



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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Geneva, 28 February 2020

CONCERNING:

Request for new information on shark and ray conservation  
and management activities, including legislation title

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.218 to 18.225 on *Sharks and rays* (Elasmobranchii spp.). Decision 18.220 directs the Secretariat to:
  - a) *issue a Notification to the Parties, inviting Parties to:*
    - i) *provide concise summaries of new information on their shark and ray conservation and management activities, in particular:*
      - A. *the making of non-detriment findings;*
      - B. *the making of legal acquisition findings;*
      - C. *the identification of CITES-listed shark-products in trade; and*
      - D. *recording stockpiles of commercial and/or pre-Convention shark parts and derivatives for CITES Appendix-II elasmobranch species and controlling the entry of these stocks into trade; and*
    - ii) *highlight any questions, concerns or difficulties Parties are having in writing or submitting documentation on authorized trade for the CITES Trade Database;*
  - b) *provide information from the CITES Trade Database on commercial trade in CITES listed sharks and rays since 2000, sorted by species and, if possible, by product;*
  - c) *disseminate existing guidance identified, or newly developed, guidance on the control and monitoring of stockpiles of shark parts and derivatives pursuant to Decision 18.224, paragraph b) by the Standing Committee; and*
  - d) *collate this information for the consideration of the Animals Committee and the Standing Committee.*
2. The Secretariat hereby invites Parties to submit concise summaries of any new information on shark and ray conservation and management activities, particularly under the four subheadings contained in paragraph a) i) of Decision 18.220.
3. Pursuant to paragraph a) ii) of Decision 18.220, the Secretariat further invites Parties to highlight any questions, concerns or difficulties they are having in writing or submitting documentation on authorized trade for the CITES Trade Database.

4. In accordance with Decision 18.220, paragraph d), the Secretariat will collate this information for consideration at the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee (Geneva, July 2020) and the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, October 2020, tbc).
5. Responses should be submitted by email to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) and [daniel.kachelriess@cites.org](mailto:daniel.kachelriess@cites.org) no later than **15 April 2020**.