CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/038

Geneva, 15 May 2017

CONCERNING:

Information to be submitted by Parties for the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties agreed that Parties should report on a number of subjects for discussion at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.

2. Parties are requested to note that the list below is not exhaustive and that, for reasons of practicality, information on other subjects not included here will be requested in separate Notifications to the Parties or directly from Parties concerned.

a) Demand reduction

Parties that are destinations for illegal wildlife trade are encouraged to implement demand-reduction strategies and to report to the Standing Committee on:

– Time frame of the preparation and implementation of demand-reduction strategies
– Species and products to be targeted
– Methodologies to be used to identify key consumers and drivers of demand
– Communications tools to be used
– Stakeholders to be involved
– Assistance needed, if appropriate
– Expected impacts

[see Decision 17.45]

Parties and partners that have implemented demand-reduction strategies and campaigns are encouraged to provide the Secretariat with relevant details on the measures implemented and lessons learnt, in particular:

– Overview of activities
– Species and products targeted
– Types of consumers and drivers of demand identified and methodologies used to understand the drivers and dynamics of the demand
– Drivers or consumption behaviours targeted in the campaign
– Communications tools used
– Stakeholders involved
– Impacts achieved

[see Decision 17.46]

Parties are requested to send the information by email to yuan.liu@cites.org.
b) **Traceability**

Parties are requested to provide information on the development of projects related to traceability, in particular:

- A short synopsis of traceability project(s) (1/2 to 1 1/2 pages)
- Contacts of a focal point that can provide further information on the project(s)
- Links to or attachments of relevant project documents, reports, presentations, etc.

[see Decision 17.154]

Parties are requested to send the information by email to markus.pikart@cites.org.

c) **Capacity building needs**

Developing countries and countries with economies in transition are requested to provide to the Secretariat precise information on their capacity building needs, in particular:

- Area of capacity building activity needed
- Preferred method for delivery (e.g. training, workshops)
- Target audience
- Whether or not funding or in-kind contribution is available for the requested activity

[see Decision 17.34 d)]

Parties are requested to send the information by email to haruko.okusu@cites.org.

d) **Capacity building and identification materials**

The Parties are also encouraged to provide information on available capacity building materials, and identification and guidance materials that are used by Parties, and particularly by enforcement and inspections officers, to facilitate implementation of the Convention. Parties may wish to send:

- A URL link to capacity building materials, and identification and guidance materials; or
- The actual capacity building materials, and identification and guidance materials (in PDF, PPT, or other file formats) as an attachment to an email.

[see Decision 17.160]

Furthermore, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, UN and specialized agencies, institutions, associations, private businesses and other stakeholders are also invited to send any capacity building and identification materials that they may have, which could assist Parties in their implementation of the Convention. Parties are encouraged to invite stakeholders in their countries and regions in this regard.

Parties and other stakeholders are requested to send the information by email to haruko.okusu@cites.org.

e) **Identification materials related to tiger skins**

Tiger range States are requested to inform the Secretariat whether they have photographic identification databases for tigers, and the capacity to identify tigers from photographs of tiger skins, and if so, the contacts of the relevant National focal points or agencies.

[see Decision 17.164]

Parties are requested to send the information by email to haruko.okusu@cites.org.
3. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving the above reports by **1 August 2017** in order to have sufficient time to collate and summarize it for consideration at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee. Parties are also requested to make their reports as succinct as possible, and send their reports in Word format unless indicated otherwise.