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Subject: Call for requests, inputs and suggestions on short-term priorities and longer term strategic needs that require attention and action by IPBES as part of its future work programme and IPBES assessment of the sustainable use of wild species

Dear Mr. Morgan,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel and Bureau of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services recently called for requests, inputs and suggestions on short-term priorities and longer term strategic needs that require attention and action by IPBES as part of its future work programme (notification [EM/2018/14](#)). In particular, they invited multilateral environmental agreements related to biodiversity and ecosystem services as determined by the respective governing bodies of those agreements, to submit requests.

We therefore look forward to receiving one or more requests from CITES. I would like to reaffirm that the deadline for submission of requests has been set for 30 September 2018, but that the Plenary granted some flexibility to the multilateral environmental agreements in this regard.

As you know, the Plenary, at its last session (decision IPBES-6/1) also approved the undertaking of a thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species. The scoping report for the assessment is available at www.ipbes.net/system/tdf/ipbes-6-inf-8_en_0.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=16521. We were very happy that the Chair of the CITES Animals Committee, Mr. Mathias Loertscher, supported the preparations of the MEP and the Bureau for the undertaking of this assessment during their 12th meetings.

The Plenary requested me to consult with relevant organizations regarding any ongoing work relevant to the assessment. In this context a session as part of the 9th meeting of the

Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management was held on 14 June at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome.

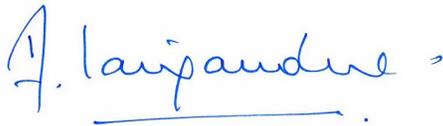
The secretariat is currently preparing a compilation of existing and ongoing work relevant to the assessment that will be provided to the assessment authors in time for their first meeting. I would like to invite CITES to provide us with information on:

- Ongoing work and existing decisions, publications or other materials under CITES relevant to the assessment;
- Issues and questions which the IPBES assessment could address, within its agreed scope, to make the assessment most useful for CITES; and
- Processes under CITES for the consideration of the key messages of the assessment once completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Larigauderie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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