



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2013/023

Geneva, 10 June 2013

CONCERNING:

Request for information on planned and ongoing
capacity-building activities on CITES-listed shark species

1. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted amendments to Appendices I and II that the Secretariat communicated to the Parties through Notification No. 2013/012 of 19 April 2013.
2. The Conference of the Parties decided to delay by 18 months the entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II of six taxa of sharks and manta rays, to enable Parties to resolve related technical and administrative issues. *Carcharhinus longimanus*, *Sphyrna lewini*, *Sphyrna mokarran*, *Sphyrna zygaena*, *Lamna nasus* and *Manta* spp. will thus be included in Appendix II on 14 September 2014.
3. The Secretariat has become aware of a number of activities undertaken by Parties and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to help resolve these issues. These activities include providing technical and financial support at the national and international levels and building capacity for the implementation of the CITES listings of marine species in general, and of these taxa in particular.
4. As announced at CoP16, the European Union is providing substantial external funding to the Secretariat for such activities. In order to ensure the coherent and effective use of available resources, enhance the opportunity for cooperation among partners and maximize the impact of such capacity-building work, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving information on planned or ongoing activities of this type.
5. Parties are invited to send this information to the Secretariat no later than 30 August 2013, so that it may share it among Parties and other interested partners in a timely manner. To facilitate the submission of information, the Secretariat has prepared a sample format which is annexed to this Notification.

**Planned or on-going activities for the implementation of CITES listings of marine species
(in particular for the new listings of shark and manta species)**

Lead agency/country:
Contact person (Name, title, and Email address):
Target country(ies) or region:
Target species:
Activity period: From _____ (month/year) to _____ (month/year)
Partner agency(ies):
Type of activity (select one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific study <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative support <input type="checkbox"/> Training workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Regional cooperation/coordination <input type="checkbox"/> Development of guides/manuals/identification materials <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
Amount of funds and/or type of in-kind contribution:
Details of the activity (max. 1/2 page):