



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CITES contribution to the National Portfolio Formulation Exercise
of the Global Environment Facility

1. This Notification has been prepared by the CITES Secretariat in consultation with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).
2. The GEF is the financial mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It provides financial resources to Parties for activities that are included in the National Portfolio Formulation Exercises (NPFEs). The NPFEs are designed to enable the eligible countries to select the projects for GEF resource programming covering the GEF-5 period. NPFEs are currently on-going for the fifth replenishment period of the GEF (2010-2014).
3. Activities related to the protection of certain species of wild fauna and flora against over-exploitation through international trade could be included in these NPFEs, if they are a priority for the country. Projects and programmes for sustainable use and conservation of species of wild fauna and flora that generate global environmental benefits identified during the NPFE of a country may be relevant for the further implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.4 (Rev. CoP14) and *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013*, and alignment of its goals into GEF-funded activities.
4. The Biodiversity Strategy for GEF-5 includes in its five strategic objectives many of the same targets and activities as identified in the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013*. More information on the GEF Biodiversity Strategy is available from the GEF focal points.
5. Parties are encouraged to proactively engage with their GEF operational focal points during priority-setting consultations. The list of GEF Focal Points is available on the GEF website at http://www.thegef.org/gef/focal_points_list. Please contact them if interested to attend the NPFE consultations or gain further information on the GEF-funded activities in their country.
6. Parties' attention is also drawn to Objective Five of the Biodiversity Strategy for GEF-5 that has set aside funds to support NBSAPs. More information is available from the GEF focal points.
7. Further information on the NPFEs can be found on the GEF website (http://www.thegef.org/gef/National_Portfolio_Formulation_Exercises) and further information on NBSAPs on the CBD website at www.cbd.int/nbsap.