



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Communication from the Government of China
expressing concerns on geographical designations employed in documents submitted by Parties for
consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

1. This Notification to the Parties is published at the request of the Management Authority of China.
2. The communication from the Government of China expressing concerns on geographical designations employed in the supportive statement for the amendment proposal CoP19 Prop. 10 submitted by the United States of America to transfer *Phoebastria albatrus* from Appendix I to Appendix II for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Panama City, Panama, 14 – 25 November 2022), is contained in the Annex to this Notification.

**China's Position and Corrections of the errors in the United States Proposal of transferring
Phoebastria albatrus from Appendix I to Appendix II**

1. Errors in the US draft proposal

- a) In the draft proposal, Taiwan was referred to for six times, including three times in phrase 'Taiwan National Plan of Action' to describe the species management plan of Chinese Taiwan, without properly stating that Taiwan is a Province of China.
- b) Diaoyu Island and its affiliated islands are China's inherent territory. In the US proposal, China's Diaoyu Island, which is the inherent territory of China, was referred to as 'Senkaku Islands', a name used unilaterally by Japan and not acceptable by China, for five times, and even directly referred to as 'Japan's Senkaku Islands' on page 2 of the table in the annex to the draft proposal. Names used unilaterally by Japan were also applied to Diaoyu Island's affiliated islands.

2. Acceptable corrections

In order to solve the above-mentioned errors in the draft proposal, China has requested our US counterpart to make the following corrections to the erroneous descriptions. However, CITES Scientific Authority of the US did not respond to our request by the time we issue this letter.

(1) Acceptable corrections of erroneous descriptions related to Chinese Taiwan

- a) on page 6, lines 6 and 7 of subsection 4.5, 'Agincourt and Pescadore Islands of Taiwan' be replaced by 'Agincourt and Pescadore Islands of Chinese Taiwan';
- b) in Table 3. Species management of *P. albatrus*, all information regarding Taiwan be deleted.
- c) On page 12, article 32 reference regarding Taiwan be deleted.
- d) Amend or delete all the expressions concerning Taiwan that are inconsistent with UN Resolution 2758 and the One-China Principle.

(2) Acceptable Corrections of erroneous descriptions related to Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated islands

- a) on page 2, line 6 of subsection 3.1, 'Minami-kojima and Kitakojima in the Senkaku Islands' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao and Beixiao Dao of Diaoyu Islands of China';
- b) on page 3, line 17 of subsection 3.3, 'Minami-kojima' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao';
- c) on page 4, line 3 of subsection 4.1, 'Minami-kojima, Kitakojima' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao, Beixiao Dao';
- d) on page 5, line 7 of subsection 4.3, 'Senkaku Islands' be replaced by 'Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated Islands';
- e) on page 5, lines 7, 8, and 14 of subsection 4.4, all 'Minami-kojima' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao';
- f) on page 6, line 5 of subsection 4.5, 'Minami-kojima, Uotsurijima, and Kobisho in the Senkaku Islands of Japan' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao, Diaoyu Dao, and Huangwei Yu in

- the Diaoyu Islands of China’;
- g) on page 8, line 3 of subsection 8.2, ‘Senkaku Islands’ be replaced by ‘Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated Islands’, and line 6 of subsection 8.2, ‘Minami-kojima’ be replaced by ‘Nanxiao Dao’;
 - h) in Table 2. Contaminants of Oil Spills, ‘Senkaku Islands of Japan’ be replaced by ‘Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated Islands of China’.

3. China's position

China resolutely safeguards the authority of the United Nations and calls for all parties to abide by rules and resolutions of the United Nations. We CANNOT accept the above-mentioned descriptions and solemnly requests the Secretariat and United States to strictly abide by UN Resolution 2758 and One-China Principle, to respect China's national sovereignty and territorial integrity, and this draft proposal SHALL NOT be submitted to the 19th Conference of the Parties of the Convention for discussion until the US makes all relevant corrections.