



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Enforcement-related contact information

1. At its 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 13.84 as follows:

Parties should submit to the Secretariat, by 31 May 2005, contact details of each of their relevant national law enforcement agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting illegal trafficking in wild fauna and flora. The Secretariat shall distribute, via a Notification to the Parties, a form to facilitate the submission of this information.

2. The Secretariat circulated this form with Notification to the Parties No. 2004/077 of 9 December 2004. However, by the time of the 54th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, October 2006), less than one third of the Parties had submitted such information. The Secretariat, therefore, urges the Parties to submit the relevant information as soon as possible.
3. Annexed to this Notification is the form for submission of contact information for national enforcement agencies. Parties are requested to submit a separate form for each agency, e.g. Customs, fishery protection or police. Although the police in the territories of some Parties may not usually enforce wildlife law, it is important that their contact details be supplied since national policies may dictate that a police agency must communicate with another abroad. Similarly, a Customs authority in one country may be obliged to communicate with its counterparts abroad, even though the information may finally be passed to a different body, such as a national parks department. It is important, therefore, that CITES Management Authorities supply contact details for all relevant national enforcement agencies, even if enforcement would normally be a matter for Management Authority personnel.
4. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2004/077 of 9 December 2004.