SUSTAINABLE TRADE OF THREATENED TIMBER SPECIES

There are at least 5,000 tree species used for timber of which roughly 1/3 are threatened with extinction There are now also over 900 CITES listed timber tree species needing management for their sustainable use & trade. Consequently, there is a need for improved data accessibility, sharing and capture to support conservation and sustainable use decision making for timber trees.
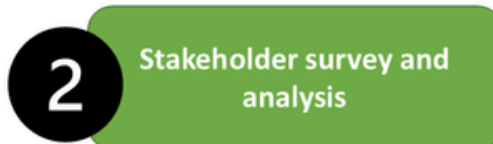
This project will produce a *Data Collection Protocol* to support information gathering for two key conservation metrics: the IUCN Red List of Threatened species and CITES Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs), towards supporting sustainable use for timber species. This three-stage protocol will provide guidance on identifying and utilising existing data and methods on how to fill data gaps.

Stage 1- process of performing a desktop analysis, or literature review for focal species.

Stage 2 - interview schedule which can be tailored to gather information from a variety of stakeholders.

Stage 3 - development and selection of a field methodology to fill in final data gaps that remain from stages 1 and 2 .

1 Desktop/online analysis

2 Stakeholder survey and analysis

3 Field data collection

Data Collection Protocol

This protocol has been designed in collaboration with our project partners in Gabon, Ghana and Madagascar. Our partners have tried our initial methods and also provided insight from their work and experiences with threatened timber species, and IUCN and CITES processes.

Alongside the Data Collection Protocol we will create several tools and resources to support it's use and implementation.

Online Training:

Training tools to guide use of the protocol, learn about data management and how to use the data collected.

Guidance documents:

Short document showing how to find and use data for the IUCN Red List and CITES NDF.

Project Report:

To include case studies of use of the protocol in our three project countries.

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