

## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2010/034

Geneva, 4 November 2010

CONCERNING:

### Caviar trade database

1. Parties are reminded that a caviar trade database has been developed by UNEP-WCMC for their use. The purpose of the database is to record near-real-time information relating to exports and re-exports of caviar. The database enables monitoring of caviar in trade and assists in the verification of the authenticity and validity of permits and certificates. Caviar permit data have been regularly entered into the caviar database by UNEP-WCMC since 2007.
2. The database has recently been re-developed with support from the European Commission. Parties may now query permit details either through a permit number search, or by selecting various parameters (e.g. species, source code, exporter, importer and year). The results display individual permit details, as well as the details of any previous or subsequent (re-)export permit, which can be accessed through hyperlinks. An example of a permit search is annexed to this Notification.
3. Additional tools are available to check whether range States are complying with published export quotas, or detect where Parties have apparently re-exported quantities that are greater than the quantities originally imported.
4. In Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) ([Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish](#)), the Conference of the Parties recommends that Parties consult the database before issuing re-export certificates.
5. To be effective, it is essential that all Parties that issue permits and certificates authorizing trade in caviar submit to UNEP-WCMC copies of such documents or information regarding each permit issued, so that the information may be entered into the database. Parties are encouraged to submit such copies no later than one month after the date of issuance. It is recommended that permits and certificates be scanned and sent by email to UNEP-WCMC at [caviar@unep-wcmc.org](mailto:caviar@unep-wcmc.org). Alternatively, copies may be faxed to: +44 (1223) 27 71 36.
6. In order for the caviar database to reflect trade as accurately as possible, it is recommended that Parties notify UNEP-WCMC of any caviar permits that are cancelled or returned unused to the Management Authorities. It is also recommended that Parties notify UNEP-WCMC when the quantity actually exported or re-exported differs from the quantity indicated on the permit issued, so that the data may be amended accordingly.
7. To ensure an appropriate level of confidentiality, access to the online database is password-protected and possible only through links in the Management Authorities forum and Enforcement Authorities forum of the CITES website. Applications to access these forums should be submitted through the [Resources/Forum](#) section of the CITES website.
8. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2009/008 of 6 March 2009.


### Example of a permit search on the caviar database

Permits can be searched either by entering the permit number or by selecting from the Advanced Search Options (Figure 1). Both ways provide search results that include information on the countries involved in the trade, the species in trade, the date of issue of the permit, and the quantity and source of the caviar (Figure 2). Details on re-exports can be seen by clicking on "Re-Exports Details" (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Permit search options

The screenshot displays the 'Permit Search' interface of the UNEP-WCMC Caviar Database. The header features a banner image of caviar with the 'UNEP-WCMC Caviar Database' logo. Navigation links for 'About', 'Search', 'FAQs', and '[Log On]' are present. The search form is divided into two sections: '1. Permit Number:' with a text input field and a 'Search' button, and '2. Advanced Search Options:' with dropdown menus for 'Species', 'Source', 'Exporter', 'Importer', and 'Year', along with 'Clear Search' and 'Search' buttons. A sidebar on the right contains two warning boxes: 'Quotas Apparently Exceeded' and 'Permits Apparently Exceeded'. The footer includes logos for UNEP, WCMC, and CPB, and a note stating the database was created and maintained by UNEP-WCMC with financial support from the European Commission.

Figure 2: Permit search results



UNEP-WCMC Caviar Database

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Quotas Apparently Exceeded

Permits Apparently Exceeded

Taxon	Country of Origin	(Re-)Exporter	Importer	Original Permit Number	Previous Re-Export Permit Number	Re-Export Permit Number	Date of Issue	Source	Quantity (kg)	Re-Exports
<a href="#">Acipenser stellatus</a>	Azerbaijan		Switzerland	AZ000015			18/04/2007	W	40.000	<a href="#">Re-Exports Details</a>
<a href="#">Acipenser gueldenstaedti</a>	Azerbaijan		Switzerland	AZ000015			18/04/2007	W	170.000	<a href="#">Re-Exports Details</a>
<a href="#">Huso huso</a>	Azerbaijan		Switzerland	AZ000015			18/04/2007	W	40.000	<a href="#">Re-Exports Details</a>

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Figure 3: Re-export details

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<a href="#">Acipenser stellatus</a>	Azerbaijan		Switzerland	AZ000015			18/04/2007	W	40.000	<a href="#">Re-Exports Details</a>
<a href="#">Acipenser gueldenstaedti</a>	Azerbaijan		Switzerland	AZ000015			18/04/2007	W	170.000	<a href="#">Re-Exports Details</a>
<a href="#">Huso huso</a>	Azerbaijan		Switzerland	AZ000015			18/04/2007	W	40.000	<a href="#">Re-Exports Details</a>

Re-Exports (Level 1) [AZ000015](#)

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Taxon	Country of Origin	(Re-)Exporter	Importer	Original Permit Number	Previous Re-Export Permit Number	Re-Export Permit Number	Date of Issue	Source	Quantity (kg)	Re-Exports
<a href="#">Acipenser stellatus</a>	Azerbaijan	Switzerland	Germany	AZ000015		07CH028286	02/05/2007	W	10.152	None
<a href="#">Acipenser stellatus</a>	Azerbaijan	Switzerland	China	AZ000015		07CH028288	02/05/2007	W	1.080	None
<a href="#">Acipenser stellatus</a>	Azerbaijan	Switzerland	France	AZ000015		07CH033600	05/06/2007	W	13.668	<a href="#">Re-Exports Details</a>
<a href="#">Acipenser stellatus</a>	Azerbaijan	Switzerland	Hong Kong	AZ000015		07CH061334	14/09/2007	W	0.100	None
Sub-total Re-Exports (Level 1)									Total (kg)	25.000
% of permit AZ000015 re-exported:										62.500%

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