



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/077

Geneva, 19 December 2017

CONCERNING:

Closure of domestic ivory markets  
that are contributing to poaching or illegal trade

1. The Secretariat is hereby drawing the attention of the Parties to paragraphs 3 and 8 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens* in which the Conference of the Parties:
  3. *RECOMMENDS that all Parties and non-Parties in whose jurisdiction there is a legal domestic market for ivory that is contributing to poaching or illegal trade, take all necessary legislative, regulatory and enforcement measures to close their domestic markets for commercial trade in raw and worked ivory as a matter of urgency;*
  - ...
  8. *REQUESTS Parties to inform the Secretariat of the status of the legality of their domestic ivory markets and efforts to implement the provisions of this Resolution, including efforts to close those markets that contribute to poaching or illegal trade.*
2. The Secretariat invites concerned Parties to provide relevant information pursuant to paragraph 8 of the said Resolution to the Secretariat at [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org). The information should preferably be provided **as soon as possible** and no later than **15 April 2018** to be available for the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee (Sochi, October 2018).
3. The Secretariat notes that this Notification is issued at the request of the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting (Geneva, November 2017).