



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Global Wildlife Programme opportunities under GEF-7

1. This Notification is being published by the Secretariat.
2. At the recent 70th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC70; Sochi, October 2018), the Secretariat presented [document SC70 Doc. 8](#) and an associated information document [SC70 Inf. 22](#), to inform the Committee members on the issues related to the Global Wildlife Programme, which is a grant programme funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and led by the World Bank Group.
3. The documents include information regarding the new entry point that has been made available in the seventh replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-7) Programming Directions. This would allow countries to invest their national GEF allocation (System for Transparent Allocation of Resources, or STAR allocation) under the biodiversity strategy. The notional STAR allocation for the GWP in the GEF-7 document is USD 168 million.
4. The Secretariat would like to highlight that this presents a valuable opportunity for Parties to seek whether their STAR allocation may be directed towards CITES-related activities. Parties are therefore invited to contact their GEF Focal Points and engage in their national GEF portfolio planning processes, and explore opportunities for projects to be developed under the Global Wildlife Programme.
5. Further information regarding the GEF-7 Programming Directions can be found at the following link: [https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/GEF-7%20Programming%20Directions%20-%20GEF\\_R.7\\_19.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/GEF-7%20Programming%20Directions%20-%20GEF_R.7_19.pdf).
6. Queries can also be directed to [gwp-info@worldbank.org](mailto:gwp-info@worldbank.org).