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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Electronic permitting toolkit

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Electronic permitting toolkit

Directed to Parties

15.XX Parties are encouraged to use the CITES Electronic Permitting Toolkit found on the CITES website to develop or update national electronic permitting systems.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 15.XX The Standing Committee shall extend the mandate of its Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems in order for it to perform the following tasks:
- a) gather information from Parties and relevant organizations and initiatives on new developments related to electronic permitting systems, and submit such information to the Secretariat for possible inclusion in the toolkit;
 - b) collaborate with the Secretariat in updating the toolkit with new information related to the use of common information exchange formats, protocols and standards and electronic signatures;
 - c) promote the development and use of electronic permitting systems among Parties;
 - d) examine how electronic permitting can contribute to ensuring legal electronic commerce in specimens of CITES-listed species;
 - e) invite relevant organizations with knowledge about electronic permitting systems to join the Working Group; and
 - f) report to the Standing Committee at its regular meetings on the results of its work.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 15.XX In collaboration with the Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems, the Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:
- a) update the CITES electronic toolkit according to new electronic permitting standards and norms;
 - b) work with relevant international organizations and initiatives related to electronic permitting systems to raise awareness of CITES business procedures and permitting requirements; and

- c) organize capacity-building workshops to assist Parties in using the CITES electronic permitting toolkit to develop, implement or update electronic permitting systems.