



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Trade in Acipenseriformes (sturgeon and paddlefish species)

Export quotas for 2006 from stocks shared between different range States

1. In Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP13) on Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish, the Conference of the Parties recommends that, with regard to catch and export quotas:
 - a) *Parties not accept the import of any specimen of Acipenseriformes species from stocks shared between different range States unless:*
 - i) *export quotas for all specimens of Acipenseriformes species for that year have been established by the range States concerned and have been communicated by the Secretariat to the Parties by 31 December of the preceding year;*
 - ii) *the export quotas referred to in subparagraph i) have been derived from catch quotas agreed amongst States that provide habitat for the same stock of an Acipenseriformes species;*
 - iii) *catch quotas are based on an appropriate regional conservation strategy and monitoring regime for the species concerned; and*
 - iv) *the Secretariat has confirmed that catch and export quotas have been agreed by all relevant range States, on the basis of information provided to the Secretariat by 30 November of the preceding year on the status of stocks of the species concerned.*
2. All exporting Parties concerned submitted information to the Secretariat before 30 November 2005. However, it was not clear to the Secretariat that all the conditions mentioned above had been complied with. The Secretariat asked the Parties concerned to clarify the basis for their submissions. All clarifications provided have now been assessed by the Secretariat.
3. The export quotas for sturgeon and paddlefish specimens for 2006 for Parties sharing stocks of Acipenseriformes have now been published on the CITES website. This list also includes voluntary export quotas established by certain Parties for the export of sturgeon and paddlefish specimens originating from endemic stocks or from aquaculture.

4. The Secretariat reminds importing Parties that, under the terms of Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP13), they are recommended not to accept the import of any specimen of Acipenseriformes species from stocks shared between different range States unless an export quota has been published on the CITES website.