



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Information on identification materials

1. At its 18th meeting (Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.135 to 18.139 on *Identification materials*. Decision 18.136 is directed to the Secretariat as follows:

18.136 *The Secretariat shall undertake a review of Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) on Identification Manual. It shall:*

- a) *collect and compile information on the current state of species identification activities and needs, and assess their relevance for the review of Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16);*
- b) *consider whether Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) would best be revised or replaced with a new resolution on Identification of specimens of CITES-listed species, and prepare a draft text of the revised or new resolution;*
- c) *propose a revised resolution in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees and the Standing Committee; and*
- d) *report on the progress and make recommendations at the meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees, and the meeting of the Standing Committee, as appropriate.*

2. Pursuant to Decision 18.136, paragraph a), the Secretariat seeks the inputs from Parties and other stakeholders regarding the following information:

Subject area	Detailed information
Current state of species identification activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxonomic and geographical scope • Target audience • Format (paper guide, online tool, training, etc.) and language • Donor/project • Attachment or link to the resource if available
Species identification needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxonomic scope • Target audience • Preferred format and language

3. Parties are welcome to submit the above-mentioned information at their convenience, but the Secretariat will include the inputs submitted **on or before 20 April 2020** in its analysis submitted at the joint session of the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee and of the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee.