



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

UGANDA

E-permitting

1. The CITES Management Authority of Uganda has requested the Secretariat to inform all Parties of the following information concerning CITES permits.
2. Uganda has recently developed an online electronic CITES permits application and issuance system. The system was virtually launched on 29 July 2021. The e-permitting system can be accessed at the following address: <https://cites.tourism.go.ug/>.
3. The e-permitting system for Uganda aims to strengthen sustainable wildlife trade through:
  - Promoting paperless, efficient and environmentally friendly transactions;
  - Minimising delays and related inconveniences;
  - Enhancing security features to minimise the potential risk of falsifying permits;
  - Easing the application, licensing and compliance monitoring processes; and
  - Minimising the risk of spreading COVID-19 disease through reduced human interface.
4. Uganda will be migrating from the old manual permitting system to the newly launched electronic system for the issuance of import/export/re-export permits effective **1 January 2022**. Uganda will fully halt issuance of manual/paper permits effective this date.