



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Changes in staff of the Secretariat

1. Changes in the staffing of the CITES Secretariat has taken place and this Notification is provided as an update for the information of the Parties.
2. The new Secretariat staff are listed as follows:

#### Karen Gaynor, Environmental Affairs Officer (Fauna)

Ms. Gaynor was selected and appointed for this post following the UN selection process and assumed the position effective 20 February 2017. Prior to this appointment, she was serving as Coastal Ecologist at the Irish National Parks and Wildlife Service and she also chaired the Committee I of the 17th meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties in South Africa.

#### Aziz Baran Yilmaz, Fisheries Support Officer

Mr. Yilmaz is seconded from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey and started his secondment on 30 December 2016 for one year. He will support the work of the Science Services Team with work on CITES-listed aquatic species.

#### Julian Blanc, MIKE Coordinator

Mr. Blanc has been the MIKE Coordinator since November 2014 and has now moved on to a new position within the UN Environment Programme, Department of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI) as Programme Management Officer as of 21 January 2017. The vacancy announcement will soon be posted for this position in the UN recruitment system (Inspira).