



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/007

Geneva, 5 February 2016

CONCERNING:

### New annual illegal trade report

1. At its 66th meeting (Geneva, January 2016), the Standing Committee adopted a new annual illegal trade report. The format of the new illegal trade report uses, as far as possible, terms consistent with those used in the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* to ensure ease of completion and use by Parties.
2. The Standing Committee agreed that the new annual illegal trade report is mandatory, but NOT subject to compliance procedures.
3. The Standing Committee noted that some of the information in the illegal trade report format might not be available from some Parties and requested that the guidance to Parties should indicate this. If Parties are unable to provide certain data, they should provide a rationale for its absence. The Standing Committee agreed that reporting on illegal trade in great apes should be part of the annual illegal trade report.
4. Data collected from the annual illegal trade report will not be publicly available in the same way as data from the annual legal trade report as it may relate to ongoing enforcement procedures. Unless otherwise specified by the reporting Party, data collected in the annual illegal trade report will be shared with the members of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC).
5. The Secretariat will be drafting and publishing, subject to the approval of the Standing Committee, *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual illegal trade reports* before the end of 2016.
6. The first annual illegal trade report is due on 31 October 2017, covering data from 2016.
7. The new annual illegal trade report format can be found in the Annex to this Notification.

Date of seizure	Species	Description of specimen	Quantity	Unit	Location of incident	Detecting agency <sup>1</sup>	Reason for seizure <sup>2</sup>	Means of transport <sup>3</sup>	Method of concealment	Alleged country of origin	Country(ies) of transit	Alleged final destination	Estimated value in country (optional)	Nationality of offenders (optional)	Law under which charges were brought (desirable)	Sanction (desirable)	Disposal of confiscated specimens <sup>4</sup> (desirable)

<sup>1</sup> Select option: Police; Customs; Wildlife Agency; Other (please specify)  
<sup>2</sup> Select option: No CITES Permit; Mis-declared; Illegal crossing; Other (please specify)  
<sup>3</sup> Select option: Air, Sea, Land, Post  
<sup>4</sup> Select option: Returned to country of export; Public zoos or botanical gardens; Designated rescue centres; Approved, private facilities; Euthanasia; Other (please specify)