



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/005

Geneva, 18 January 2021

CONCERNING:

### Closure of domestic ivory markets

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.117 and 18.118 on *Closure of domestic ivory markets*, as follows:

#### **18.117 Directed to Parties**

*Parties that have not closed their domestic markets for commercial trade in raw and worked ivory are requested to report to the Secretariat for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 73rd and 74th meetings on what measures they are taking to ensure that their domestic ivory markets are not contributing to poaching or illegal trade.*

#### **18.118 Directed to the Secretariat**

*The Secretariat shall compile the reports and make them available to Parties in advance of the Standing Committee meetings.*

2. On 23 March 2020, the Secretariat published Notification No. 2020/026 requesting Parties that have not closed their domestic markets for commercial trade in raw and worked ivory to report to the Secretariat as required in terms of Decision 18.117. Eight responses were received.
3. Parties that did not submit reports as requested in Notification No. 2020/026 or wish to provide an update on the previous report submitted in 2020 are requested to report to the Secretariat pursuant to Decision 18.117.
4. In preparing the report, Parties are encouraged to take into consideration all relevant provisions contained in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on *Trade in elephant specimens* as well as in other relevant Resolutions. Important provisions contained in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) include paragraphs 3-9 and paragraphs 13-16 **Regarding trade in elephant specimens**; and paragraphs 22-25 **Regarding the traceability of elephant specimens in trade**.
5. Reports should be submitted by email to the Secretariat at [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) and [thea.carroll@un.org](mailto:thea.carroll@un.org), no later than **30 April 2021**.