



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Request for information on non-CITES listed  
live marine ornamental fishes

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 18.296 on *Marine ornamental fishes*, as follows:

**18.296 Directed to the Secretariat**

*The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:*

- a) *convene a technical workshop to consider the conservation priorities and management needs related to the trade in non-CITES listed marine ornamental fishes worldwide with a particular focus on data from importing and exporting countries;*
  - b) *invite the Animals Committee, representatives from range States, exporting, and importing countries, fishery stakeholder, industry representatives and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in this workshop;*
  - c) *contract appropriate technical experts to prepare workshop documents on marine ornamental fishes' biology; conservation status; trade and management; applicable trade regulations; and enforcement, and invite workshop participants to [submit the] contribute relevant information and expertise to the workshop; and*
  - d) *submit findings and recommendations of this workshop to the Animals Committee.*
2. The Secretariat has contracted the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to support the implementation of this Decision, thanks to funding received from the European Union, Switzerland and the United States of America.
  3. Pursuant to the implementation of paragraph c) of Decisions 18.296, UNEP-WCMC has developed a questionnaire to gather information on non-CITES listed live marine ornamental fish, including the following:
    - a) the levels of international trade in non-CITES live marine ornamental fish;
    - b) the biology and conservation status of the main non-CITES listed marine ornamental fish that are traded internationally as live specimens; and
    - c) the national/regional (and/or local) fisheries management of non-CITES listed live marine ornamental fish in international trade.

4. The information collected will be used to inform the technical workshop referred to in paragraph a) of the same Decision to be convened at a later date.
5. Parties are invited to access the questionnaire through the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B7TGLWW> and submit their responses by **4 May 2021**.