



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/035

Geneva, 1 May 2017

CONCERNING:

Information on the status, trade and conservation of pangolin species

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 17.239 paragraph b) sub-paragraphs i – vi) and 17.240 on Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)

17. 239 *The Secretariat shall: [...]*

- b) *subject to external funding, prepare in cooperation with relevant organizations, and in consultation with range and implicated States, at least two months before the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, a report on:*
 - i) *the national and global conservation status of African and Asian pangolin species;*
 - ii) *available information about levels of legal and illegal trade;*
 - iii) *relevant information on enforcement actions taken, including seizures, forensic analysis of seized specimens, arrests, prosecutions and judgments relating to illegal trade in pangolins as well as disposal of seized specimens;*
 - iv) *stock-piles of specimens and derivatives of pangolins and stockpile management including existing registration systems;*
 - v) *inventories of current captive pangolin populations, including breeding data and mortality rates, in zoos, rehabilitation centres and other captive facilities and new developments on captive-breeding activities; and*
 - vi) *new developments regarding specific demand management, education and awareness-raising measures concerning pangolins.*

17.240 *The Secretariat shall distribute the report in draft to range and implicated States for any comments. The final report shall be made available to the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting. On the basis of the report and the comments received from the range and implicated States, the Secretariat shall formulate recommendations for consideration at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, as well as draft decisions for consideration by the Standing Committee and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.*

2. The Secretariat has contracted the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to assist the Secretariat in the implementation of the above Decisions. IUCN has prepared a questionnaire to assist Parties in compiling information on the conservation status of African and Asian pangolin species, legal and illegal trade in pangolins, pangolin specimen stockpiles and stockpile management, captive pangolin populations, and demand management, education and awareness-raising measures concerning pangolins. The questionnaire is contained in the Annex to the present Notification.
4. Parties are invited to complete the attached questionnaire and to submit it to IUCN at dan.challender@iucn.org, by 15 May 2017.
5. Management Authorities that are unable to provide all the information requested in the questionnaire independently are encouraged to consult all relevant national authorities to obtain the required information. Parties are further encouraged to engage with national and international organizations, if necessary, to ensure that all relevant information is provided.