

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Intersessional work of the Standing Committee
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SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS:
UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports*, paragraph 1, the Conference of the Parties:
 1. *URGES all Parties to submit their annual reports required under the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), by 31 October following the year for which they are due and in accordance with the most recent version of the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports distributed by the Secretariat, as may be amended with the concurrence of the Standing Committee;*
3. According to this provision, the deadline for annual reports is 31 October each year for trade in the previous calendar year (e.g. 31 October 2020 for the 2019 CITES annual report). According to its records as of 31 October 2020, the Secretariat would like to inform the Standing Committee that the following Parties have failed to submit annual reports for three consecutive years during the period 2016–2018 without having provided adequate justification: Libya, Palau and Sao Tome and Principe.
4. The Secretariat's records further show that the following Parties have not yet submitted their annual reports for the past three consecutive years (2017-2019): Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mongolia, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands and Trinidad and Tobago.¹
5. Afghanistan (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2013/018](#) of 17 May 2013), Djibouti (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2018/015](#) of 30 January 2018) and Grenada (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2016/022](#) of 16 March 2016) remain subject to a recommendation to suspend trade for the non-submission of annual reports as they have not provided any annual reports since the Notification was issued.
6. The Secretariat notes that annual reports for at least three consecutive years are outstanding from 16 Parties. The Secretariat recalls that the Standing Committee, in accordance with paragraphs 14-15 of Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18), is instructed to determine on the basis of the report by the Secretariat, which Parties have not submitted annual reports for three consecutive years without providing an adequate justification. The Secretariat understands that Standing Committee will make this determination at its next regular meeting.

¹ Available at https://cites.org/eng/imp/reporting_requirements/annual_report