



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Recommendation to suspend trade in African grey parrots

1. At its 66th meeting (SC66, Geneva, 2016), the Standing Committee made the following recommendations regarding the management of exports of *Psittacus erithacus* (African grey parrot):
 - a) *all Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species Psittacus erithacus from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) forthwith, except for an export in 2016 of 1,600 specimens already collected and ready for export, but subject to confirmation of authenticity of export permits by the Secretariat, until it:*
 - i) *develops a scientifically-based field survey to establish the population status of the species in the country;*
 - ii) *develops a National Management Plan for the species and commences implementation of the Plan; and*
 - iii) *provides a copy of the survey and Management Plan to the Secretariat;*
 - b) *a quota be established by DRC, in consultation with the CITES Secretariat, provided the steps referred to above are first completed.*
2. The Parties are requested to implement this recommendation, and inform their enforcement and Customs authorities of the trade suspension recommendation in order to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species subject to such a recommendation.
3. At its 66th meeting, the Standing Committee also adopted additional recommendations concerning DRC with respect to: quota management and issuance of export permits; illegal trade; and collaboration amongst national CITES authorities that are contained in document SC66 Sum. 6 (Rev. 1) (13/01/16), p. 4 which is available online at: <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/sc/66/ExSum/E-SC66-Sum-06.pdf>.
4. Subject to available resources, the Secretariat will monitor how DRC as well as transit and destination countries are implementing the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in African grey parrots from DRC, and will report at the 67th meeting of the Standing Committee.