conserve Pernambuco protect String players save Bow making

what's happening ?

In June 2025, a proposal was submitted to **transfer pernambuco from CITES Appendix II to Appendix I**.
If this proposal is approved in November 2025, it will **prohibit all international trade of this unique wood** - essential for crafting professional-quality bows for string instruments.

consequences:

- **impoverished musical performances**
- a requirement for **CITES certificates each time a musician travels** and an obligation to get these certificates **stamped at every border crossing**
- a requirement for **CITES certificates to buy, sell or repair a bow**
- a *de facto* prohibition on the use of timber from plantations, resulting in a **risk to current conservation efforts** of the pernambuco tree
- the **end to the bowmaking craft** that has been passed down since the 18th century

what can you do?

- Raise awareness of this issue
- be prepared to contact the relevant authorities if this transferal is proposed
- consider joining, or donating to, the IPCI to support our efforts for musicians and the conservation of pernambuco

IPCI, with your support, has been responsible for the replanting of over 340.000 Pernambuco trees

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