



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/016

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CONCERNING:

### Request for information on pangolin (*Manis* spp.) species

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted, *inter alia*, Decisions 18.239, 18.240, paragraph c), and 18.242 on *Pangolins* (*Manis* spp.) as follows:

#### **18.239 Directed to the Secretariat**

*The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, work with the Species Survival Commission Pangolin Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other relevant experts and in collaboration with the pangolin range States to develop conversion parameters for all pangolin species, that will enable the reliable determination of the number of animals associated with any quantity of pangolin scales seized, that can be used by Parties in cases where national legislation demands that such information be provided for court purposes.*

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- c) *subject to external funding, work with relevant experts and the pangolin range States to prepare a report for review by the Animals Committee and Standing Committee on:*
  - i) *the national conservation status of pangolin species,*
  - ii) *legal and illegal trade in pangolins,*
  - iii) *stocks of specimens of pangolins and stockpile management, and*
  - iv) *enforcement issues.*

2. The Secretariat has contracted the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to support the implementation of Decisions 18.239 and 18.240, paragraph c).
3. Regarding the development of conversion parameters for all pangolin species in accordance with Decision 18.239, IUCN will be reaching out to pangolin range States directly to ask for information. Range States are encouraged to make every effort possible to contribute to this work, including as may be needed, providing access to stocks of pangolin scales.
4. IUCN worked with the Secretariat to develop a questionnaire to gather information in support of the implementation of Decision 18.240, paragraph c). The questionnaire is presented as an Annex to the present Notification.

5. Parties are invited to complete the questionnaire, and to submit it to the Secretariat at: [maroun.abi-chahine@cites.org](mailto:maroun.abi-chahine@cites.org) with a copy to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org), by **7 March 2021**.
6. The Secretariat also takes this opportunity to draw attention to Decision 18.242. Parties, intergovernmental organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations that developed tools or materials that could assist Parties in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.10 on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins* are invited to bring such tools or materials to the attention of the Secretariat.