



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)

1. At its 16th meeting (Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties to CITES adopted Decision 16.84 on *Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)*, of which paragraphs a) and b) are as follows:  
  
16.84 *All Parties should:*
  - a) *immediately bring every seizure of illegal rhinoceros specimens made within their territories to the attention of authorities in countries of origin, transit and destination, as applicable, and to the attention of the Secretariat. Information on the seizure should be accompanied by available associated information, to enable follow-up investigations to take place;*
  - b) *notify the CITES Secretariat of seizures of rhinoceros horn for which the origin cannot be determined. Such a notification should include information describing the circumstances of the seizure;*
2. At its 65th meeting (SC65, Geneva, July 2014), the Standing Committee agreed a [number of recommendations](#) on *Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)* including recommendation n) iii) as follows:
  - iii) *request the Secretariat to issue a notification and invite those Parties that have made seizures of rhinoceroses specimens to report to the Secretariat on their implementation of Decision 16.84 a) and b) by 31 July 2015.*
3. All Parties that have made seizures of rhinoceros specimens since SC65 are hereby invited to report to the Secretariat on their implementation of Decision 16.84 a) and b) to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) by **31 July 2015**.
4. The Secretariat will report to the Standing Committee at its 66th meeting on the information received from Parties.