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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(Wildlife Division)

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Dated: 26.09.2011.

All Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

Sub: Seized Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*)-reg.

Sir,

As you may be aware that Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) is listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and its export/import is regulated by the provisions of CITES. Due to trade restrictions on this species, the illegally traded material of Red Sanders is frequently seized from various parts of India. The Ministry had taken following policy decision concerning the disposal of seized Red Sanders wood:

“...for making use of the seized Red Sanders wood to allot to the local artisans through the Andhra Pradesh Handicrafts Development Corporation, Hyderabad with a direction that the material should not be sold/auctioned to private parties. However, after making the value addition through local artisans, the sale of value added products has to be carried out strictly under the control/coordination of the same Handicraft Corporation/PSU involved.”

Therefore, it is requested that in compliance to the above decision, any seized material of Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) lying with the State/Union Territory Government should be sent to Andhra Pradesh Handicrafts Development Corporation, Hyderabad. It may also be kindly noted that international trade of Red Sanders is regulated by the provisions of CITES and presently any trade from India is banned until further orders.

Yours faithfully,


(Prakriti Srivastava)

Deputy Inspector General (Wildlife)

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All Chief Wildlife Wardens