



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/017

Geneva, 2 April 2014

CONCERNING:

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### Missing permits and Verification of permits

1. The Secretariat has learned of a large number of fake or falsified permits apparently issued by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which have come to light over the course of many months. In addition, Parties that have sent requests to the Management Authority of that country to verify the validity of permits have sometimes received irregular or contradictory responses, in some cases from non-authorized persons.
2. This information has emerged with the assistance of several Parties, and in consultation with the General Secretariat for Environment and Nature Conservation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has noted that copies of a large number of permits are missing from the files. A list of the missing permits is annexed to this Notification.
3. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is taking measures to ensure that the issuance of CITES permits is correctly regulated. In addition, it has undertaken to provide the Secretariat with copies of all CITES permits that it issues.
4. In order to assist the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and with its agreement, the Secretariat recommends that, until further notice:
  - a) Parties not accept any CITES export permit or certificate apparently issued by the Democratic Republic of the Congo unless its validity has been confirmed by the Secretariat; and
  - b) Parties inform the Secretariat if any of the missing permits listed in the Annex to this Notification is presented, or has been presented to authorize import or re-export of CITES specimens.

Please address requests for confirmation and information on the missing permits by email to [penelope.benn@cites.org](mailto:penelope.benn@cites.org).

Annex

Permits from the Democratic Republic of the Congo  
that are unaccounted for

4948 – 4974	5165	5311 – 5319	5465 – 5468
4976 – 4994	5167 – 5170	5321 – 5322	5470
4996 – 5007	5172 – 5173	5324 – 5328	5483 – 5515
5010 – 5012	5175	5330 – 5331	5517 – 5518
5017 – 5021	5177 – 5179	5333 – 5334	5520 – 5527
5023 – 5034	5181 – 5186	5343 – 5356	5535
5036 – 5057	5198 – 5219	5358 – 5362	5538 – 5547
5059 – 5061	5221 – 5222	5366 – 5368	5549
5063 – 5066	5224	5372	5551 – 5552
5068 – 5070	5226	5375 – 5382	5554
5076	5228 – 5229	5384 – 5389	5556 – 5577
5078	5232 – 5236	5393 – 5401	5579 – 5595
5083	5242 – 5244	5403	5598 – 5671
5085 – 5100	5248	5405 – 5415	5673
5102 – 5109	5250 – 5259	5419 – 5420	5675
5111	5265 – 5267	5422 – 5427	5678
5115 – 5130	5269 – 5274	5434 – 5439	5680 – 5823
5135 – 5139	5277 – 5279	5441 – 5443	5825 – 5930
5143 – 5145	5287 – 5288	5445 – 5446	5932 – 5950
5147 – 5152	5291 – 5299	5448	5952 – 5958
5157 – 5160	5301 – 5307	5451 – 5455	
5163	5309	5457 – 5461	