



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/029

Geneva, 21 March 2016

CONCERNING:

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade

1. In [Notification to the Parties No. 2016/011](#) of 11 February 2016, the Secretariat informed Parties that the Standing Committee at its 66th meeting (SC66, Geneva, January 2016) [recommended](#) that all Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Lao People's Democratic Republic until such time as the Party submit a progress report on the implementation of its National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP), confirming that some progress has been made towards NIAP actions.
2. On 23 February 2016, the Secretariat received a NIAP progress report from the Lao People's Democratic Republic confirming that some progress has been made towards NIAP actions.
3. The Secretariat therefore informs Parties that the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Lao People's Democratic Republic is withdrawn with immediate effect.
4. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2016/011 of 11 February 2016.