



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Combating wildlife cybercrime

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 17.92 and 17.93 on *Combating wildlife cybercrime*, as follows:

17.92 *All Parties should:*

- a) *provide the Secretariat with any changes or updates to domestic legislation that pertain to wildlife cybercrime as well as any other relevant domestic measures;*
- b) *provide the Secretariat any best practice models that pertain to regulation of online marketplaces and social media platforms, including enforcement protocols; and*
- c) *seek input from purveyors and owners of online marketplaces and social media platforms for the purpose of sharing any relevant information with the Secretariat.*

17.93 *The Secretariat shall:*

[...]

- c) *share on its e-portal any information received from Parties, the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), and other experts regarding domestic measures to address wildlife cybercrime and any relevant best practices, manuals, or guidance, including any information provided by Parties pursuant to Decision 17.92.*

2. At the same meeting, the Conference of the Parties also agreed to retain Decision 15.57, as follows:

15.57 *Parties are urged to:*

- a) *submit information to the CITES Secretariat on best practices and on websites adhering to codes of conduct for posting on the CITES website;*
- b) *publish results of scientific research on correlations between use of the Internet and the rate of wildlife crime, and share these results with the CITES Secretariat;*
- c) *assess the extent of and trends in commerce of CITES-listed species via the Internet, and submit such information to the Secretariat for analysis; and*
- d) *submit information to the CITES Secretariat for analysis on any changes in trade routes and methods of shipment that have been observed as a result of increased use of the Internet to promote trade in wildlife.*

3. Parties are invited to submit information in accordance with Decisions 17.92 and 15.57 to the Secretariat by **31 July 2017**.