# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/064            Geneva, 21 June 2018

CONCERNING:

<u>Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I
animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</u>

<u>Background</u>

1.  Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention provides that specimens of Appendix-I animal species bred in captivity for commercial purposes shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix II. In Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), the Conference of the Parties agreed that the exemption of Article VII, paragraph 4, should be implemented through the registration by the Secretariat of operations that breed specimens of Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes. In paragraph 5 of that Resolution, the Conference resolves that:

    b)  *the first and major responsibility for approving captive-breeding operations under Article VII, paragraph 4, shall rest with the Management Authority of each Party, in consultation with the Scientific Authority of that Party;*

    c)  *the Management Authority shall provide the Secretariat with appropriate information to obtain, and to maintain, the registration of each captive-breeding operation as set out in Annex 1.*

    The Secretariat's capacity to review registration applications is limited. In order to facilitate a timely review, Parties are requested to ensure that the applications they submit are complete and accurate. The Secretariat's role is primarily to verify that the required information has been provided.

<u>Application under consideration</u>

2.  The Secretariat has been requested to include the following operations in the *Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*:

| Country | Species | See |
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| Viet Nam | *Crocodylus siamensis* | Annex |

3.  With respect to paragraph 5 in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), the Secretariat notes that it is not possible to be certain that the documentary evidence provided confirms that the parental stock has been obtained in accordance with relevant national measures and the provisions of the Convention. The Secretariat has accepted the assurance of the Management Authority of Viet Nam that the requirements of Annex 1 have been met.

4.  In accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, the operations will be included in the Secretariat's Register 90 days after the date of this Notification, i.e. on 19 September 2018, unless the Secretariat receives an objection from a Party which is fully documented and includes the supporting evidence that has given rise to concerns.

| **Viet Nam** | |
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| **A-VN-XX** | **Ut Tuyet Crocodile Farm**<br>**Owner/manager: Le Thi Bich Le**<br>**Group no. 1, Hoa Binh hamlet, Vinh My ward**<br>**Chau Doc city, An Giang province**<br><br>**Tel:    +842963 560873**<br>**          +8490909513**<br><br>traicasauuttuyet@yahoo.com.vn |

**Date of establishment:** 2009

**Species bred**
  *Crocodylus siamensis*

**Origin of stock**
  Captive-bred in local operations not registered with CITES

**Marking of specimens**

– <u>Breeding stock</u>: Caudal scute cutting or tagging with a numbered, coloured plastic tag inserted through one of the large caudal scutes.
– <u>Skins and live specimens</u>: CITES tags compliant with Resolution Conf. 11.12 (Rev. CoP15)
– <u>Finished products</u> (sold as personal effects, no more than 4 per person): certificates issued with the operation's CITES registration code, details of buyers and destination.
– <u>Bulk exports of finished products</u>: total amount of raw materials used to manufacture the finished products converted into the number of crocodile skins, which is equivalent to the number of animals slaughtered or to that of CITES skin tags. Additionally, the CITES Management Authority of Viet Nam will issue an export permit that states the number of finished products and of crocodile skins together with the corresponding CITES tag numbers.
– <u>Meat</u>: packed in containers marked or labelled to indicate the quantity and nature of contents, and the name or CITES code of the operation. This information will also be included in the export permits issued by the CITES Management Authority of Viet Nam.