



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

PHILIPPINES

E-permitting

1. The CITES Management Authority of the Philippines has requested the Secretariat to inform all Parties of the following information concerning CITES permits.
2. The CITES Management Authority of the Philippines is now in the stage of pilot- testing its electronic system for the issuance of CITES import/export/re-export permits for terrestrial species. Selected permittees will participate in the pilot-testing which will run from 2 November to 15 December 2021. The system, known as the eCITES PH, aims to promote paperless transaction to ensure legal, sustainable and traceable trade of wildlife. It will also help applicants keep track of the status of their applications online. Below are some of the features of the system:
 - The eCITES PH can be accessed through this link: <https://www.ecitesph.com>;
 - All eCITES permits will be signed electronically and will be printed by the applicants;
 - Each permit will have a QR code embedded to access quick information online, specifically on the validity of the printed permit;
 - For easy tracking, the auto-generated permit number follows the prescribed format specified under CITES Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *Permits and certificates*;
 - Applicants can pay the permit fees via online using the Landbank Link.BizPortal; and
 - During the actual shipment, the wildlife and the accompanying shipment documents including the eCITES permit will be inspected/validated manually by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Units (DENR-WTMU) and Bureau of Customs at the port of exit/entry. The DENR-WTMU will be provided with a login access to the system to update the status of the permit including the date and port of inspection and the actual quantity of the wildlife for shipment.
3. On this basis, the CITES Management Authority of the Philippines will be issuing electronic CITES Import/Export/Re-export Permits for terrestrial species for selected permittees from 2 November to 15 December 2021.