



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2014/033

Geneva, 24 July 2014

CONCERNING:

COLOMBIA

Export of skins of *Caiman crocodilus*

1. This Notification is published at the request of the Management Authority of Colombia.
2. From 15 July 2014, the Management Authority of Colombia has suspended the issuance of CITES permits for the export of skins of *Caiman crocodilus fuscus* that are not marked with a 'scar button', due to amputation of the 10th caudal scale.
3. The scar button was established as a control measure by the Colombian authorities through Resolution 923 of 2007. This requirement will be explicitly mentioned in box 5 'special conditions' of CITES export permits issued by Colombia. The verification of the scar button is a prior requirement for authorization of export, import and re-export of specimens of *Caiman crocodilus fuscus*.
4. This revised policy regarding the export of skins of *Caiman crocodilus fuscus* was adopted in response to comments received from some Parties and the IUCN-SSC Crocodile Specialist Group.
5. The CITES Management Authority of Colombia requests the collaboration of all Parties in checking that shipments of crocodylian specimens from Colombia are in conformity with the requirements indicated above. In addition, the Management Authority of Colombia requests that, if Parties notice any irregularity, they seize the specimens concerned or take any other similar measure applicable under their legislation until the legality of the origin of the specimens is ascertained.
6. The present Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2014/020 of 24 April 2014.