



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Workshops on Legal Acquisition Findings

Planned workshops

1. Pursuant to Decision 18.123 paragraph d), the Secretariat plans to hold several workshops on legal acquisition findings that have been delayed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Secretariat is envisaging to have two regional/thematic workshops, one on timber and another on marine species, as well as a larger international workshop.
2. The objective of the workshops will be to facilitate discussion and exchange among Parties regarding the implementation of Resolution Conf. 18.7, including training and practical tools for the verification of legal acquisition of CITES specimens.
3. Parties will be provided with an opportunity to contribute to refining the content of the Rapid Guide on Legal Acquisition Findings annexed to document [SC74 doc. 40](#) that will be presented to the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting (CoP19, Panama City, 2022).
4. It is expected that the larger international workshop will also allow Parties to provide their views on the potential use and content of a digital application to be developed to further assist Parties in the automatization of relevant steps.
5. Details of the workshops will be provided soon via separate Notifications to the Parties and the dedicated webpage on legal acquisitions findings, that the Secretariat has developed and which will be available online shortly. The larger international workshop will take place in the United Kingdom from 30th August to 1st September 2022. Further details will be published in a Notification to the Parties that will provide the opportunity to express interest in participating. In addition, invitation letters will be sent out for participation in the regional workshops. A regional workshop on marine species for Spanish-speaking Parties of Latin America is expected to take place mid-August 2022 in Peru.

Annexed questionnaire

6. In preparation of the workshops mentioned above, Parties are invited to express interest in attending by responding to the questionnaire annexed to this Notification.
7. The Secretariat encourages the participation of CITES Management Authorities that have developed or are developing methodologies, practical tools, legislative information, forensic

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expertise and other resources for making legal acquisition findings. Eligible representatives of organizations technically qualified in the design of legality verification systems and making legal acquisition findings (academics, private sectors, certification bodies, NGOs, etc.) are also encouraged to participate.

8. It is expected that these workshops will take place in person, with the possibility of making streaming available for those unable to attend.
9. Participants from eligible countries could be sponsored upon written request, based on the availability of external funds and the criteria used for the sponsored delegates project.
10. Parties and interested observers are kindly invited to fill in the questionnaire annexed to this Notification and send their responses via email to Ms. Penelope Benn (penelope.benn@un.org) as soon as possible and by 22 July 2022. The information collected will be analyzed and help the Secretariat to prepare the background documentation for the workshops.