



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CAMEROON

Verification of export permits

1. The Secretariat has learned of several recent cases where the authorities of proposed countries of import have been provided with copies of CITES export permits which had allegedly been issued by the CITES Management Authority of Cameroon. The cases seen to date relate to trade in specimens of several species, such as parrots, macaws, manatees, turtles, crocodiles and chameleons.
2. The Secretariat has been advised by the CITES Management Authority of Cameroon that these export permits had not been issued by the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife of Cameroon and are therefore not authentic.
3. Parties are recommended not to accept any export permit allegedly issued by Cameroon unless its authenticity and validity have been confirmed by the Secretariat.
4. Where fraud is detected, Parties are encouraged to obtain from prospective importers the details of the individual or company with whom they have been in contact. Such details should then be passed, preferably via Interpol channels, to the authorities in Cameroon to enable the person responsible to be identified and investigated.