



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Notice of training opportunity to support CITES implementation:
2021 Online Seminar on Import and Export Management
and Protection of Endangered Species

1. This notification is published at the request of China.
2. China is organizing an online seminar on *Import and Export Management and Protection of Endangered Species* from 8 to 21 June 2021. The organizer of the seminar is the National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA) of China. The capacity of the seminar is 25 participants from developing countries. The detailed information about the programme can be found in Annex 1 to this Notification.
3. Parties are requested to send the relevant information of qualified candidates using the registration form, found in Annex 2 to this Notification, directly to the organizers:

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4. Parties are strongly advised to send the applications before **27 May 2021**.

Program Description

Title	Seminar on Import and Export Management and Protection of Endangered Species (online)		
Organizer	National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA)		
Date	June 8 th – June 21 st , 2021	Language	English
Invited Countries	Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Philippines, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and other developing countries	Number of Participants	25
Objectives	The Seminar is intended to (1) introduce the latest global trends on the topic of trade management and protection of endangered species; (2) understand China's actions, practices and experience on this topic; (3) share actions, experience and challenges among participating countries on this topic; (4) establish a regional communication network.		
Qualifications for Participation	Professional Background	<p>--Field or major: natural resource management, import and export management and protection of endangered species, international trade of forest products, customs, international cooperation and other background related to the Seminar topic</p> <p>--Occupation: natural resource management, import and export management and protection of endangered species, international trade of forest products, customs, international cooperation and other work related to the Seminar topic</p> <p>--Level, education or other qualifications: officials of at or below the level of Director General and Division Director; Researchers</p> <p>--Work experience: no requirements</p> <p>--Others: None</p>	
	Age	Not exceeding the legal retirement age in the country where the participant is from	
	Health Condition	In good health and capable of attending online courses as scheduled	
	Language Proficiency	Fluent in English (speaking, writing, listening and reading)	
	Others	Participants should prepare necessary equipment and devices for online courses. The Organizer will provide guidance and technical assistance remotely regarding how to register and use the online platforms.	

<p>Training Content</p>	<p>The Seminar will be held online and adopt a combination of lectures, case studies, and group discussions. The tentative lectures include: introduction to China and its efforts to combat Covid-19 pandemic (Yan Jian, Vice President, NAFGA), China’s situation of wildlife protection and implementation of CITES (Wu Zhongze, National Forestry and Grassland Administration) , the identification and recognition of wildlife species (Dr. Zeng Yan, Endangered Species Scientific Commission of China) , protection of aquatic wildlife in China(Guo Rui, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs), protection of terrestrial wildlife in China (Zhang Fengchun, Research Fellow, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences) , the application of DNA identification technology in combating smuggling (Yin Yafang, Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Forestry Sciences), the application of biodiversity informatics in biodiversity conservation (Ma Keping, Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Sciences), poverty alleviation and biodiversity conservation (Dr. Zhang Yingyi, Fauna & Flora International) , access and benefit-sharing of biological genetic resources (Dr. Zhang Yan, IUCN) , law enforcement of customs (Jin Hongman, former Deputy Director General, General Administration of Customs of China) and other topics.</p> <p>The seminar will arrange the sections of country reports and discussions and the participants are advised to prepare materials in advance. In the section of country reports, the tentative outline for sharing is as follows: general introduction to the participating country such as geography, culture, society, etc.; introduction to wildlife conservation and the presentation of management of import and export of endangered species in the participating country.</p> <p>In the section of discussions, there are different topics. For the topic of exploring bilateral and multilateral cooperation, we will set up a discussion session between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China (highest forestry authorities in China) and the participating countries. Participants are advised to know the current situation and challenges of cooperation between the participating country and China and think about the possibility of expanding cooperation. The Seminar will also collect training needs to make the next training more targeted and effective. They include the training needed for forestry development as whole and for better competent for the job.</p>		
<p>Host City</p>	<p>Daxing District, Beijing</p>	<p>Field Visit</p>	<p>Xi’an City and Hanzhong City of Shanxi Province (virtual visit)</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Due to Covid-19, the Seminar will be held online. When the pandemic is over, seminars will be resumed on the ground. Participants who receive the Certificate of Completion will be given priority to be invited to China when seminars on the ground are organized. 2. Participants should be punctual. The Certificate of Completion will be issued to those who meet all the requirements including good attendance records (at least 80%). 3. The training program will be held online which requires participants to prepare necessary equipment and devices such as internet connection, laptop or computer with microphone and camera or a smartphone, etc. 4. Participants enter the virtual classroom in advance with the screen name “NAME + COUNTRY” identical to the passport or ID card information. 5. Course materials will be shared to participants after class with the consent of teachers, which shall not be posted via social media. 6. Participants should prepare for discussion session(s) as scheduled. 7. As for the software, we are considering VooVMeeting for training and WeChat for daily communication. WeChat account can log in VooVMeeting directly. We will provide assistance in installing and using the software applications. E-mail will be also used for daily communication. 		

About the Organizer	<p>National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA) (the former State Academy of Forestry Administration, STAFA), established in 1983, is a training institution under the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. It provides training opportunities for civil servants and other employees of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, leaders from the counties where the key forestry programs are implemented, local forestry leaders and technicians, leaders of large and medium-sized forest enterprises, international trainees and key foresters. The Party School and Adult Education Research Center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration as well as China Forestry Education & Training Website are stationed in the Academy. NAFGA has achieved ISO9000 quality management system certificate issued by certification and accreditation administration of PRC. And the quality system is applied on all training courses or workshops hosted or sponsored by the academy. NAFGA enjoys the reputation of pioneer in training for civil servants and quality management for forestry industry.</p> <p>The campus covers over 5 hectares of land with building area of 40,000 square meters. The Academy boasts a main teaching building, a building for international training, an apartment building for trainees, a restaurant, a library, a sports ground, a cultural entertainment center and other facilities, which can accommodate 2,000 people.</p> <p>Sponsored by Chinese government, NAFGA has been organizing the foreign aid training projects since 2007. By the end of 2020, NAFGA successfully held 46 seminars on varied themes including Forest Law Enforcement and Governance, Sustainable Forest Management, UN Forest Instrument, Wild Life Protection, Forestry Projects Development under “Belt and Road initiative”, Biodiversity Protection and Nature Reserve Management, Forest and Climate Change, CITES implementation, Management and Protection of Endangered Species through which 1520 participants were trained and over 80 developing countries were included.</p>
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