



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/043

Geneva, 8 June 2017

CONCERNING:

Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*)

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 17.146, 17.148, 17.150 and 17.151 on *Totoaba* (*Totoaba macdonaldi*), as follows:

17.146 Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba

Parties should intercept illegal shipments, and, as appropriate and to the extent possible, share information on such illegal catch and illegal trade, with the Secretariat, as well as CITES authorities of relevant Parties.

17.148 Directed to range, transit or consumer States of totoaba

Parties shall submit to the Secretariat information to be made available to the 69th and 70th meetings of the Standing Committee on the number and quantity of seizures of illegal totoaba products, arrests of those engaged in the illegal fishing and trade, results of any prosecutions, and actions taken to implement these decisions.

17.150 Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall evaluate the data and information submitted by Parties at its 69th and 70th meetings and make recommendations for any additional actions.

17.151 Directed to Parties and other relevant stakeholders

Parties and other relevant stakeholders are urged to support efforts to stop illegal fishing, trafficking, and support activities benefitting the recovery of wild populations of totoaba.

2. Parties are invited to submit information to the Secretariat, in accordance with the provisions of Decision 17.148, no later than **31 July 2017**.