

**HEART OF THE MATTER: AGARWOOD USE AND TRADE  
AND CITES IMPLEMENTATION FOR *AQUILARIA MALACCENSIS***

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## HARVEST, TRADE AND CITES IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN KEY AQUILARIA RANGE STATES

### PHILIPPINES

According to the CITES Management Authority, *Aquilaria malaccensis* is very rare in the Philippines and was once found in Camarines Province. Permits would be required to harvest and export both raw and Mprocessed agarwood under *Executive Order No. 247* (in effect from 18 May 1995) and *Act 398 3* (in effect from 3 December 1932). The two laws are not specific to *A. malaccensis*, but regulate the harvest and trade of all protected wild plants. There are no records of trade in *A. malaccensis* from the Philippines, including in CITES annual report data. The Management Authority is concerned, however, that the overexploitation and illegal trade of *A. malaccensis* and of other *Aquilaria* species occurring in other range States will lead to similar exploitation in the Philippines (N.M. Molinyawe, *in litt.* to CITES Secretariat, 19 October 1999).