



To Proposal 17.56

Thank you Madame Chair.

G. tessmannii and *G. pellegriniana* are both tree species that are very attractive to the wood industry.



They are very difficult to differentiate from one another. They reach a height of about 50 m and a diameter of up to 2 m. The beautiful and evenly grained wood varies in color from pink to a reddish brown. Currently, Bubinga is the most expensive tropical wood from central Africa. There is

almost no reliable data about population size, but it is commonly agreed that the regenerating potential of all three species is quite small. This is partly due to the reduction of animal species that distribute seeds. The proponent Gabon has already banned all logging of *G. tessmannii* and *G. pellegriniana* on a national level by decree until further notice. So DCSP recommends, support this proposal.



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Chair: K.Gaynor (Ireland)

Proposal CoP17 Prop. 56 to include *Guibourtia tessmannii*, *G. pellegriniana* and *G. demeusei* in Appendix II was introduced by Gabon and the European Union, adding that subsequent to the recommendation to accept CoP17 Prop. 55 in the previous session, they now proposed using the annotation agreed for that proposal here.

Brazil, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Senegal, the United States of America, the **Documentation Centre for Species Protection** and the Species Survival Network supported the proposal.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo

welcomed the proposal, but noted that *Guibourtia demeusei* was widely distributed in their country and also subject to a national moratorium on logging. They asked that the proposal be amended to remove

G. demeusei. The European Union and Gabon replied that it was difficult to distinguish the three species in trade and they therefore considered that *G. demeusei* qualified for inclusion in Appendix II for look-alike reasons under Criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) on Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II. Proposal CoP17 Prop. 56 to include *Guibourtia teesmanni*,

G. pellegriniana and *G. demeusei* in Appendix II, with the annotation previously accepted for proposal CoP17 Prop. 55, was accepted

Thank you Madame Chair.