



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/063

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CONCERNING:

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Regulation of trade in African grey parrots

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties decided to include *Psittacus erithacus* (African grey parrot) in Appendix I. The listing entered into effect on 2 January 2017. As a result, African grey parrots are, as of 2 January 2017, in Appendix I for the 180 Parties that did not enter a reservation, and all trade in specimens of this species shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the Convention.
2. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) entered reservations regarding the amendments to Appendices I and II adopted at CoP17, concerning the transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I of the African grey parrot. In accordance with Article XV, paragraph 3 of the Convention, the DRC, Saudi Arabia and the UAE shall be treated as States not a Party to the Convention with respect to trade in the African grey parrot. In light of paragraph 1 of the Resolution Conf. 4.25 (Rev. CoP14) on *Reservations*, the Conference of Parties still recommends that those Parties consider the species as if it were included in Appendix II.
3. At its 66th meeting (SC66, Geneva, 2016), the Standing Committee recommended that all Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of African grey parrots from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. [See Notification to the Parties No. 2016/021 of 16 March 2016 (<https://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2016-021.pdf>)]. This recommendation remains in effect until further notice.