



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2013/056

Geneva, 6 December 2013

CONCERNING:

Information to be submitted for the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee  
and 27th meeting of the Animals Committee

1. At its 16th meeting (Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties agreed that Parties should report on a number of subjects for discussion at the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee (PC21) and 27th meeting of the Animals Committee, scheduled for April-May 2014. Additionally, the Plants Committee and Animals Committees agreed to request other information at their 20th and 26th meetings respectively (Geneva and Dublin, March 2012).

For ease of reference, the Secretariat has listed below the information that is requested.

**a) Sharks**

The Animals Committee is directed to examine new information provided by range States on trade and other available relevant data and information, and report their analyses at meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

Parties are encouraged to obtain information on implementation of NPOA-Sharks or regional plans, and to report directly on progress to the CITES Secretariat and at meetings of the Animals Committee.

[see Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16)]

**b) Freshwater stingrays (*Potamotrygonidae* spp.)**

Range States of freshwater stingrays are requested to report on the conservation status and management of, and domestic and international trade in the species.

(See Decisions 16.130 and 16.133)

**c) East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*)**

The Plants Committee and Eastern African range States of *Osyris* species shall review and gather further information on the conservation status of, trade in and use of *Osyris* species within the region and internationally.

(See Decision 16.153)

**d) Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and Malagasy rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)**

Madagascar shall provide written reports on progress with the implementation of the plan to the Secretariat and Plants Committee, in compliance with document deadlines for meeting of that Committee.

(see Decision 16.152 and Annex 3 to the CoP16 Decisions on "Action plan for *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp.")

**e) Identification manual**

The Parties are encouraged to provide to the Secretariat information on available identification and guidance material that is used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspections officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention.

The Secretariat is directed to issue a Notification to the Parties within six months of the close of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties requesting information on available identification and guidance materials for compilation by the Secretariat and report on its contents at the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 21st meeting of the Plants Committee to assist in the establishment of the Working Group and in the implementation of Decision 16.59.

(see Decisions 16.59, 16.60 and 16.61 and Notification to the Parties No. 2013/036 of 16 August 2013)

2. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving the above reports by 31 January 2014 so as to have sufficient time to collate and summarize the information for consideration at the meetings. Parties are also requested to make their reports as succinct as possible.