



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2015/032

Geneva, 29 May 2015

CONCERNING:

Draft revised CITES implementation report format  
and updates to CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020 – for comment

1. At its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16) on *National reports* which, *inter alia*:

*URGES all Parties to submit their reports required under the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 7 (b), one year before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties, beginning with the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and in accordance with the report format distributed by the Secretariat, as may be amended by the Secretariat from time to time with the concurrence of the Standing Committee.*

2. CoP16 also adopted Decision 16.44 which states:

*The Standing Committee, with the assistance of its Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements and the Secretariat, shall undertake the following actions at its 65th meeting or, if necessary, its 66th meeting (SC65 and SC66):*

- a) *adopt a revised format for reporting under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (b) and ensure distribution of the revised format through a Notification to the Parties.[...]*
- f) *consider the linkages between the CITES Strategic Vision, and its indicators, and the Aichi Targets, including how best to report CITES input to achieve the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, its Aichi Targets and related global biodiversity indicators;[and]*
- g) *consider whether any CITES Strategic Vision indicators should be amended, deleted or added.*

3. Annex 1 to this Notification contains a draft revised implementation report format for reporting under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (b), of the Convention. Annex 2 to this Notification contains an update revised set of indicators to the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020. Annex 3 to this Notification contains an analysis of CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020 objectives in relation to relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets. These two annexes were used to prepare Annex 1.
4. Parties are invited to send any comments they may have on Annexes 1, 2 and 3 to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) by **30 June 2015**. The Working Group will further revise the implementation report format to reflect the comments received from Parties and report on it at SC66 (Geneva, 11-15 January 2016).

Reporting for the period 2013-2014

5. In preparing and submitting their reports on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures taken to enforce the Convention during the period 2013-2014, Parties should use the biennial report format contained in Notification to the Parties No. 2005/035 of 6 July 2005. As the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties is expected to take place in South Africa during September/October 2016, reports for the period 2013-2014 should be submitted by September/October 2015 as recommended in Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16).

Other matters related to reporting

6. The Secretariat will publish shortly a notification to the Parties containing draft revised *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* on which Parties will be invited to comment. General guidance on the electronic submission of national reports was recently updated and is now contained in Notification to the Parties No. 2015/028 of 18 May 2015.