



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Questionnaire on electronic systems and information technologies
for CITES management (eCITES)

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016) the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 17.156 to 17.159 on *Electronic systems and information technologies*. Decision 17.156 encourages Parties to submit to the Secretariat information regarding their planned and ongoing projects to use electronic systems in improving the management of CITES trade. In Decision 17.157 the Conference of Parties directs the Standing Committee to re-establish the Working Group on Electronic Systems and Information Technology.
2. Pursuant to these Decisions the Secretariat in collaboration with the Chair of the Working Group on Electronic Systems and Information Technology developed an online questionnaire. The purpose of this Notification is to encourage Parties to complete the questionnaire.
3. For Parties that have more than one Management Authority with different levels of automation, each Management Authority may complete and submit the questionnaire on its own.
4. The questionnaire is accessible at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eCITESEN>.
5. Parties are asked to fill in the questionnaire before 30 June 2017.