



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2015/021

Geneva, 15 April 2015

CONCERNING:

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

### Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade

1. In [Notification to the Parties No. 2015/012](#) of 19 March 2015, the Secretariat informed Parties that the Standing Committee had recommended that Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Democratic Republic of the Congo as it had failed to submit an adequate national ivory action plan in accordance with the provisions of [intersessional recommendations](#) adopted by the Standing Committee on 2 January 2015.
2. On 6 April 2015, the Secretariat received an adequate national ivory action plan from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The plan has been made available on the Secretariat's national ivory action plan web portal at <http://cites.org/eng/niaps>.
3. The Secretariat therefore informs Parties that the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Democratic Republic of the Congo is withdrawn with immediate effect.