NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/010   Geneva, 10 February 2020

CONCERNING:

Questionnaire on Decision 18.205 on *Boswellia* trees.

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.205 to 18.208 on *Boswellia* trees.

2. Decision 18.205 directs the Secretariat to issue a Notification requesting the following information from Parties (and relevant stakeholders):

    a) biological data on *Boswellia* species, including population size, distribution, status and population trends, identification information, and its role in the ecosystem in which it occurs;

    b) available information about harvest and exploitation levels, trade names, stakeholders close to the harvest of the species and supply chain characteristics for domestic consumption and international trade;

    c) information on threats to these species, especially as it pertains to the underlying causes of poor regeneration capability and the impact of harvest on these species;

    d) information on any initiatives to artificially propagate these species or produce plantations of them;

    e) existing regulations and ownership structures pertaining to the species, their habitat, drivers of habitat trends and management measures in place or under development, including sustainable harvest practices; and

    f) suggestions for meetings or other venues that might provide opportunities to collaborate or share information regarding harvest and management of these species.

2. The Secretariat hereby invites Parties and relevant stakeholders to complete the questionnaire included in the Annex to this Notification and submit it to the Secretariat (martin.hitziger@cites.org) by 25 March 2020.

3. The completed questionnaires submitted in response to this Notification will be taken into consideration by the Secretariat in its implementation of Decision 18.206, and its reporting to the Plants Committee at its 25th meeting (Geneva, July 2020).