



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Registration of scientific institutions

1. At its 18th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted a number of amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.15 (Rev. CoP18) on *Non-commercial loan, donation or exchange of museum, herbarium, diagnostic and forensic research specimens*.
2. Parties can now register forensic research laboratories. Registered natural history museums, herbaria and forensic research laboratories can also undertake scientific exchange of specimens needed to conduct taxonomic and species-conservation research, as well as wildlife forensic research in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 6 of the Convention and in line with the recommendations contained in the Resolution.
3. In accordance with paragraph 3 f) of the Resolution, the Secretariat is hereby requesting Parties to review and update their register of scientific institutions and to communicate any changes to the Secretariat.
4. In doing so, Parties are invited to take into account the standards for registration of scientific institutions contained in paragraph 3 g) vi) and the standards for registration of forensic research institutions in paragraph 3 g) vii). In doing so, Parties are invited to note paragraph 3 g) viii) with regard to institutions that would be considered to meet the standards and qualify for registration.
5. The Secretariat invites Parties to review and update the information contained in the register and communicate any changes. Where this information is not already provided, Parties are invited to communicate the following information for each scientific and forensic research institution included in the register:
 - Name, address, contact details (including, where practicable, email and telephone number) [see paragraph 3 g) ix)] and a webpage of the institution, if possible;
 - Types of services (taxonomic, species conservation research or wildlife forensic research) provided by the institution [see paragraph 3 g) ix)]; and
 - Code for identifying the scientific institution assigned to the institution [see paragraph 3 g) xiv)].
6. The current register of scientific institutions is available on the CITES website at the following address: https://cites.org/eng/common/reg/e_si.html
7. Parties are invited to complete the review and update of the scientific institutions in the register by **1 March 2020**. Any subsequent additional changes and updates can be provided by Parties at any time.
8. Changes and updates of the information regarding the register should be submitted to info@cites.org.