



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/006

Geneva, 13 January 2023

CONCERNING:

ISRAEL

Consultation on the potential effects of an Appendix-III listing

1. This notification is published at the request of Israel.
2. Israel has contacted the Secretariat to request the inclusion of *Daboia palaestinae* (Palestine viper) in Appendix III and seeks the support of the CITES Parties in control of this species. This would include trade in live specimens, as well as all parts and derivatives including venom [see Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev CoP 18), Annex 4], but not anti-venom (which is not covered by the provisions of CITES).
3. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for species in Appendix III*, Israel has ensured the Secretariat that the species is native to its country; its national legislation for the conservation of the species is adequate to prevent or restrict exploitation and to control trade, and includes penalties for illegal taking, trade or possession and provisions for confiscation (National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law of 1998; Wildlife Protection Law of 1955); and its national enforcement measures are adequate to implement these laws.
4. With the present Notification, Israel wishes to inform the Management Authorities of other range States, any major importing countries and the Animals Committee that it is considering the inclusion of the species in Appendix III and seeks their opinion on the potential effects of such inclusion.
5. Any feedback should be sent directly to Israel's Scientific Authority for CITES, Dr. Simon Nemtsov simon@npa.org.il **before 27 January 2023**.