



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Notice of training opportunity to support CITES implementation:
2018 seminar on Asia and Africa CITES implementation and
wildlife conservation

1. This Notification is published at the request of China.
2. The CITES Management Authority of the People's Republic of China would like to inform Parties of the organization of two seminars which will be held in China this year.
 - 2018 seminar on Africa CITES implementation and wildlife conservation from 4 to 24 June 2018; and
 - 2018 seminar on Asia CITES implementation and wildlife conservation from 16 July to 5 August, 2018.
3. These three week-long seminars are sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China and organized by CITES Management Authority of China (CNMA), P. R. China and International Forestry Science and Technology Training Center of SFCA (China National Bamboo Research Center, or CBRC). Seven such seminars on CITES implementation and wildlife conservation (three for Asia and four for Africa) have been organized so far.
4. The seminars will cover a variety of topics, as follows:

Part I: In-room lectures:

- Brief introduction on wildlife conservation and development of China, including developing strategy, ecological construction and nature reserves management of forestry sector, utilization, captive breeding and cultivating, wildlife diseases management, rescue, and scientific research;
- Wildlife import and export management, including management institutions and CITES implementation, wildlife crime and response, 'punishment fits the crime', and confiscated wildlife management;
- Conservation techniques, including wildlife detecting, identification and mark of wildlife and its products, conservation management of elephant, rhinoceros, and tiger, traditional Chinese medicine.

Part II: On-the-spot lecture and practicing

- Study tour: Field visits have been arranged to Xi'an Qinling Wildlife Zoo in Shan Xi province to understand the context of wildlife conservation and management of China. Sightseeing in Xi'an city, Shan Xi province, to view the achievements China has obtained after reforming and opening-up.

Part III. Discussion and communication

- Discussion is arranged on briefings of wildlife conservation and CITES implementation of each participating country and enhancement of African/Asian countries' cooperation on wildlife conservation and CITES implementation.
- 5. The seminar is open to interested government officials, scientists or technicians from developing countries who are engaged in forestry, wildlife conservation, environmental protection, etc. The candidates should be below 50 years of age, in good health condition, and speak and write fluently in English. If the candidate is admitted by the sponsor, all the training costs, including international air tickets, local accommodation and transportation etc., will be covered by the Chinese government
- 6. Parties are encouraged to send the relevant information of qualified candidates, including name, age, organization, job title, copy of passport and contact information to the organizers, by the application deadlines indicated below:

- *2018 seminar on Africa CITES implementation and wildlife conservation: **deadline 24 May 2018.***

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- *2018 seminar on Asia CITES implementation and wildlife conservation: **deadline 1 July 2018.***

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