



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/053

Geneva, 28 May 2018

CONCERNING:

Community awareness on wildlife trafficking

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 17.86 on *Community awareness on wildlife trafficking*.
2. Decision 17.86, paragraph a), directs the Secretariat to, subject to external funding, contract a consultant to:
 - i) *engage with Parties that reported against Decision 16.85 paragraph c)* and any other Parties as may be appropriate to identify best practices and challenges experienced by these Parties in their implementation of strategies or programmes to enhance community awareness about the economic, social and environmental impacts of trafficking in wildlife, and to encourage the general public to report wildlife trafficking to appropriate authorities for further investigation;*
 - ii) *conduct a review of existing strategies or programmes to enhance community awareness; and*
 - iii) *prepare a report on the basis of the findings made through the activities outlined in paragraphs i) and ii) in this decision, together with recommendations, on how to further enhance the effectiveness of such strategies or programmes to enhance community awareness.*
3. In order to assist the preparation of this report, the contracted consultant has developed a questionnaire to gather information on strategies or programmes to enhance community awareness about the economic, social and environmental impacts of trafficking in wildlife and to encourage the general public to report wildlife trafficking to appropriate authorities for further investigation. The questionnaire is contained in the Annex to the present Notification.
4. Parties are invited to complete the attached questionnaire and submit their responses by 28 June 2018, to the Secretariat at: info@cites.org, with a copy to: yuan.liu@cites.org. The Secretariat will make the responses to the questionnaire available to the consultant, to be used in preparing a report for the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC70, Rosa Khutor, Sochi, October 2018).

* *China, Greece, South Africa and Zimbabwe – document CoP17 Doc. 68.*