



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

MEXICO

Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*) and vaquita porpoise (*Phocoena sinus*)

1. The CITES Management Authority of Mexico has requested the Secretariat to inform the Parties of the predicament of the totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*) and the vaquita porpoise (*Phocoena sinus*), species that are endemic to Mexico and are included in CITES Appendix I.
2. In light of the increase in illegal international trade in the totoaba, using practices that continuously change, Mexico has established measures for the conservation of the totoaba and the vaquita porpoise.
3. In order to strengthen its national measures, Mexico urges all Parties to collaborate through the following activities:
  - a) Take note of the [previous and recent activities undertaken by Mexico](#) to respond to the critical situation of the totoaba and vaquita porpoise, available through the link;
  - b) Confiscate illegal shipments of totoaba and share with the Mexican CITES authorities information about the illegal trade in totoaba in its country;
  - c) Disseminate information about the predicament of both species and take domestic measures to discourage illegal trade in totoaba; and
  - d) Share successful experiences that could help address the predicament of the totoaba and vaquita porpoise.
4. Any information related to the measures in the above paragraph should be sent to the CITES Authority of Mexico, to the people indicated below:

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