



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/008

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CONCERNING:

Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2017), the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 17.8 on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species*.
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.159 and 18.160 requesting the Secretariat to:

[...] collect information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals and make it available to Parties.

Subject to external funding, [...] make available materials that may assist Parties in implementing Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 17.8 on Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species, as needed.

3. The Secretariat is currently compiling information on existing networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals. The information and materials will be made available on the CITES website in a database that will be publicly accessible, with the possibility of restricted access for certain sensitive information (such as contacts).
4. The Secretariat invites Parties and relevant stakeholders to share information on existing **networks and resources on the management of seized and confiscated live animals** in place in their country, including any **action plans** that have been developed at a national level on this issue.
5. The Secretariat is particularly interested in action plans, protocols, regulatory measures, standard operating procedures developed on the management of seized and confiscated live animals to coordinate actions among public authorities, and guidelines for the management of specific species or genera.
6. Parties are invited to send any relevant information by email to Ms. Sofie H. Flensburg, Legal Advisor, (sofie.flensburg@un.org) in one of the three working languages of the Convention with an indication of any confidentiality requirements. Please submit any information no later than **28 February 2021**.