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CONCERNING:

Launching of new Wildlife trade data visualization platform

1. The CITES Secretariat and the UN Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) have launched CITES Wildlife TradeView, a new, interactive online tool for exploring and visualizing data and trends in the international trade of wildlife species listed in the CITES Appendices. The CITES Wildlife TradeView interface is available in English, French and Spanish.

2. The purpose of CITES Wildlife TradeView is to provide users with an accessible window into the world of CITES trade data and to showcase the main trading countries, species, commodities, sources, and trends over time. The platform will bolster transparency and help achieve a broader understanding of the international trade in CITES-listed wildlife.

3. The platform is dynamically linked with the CITES Trade Database. It will show the latest information as new data is uploaded into the Database. The Database will remain the official location where CITES trade data will be stored and accessed, while CITES Wildlife TradeView will facilitate visualization of specific aspects of its data.

4. The data visualization can be used for obtaining a quick overview or customizable view of the data that can be showcased in presentations or communication activities.

5. The platform provides three tailored dashboards, enabling users to visualize trends in international wildlife trade in the following ways:

   a) Global overview: providing a high-level overview of global trade in CITES-listed species;

   b) Country view: exploring the CITES trade data for one or more Parties; and

   c) Taxon view: exploring the CITES trade data for one or more species or taxonomic groups (e.g. by searching ‘Grey Parrot’ or looking at all birds).

6. For additional information, please contact species@unep-wcmc.org.