



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/059

Geneva, 25 April 2025

CONCERNING:

CITES Tree Species Project: Call for Project Proposals

1. On 8 December 2023, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection reached an agreement with the CITES Secretariat to contribute EUR 10 million to the [CITES Tree Species Project](#). The Secretariat is grateful to Germany for the funding to continue to support CITES Parties in improving compliance with the Convention's requirements for legal and sustainable trade in commercially important CITES-listed tree species. The project will also contribute to sustainable forest management and achievement of other related international obligations and goals.
2. The project will consist of a grant mechanism to support selected CITES Parties. **The CITES Secretariat hereby calls for project proposals** from Parties interested in receiving financial assistance to carry out activities that will achieve the envisioned project outcomes. To qualify for project grants, applicants must:
 - a) Be an ODA eligible Party;
 - b) Be a range State for commercially important tree species regulated under CITES;
 - c) Commit to implementing the project within the project timeframe (further information available in the Annex to this Notification);
 - d) Commit to managing and reporting on the project in alignment with UN and IKI requirements; and
 - e) Demonstrate how the project will positively impact legal and sustainable trade of CITES-listed tree species.
3. The Secretariat plans to organize an online webinar in May 2025 to guide interested Parties in preparing their project proposals, following the template provided in the Annex to this Notification. Further information on the webinars will be communicated in due course.
4. Submitting a proposal does not guarantee selection for funding. Only selected projects will receive financial support. All applicants will be informed of the selection outcome by August 2025.
5. Interested eligible Parties are invited to complete the information in the Annex to this Notification and submit their proposals by **25 June 2025** to info@cites.org with the subject line: *CITES Tree Species Project – Call for project proposals*.