



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2019/077

Geneva, 20 December 2019

CONCERNING:

Reservations with reference to the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention
and related communications

1. The Depository Government (Government of Switzerland) has informed the Secretariat that the following reservations were entered with respect to the amendments to Appendices I and II adopted at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18, Geneva, 2019):

Party	Species (inclusion in Appendix II)	Date received by the Depository
Japan	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	20 November 2019
	<i>Holothuria fuscogilva</i> (White teatfish, Holothurie blanche à mamelles, Holoturia blanca)	
Eswatini	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	22 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
Namibia	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	22 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
Zimbabwe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	24 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
Botswana	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	25 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
Indonesia	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	25 November 2019
	<i>Glaucostegus</i> spp. (Guitarfishes, Guitares de mer, Peces guitarra)	
	Rhinidae spp. (Wedgefishes, Raies, Peces guitarra gigante)	

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United Republic of Tanzania	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	25 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	26 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
Norway	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	26 November 2019
South Africa	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	26 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
Thailand	<i>Gekko gekko</i> (Tokay gecko, Gecko tokay, Gecko tokay)	26 November 2019
Zambia	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe, Girafe, Jirafa)	26 November 2019
	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks, Requin-taupes bleus, Tiburones mako)	
	Species (transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I)	
Thailand	<i>Geochelone elegans</i> (Star tortoise, Tortue étoilée de l'Inde, Tortuga estrellada de la India)	26 November 2019
	All amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention adopted at CoP18	
Canada	All species	6 November 2019

- Indonesia's reservation on the inclusion of *Isurus oxyrinchus*, *Isurus paucus*, *Glaucostegus* spp. and Rhinidae spp. in Appendix II is made until 26 May 2021 and will therefore be considered as withdrawn automatically as from 27 May 2021.
- The above-listed reservations were all effective from 26 November 2019, the date on which the amendments to the CITES Appendices adopted at CoP18 entered into force.
- The Depository Government has also informed the Secretariat that on the same dates mentioned in the table above, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Namibia, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, communicated their reservation with respect to "the update of the references to the Resolutions mentioned in annotation 2 relating to the populations of *Loxodonta africana* in Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe" as notified in paragraph 4 of Notification to the Parties No. 2019/052 of 3 October 2019.

5. Zimbabwe furthermore communicated that it reserved its right not to be bound by Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18) on *Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'*. Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Namibia, the United Republic of Tanzania and South Africa all declared furthermore not to be in a position to implement Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18) for both *Loxodonta africana* (African elephant) and *Ceratotherium simum simum* Southern white rhinoceros populations.
6. Notice of these reservations and communications was transmitted officially to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States to the Convention through a Notification from the Depositary Government dated 18 December 2019 in conformity with Article XXV, paragraph 2 of the Convention.
7. The current list of specific reservations entered by Parties is available on the CITES website under "Documents / Reservations", at the following URL:

<http://www.cites.org/eng/app/reserve.php>
8. The Secretariat intends to submit a detailed report on the matters covered by this Notification to the Parties to the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee.