



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Use of the CITES logo in relation to
the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

1. At past meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the CITES logo has sometimes been used on the documents of observer organizations in a way that created confusion as to whether they were from those organizations or official Conference documents. Such use led to complaints from Parties and other organizations.
2. In order to avoid any similar problem at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16), scheduled for 3-14 March 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand, the Secretariat will not authorize use of the CITES logo on any document or material that organizations produce in relation to CoP16, whether before or during the meeting. Documents distributed at CoP16 and found to contain the CITES logo without authorization will be removed from circulation.
3. Nonetheless, the Secretariat reserves the right to grant an exception to this prohibition for documents or material that have been produced by organizations in collaboration with the Secretariat.
4. Parties are otherwise encouraged to use the CITES logo for official purposes, particularly in communication material (websites, leaflets, posters, etc.). For other uses, they should consult with the Secretariat. The general policy governing use of the CITES logo is available on the CITES website at the following address:

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