows, conventions and forums, publishes Australian Musician magazine online, develops industry statistics and provides commercial member benefits. www.australianmusic.asn.au/



Bundesverband der deutschen Musikinstrumentenhersteller e.V. The National Association of German Musical Instruments Manufacturers is the official body representing the German Music Industry. Its principal objectives are to promote members' common interests through advice and support in commercial, technical and all other relevant issues; to cultivate exchange of experience between members and other associations in the realms of music worldwide; to represent the interests of German manufacturers of musical instruments and accessories vis-à-vis German and other European as well as supranational and overseas public authorities, associations and other institutions; and to draft expert opinions and furnish of information to public authorities in the sectors of musical instrument manufacture and the appurtenant field of accessories. www.musikinstrumente.org



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Dismamusica. Dismamusica is the only Industry Association existing in Italy that represents the full chain of the Musical Instruments and Music Publishers business community (manufacturers, importers, distributors, retailers, service companies, music schools, musicians). Founded in 1982, over the years it has worked hard toward the central and local Institutions, obtaining important results in favor of the sector, both in economic and labor aspects. By promoting many activities, it gives great attention to the cultural side of the role of music making. The mission is to promote the benefits of music practice at all levels, from schools to communities, in order to increase the market size and reach more stability and profitability for the Industry business community in parallel with an universally recognized social positive influence. www.dismamusica.it



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French Musical Instrument Organisation. French Musical Instrument Organisation (La Chambre Syndicale de la Façture Instrumentale, CSFI) was founded in 1890 in Paris. It gathers companies and craftsmen who make, distribute and export musical instruments and their accessories. The CSFI also welcomes resellers and other instrument makers associations (violin, guitar, piano). Its main objectives are the protection of its members and of the musical instrument making as a whole and the development of the instrumental practice for everybody. www.csfi-musique.fr



International Association of Violin and Bow Makers. (EILA: Entente Internationale des Luthiers et Archetiers). Founded in 1950 in Europe, the Entente Internationale is an association of violin and bow makers from around the world. The Entente was established with the aim of bringing together master craftsmen on the basis of friendship and exchange and for taking any steps deemed pertinent to defending their working conditions, developing understanding of their art, perfecting teaching methods for their students and combining the strengths and talents of each member in order to promote a revival in the art of violin and bow making. www.eila.org



International Federation of Musicians. The International Federation of Musicians (FIM), founded in 1948, is the only body representing musicians' unions globally, with members in about 65 countries covering all regions of the world. FIM is recognised as an NGO by diverse international authorities such as WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation), UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), the ILO (International Labour Office), the European Commission, the European Parliament or the Council of Europe. www.fim-musicians.org



International Wood Products Association. Established in 1956, IWPA is the leading international trade association representing the North American imported wood products industry, with over 200 companies and trade organizations engaged in the import of hardwoods and softwoods from sustainably managed forests in more than 30 nations across the globe. Association members consist of three key groups involved in the import process: U.S. importers and consuming industries, offshore manufacturers and the service providers that facilitate trade. www.IWPAwood.org



Japan Musical Instruments Association. Established in 1948, The Japan Musical Instruments Association (JMIA) represents more than 500 Japanese musical instruments manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. JMIA supports the sound development of domestic musical instruments related companies, contributes to the popularization of domestic musical instruments and music, and the enhancement of music culture, aiming to contribute to the creation of an affluent society. www.zengakkyo.com



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Music Industries Association. The Music Industries Association (MIA) is the trade body for the UK musical instrument industry. Our members are the manufacturers, distributors, publishers and retailers of musical instruments and associated products. We exist to promote, protect and support the UK music making industry. We do this by: Providing leadership and guidance to the industry, Promoting the substantial and wide ranging benefits of music making, Representing the sector at all levels of government, its agencies and other interest groups, Creating pro-active public relations and communications internally and externally, Supporting our members with advice, best practice and money saving offers. www.mia.org.uk



National Association of Music Merchants. NAMM, the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), established in 1901, is the not-for-profit association that strengthens the \$17 billion global music, sound and event technology products industry. The association's global trade shows serve as the crossroads for professionals seeking the newest innovations in music, recording technology, sound, stage and lighting products. NAMM member programs and services promote music making for people of all ages and to create a more musical world. NAMM has supported the development of a global music coalition advocating for sustainable use of world's natural resources alongside reliable regulations that support fair trade and has funded advocacy events and participation in CITES events. www.namm.org



Orchestras Canada. Orchestras Canada is the national association for Canadian orchestras, helping orchestras achieve together what they cannot accomplish alone, and serving Canadian orchestras in both official languages, through research, knowledge-sharing, convening, and advocacy. Orchestras Canada was founded in 1972, and represents over 130 Canadian orchestras and their diverse stakeholders. orchestrascanada.org



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