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**Subject: Information on pangolins to be submitted for the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee**

Dear Mr. Morgan

First of all, I would like to extend my gratitude for your continuous support to the implementation of CITES in China.

According to Notification No. 2013/059, range states for Asian pangolin species are requested to compile information on the conservation of and illegal trade in Asian pangolins and their efforts to address such trade and to submit their reports to the Secretariat by 24 April 2014. By this chance we would like to provide the following information for you.

**Legislation:** *Manis pentadactyla* was enlisted as a class II protected species in China in 1988 and therefore the species has been protected by the *LAW OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE* strictly. Since 2007, Acquisition and utilization of *Manis pentadactyla* from the wild in any form were forbidden as the domestic authority of wildlife won't issue the hunting license. Numbers of nature reserves have been established to protect *Manis pentadactyla* and promote recovering of its wild population.

**Stock control:** Stockpiles of scales of *Manis pentadactyla* are strictly controlled in China. All stockpiles of *Manis pentadactyla* were cataloged and registered including the information of the quantity and series number of stock, the storage sites and the person of responsibility. Certain annual utilization quota of stockpiles has been set up after a series of program of scientific evaluations. Furthermore, the stockpiles of *Manis pentadactyla* are only allowed to be retailed in designated hospitals or be used for producing patent Chinese traditional medicine, which means a special licenses had been granted by China Food Drug Administration. Since 2008, any medicine or products contain pangolins were not allowed to be sold without the special labels.

**Enforcement:** Special operations and joint law enforcements are carried out by the Forestry Public Security Authority, customs, CITES MA and domestic management

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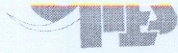
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authority of wildlife to deter, detect and address illegal trade of pangolin species in recently years. According to the data provided by General administration of Customs of China, 38 cases of illegal trade of pangolin species were dealt by the anti-smuggling department of Customers from 2009 to 2013.

Thank you again for your great support.

Sincerely yours,

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