



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/012

Geneva, 19 February 2020

CONCERNING:

Implementation of Decisions 18.281 to 18.285  
on *Titicaca water frog* (*Telmatobius culeus*)

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted, *inter alia*, Decisions 18.281 to 18.285 on *Titicaca water frog* (*Telmatobius culeus*), which read as follows:

**18.281 Directed to the range States of the *Titicaca water frog* (*Telmatobius culeus*)**

*Range States are encouraged to collaborate and:*

- a) *conduct studies aiming to:*
  - i) *estimate population size of the *Titicaca water frog*; and,*
  - ii) *identify and monitor all international illegal trade of specimens of *Titicaca water frog*;*
- b) *strengthen international cooperation mechanisms for the conservation of the *Titicaca water frog*, and combat its illegal trade;*
- c) *develop and implement additional demand reduction strategies;*
- d) *continue to raise awareness on the importance of the conservation of the *Titicaca water frog*, its ecological role, cultural value, and threats, particularly the illegal trade; and*
- e) *report on implementation of paragraphs a) through d) above to the Animals Committee.*

**18.282 Directed to the Secretariat**

*The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting relevant information as per Decision 18.281, paragraph a), and compile responses and provide them to the range States.*

**18.283 Directed to Parties and others**

*Parties are encouraged to:*

- a) *provide financial and technical assistance to support the implementation of Decision 18.281; and,*
- b) *provide relevant information as requested in the Notification mentioned in Decision 18.282 with a view to complement Decision 18.281, paragraphs a) through d).*

**18.284 Directed to the Animals Committee**

*The Animals Committee shall consider any report submitted by Parties as per Decision 18.281, paragraph e) and develop recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee or the Conference of Parties, as appropriate.*

**18.285 Directed to the Standing Committee**

*The Standing Committee shall consider any report submitted by the Animals Committee as per Decision 18.284 and report to the Conference of Parties, as appropriate.*

2. Pursuant to Decision 18.282, Parties are hereby requested to submit to the Secretariat information relevant for conducting studies to estimate the population size of the Titicaca water frog, and on international illegal trade of specimens of this species.
3. In accordance with paragraph b) of Decision 18.283, Parties and other stakeholders are also encouraged to submit relevant information that may complement the efforts by range States of the Titicaca water frog in implementing paragraphs a) through d) of Decision 18.281.
4. The Secretariat will compile the responses received and make them available to the range States of the Titicaca water frog.
5. Responses should be submitted by email to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) and [karen.gaynor@cites.org](mailto:karen.gaynor@cites.org), no later than **15 April 2020**.