



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/009

Geneva, 10 February 2014

CONCERNING:

PARAGUAY

Lifting of voluntary moratorium on trade in CITES specimens

1. In Notification to the Parties No. 2003/058, of 29 September 2003, the Secretariat communicated to the Parties a decision by the CITES Management Authority of Paraguay to suspend the issuance of permits to authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species. This voluntary suspension was partially lifted as communicated to the Parties by Notification to the Parties No. 2009/036, of 10 August 2009. The Government of Paraguay thus established a phased approach to improve implementation of the Convention to combat illicit trade, working with the Secretariat and other partners.
2. On 8 January 2014, the CITES Management Authority of Paraguay communicated to the Secretariat the progress made in the implementation of the three phases described in the above mentioned Notification, and that as a result, it had completely lifted the voluntary suspension. The communication included information on management plans for Appendix-II species, including *Tupinambis* spp., developed with the assistance of the CITES Scientific Authority and national and international experts.
3. The Secretariat has reviewed the information provided and is satisfied that phase 3 and the necessary conditions described in the 2003 Action Plan have been fulfilled.
4. Paraguay has informed the Secretariat of its intention to communicate cautious export quotas in the near future.
5. This Notification cancels and replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2009/036.