



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/020

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CONCERNING:

COLOMBIA

Export of skins of *Caiman crocodilus*

1. This Notification is published at the request of the Management Authority of Colombia.
2. Following an agreement reached the Management Authority of Colombia and farmers of captive-bred *Caiman crocodilus fuscus*, during the annual workshop on CITES and captive breeding of wild animals (Bogota, August 2013), from January 2014, the annual export quota for skins of *Caiman crocodilus fuscus* that are greater than 125 cm in length will be subject to the following requirements:
 - a) Authorization to export large skins will be granted only for whole raw skins greater than 125 cm in length and tanned, or finished skins greater than 150 cm in length produced until 31 December 2006. Such skins are not marked with a scar button. The following size limits have been established for the flanks, tails and bellies of such skins:
 - i. Flanks
 - Salted: over 63 cm in length
 - Tanned: over 86 cm in length
 - ii. Tails
 - Salted or tanned: over 60 cm in length
 - iii. Bellies
 - Salted: over 45 cm in length
 - Tanned: over 50 cm in length
 - b) Skins with a scar button due to amputation of the tenth caudal scale or simple scale cut, corresponding to productions from 2007 onwards, will not be subject to the export quota for large skins nor have a size limit. This will be applied while taking into consideration the size variation between specimens of *Caiman crocodilus fuscus* from various captive-breeding operations, due to differences in diet;
 - c) During the first quarter of each year, the CITES Management Authority of Colombia will notify the CITES Secretariat of the stock of skins greater than 125 cm in length without a scar button mark. Henceforth, such skins will not be subject to an annual quota but rather to a limit corresponding to the stock of skins, which will gradually decrease as such skins are exported;

- d) In the event that any 'additional stocks' of large skins without a mark are found, they should only be from the 'breeding stock replacement' of animals produced before 2007. This will be reported by the Management Authority of Colombia to the CITES Secretariat during the first quarter of the year immediately following any such discovery.
4. The CITES Management Authority of Colombia requests the collaboration of all Parties in checking that shipments of crocodilian specimens from Colombia are in conformity with the sizes indicated above. In addition, the Management Authority of Colombia requests that, if Parties notice any irregularity, they seize the specimens concerned or take any other similar measure applicable under their legislation until the legality of their origin may be ascertained.
5. The present Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2010/037 of 23 November 2010.