



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation  
and Electronic CITES Permitting Systems

1. The Notification is published by the Secretariat.
2. The fifth United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation was initiated in January 2023. It is a biennial exercise led by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), together with the other Regional Commissions and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in cooperation with other institutions. The data from the survey will be collected, verified and validated from January to June 2023, and the results are planned to be published in July 2023.
3. In the 2023 Survey, a new section on 'Wildlife Trade Facilitation' has been added on a pilot-test basis. The section includes a question on the implementation of electronic CITES permit/certificate system. The CITES Secretariat will facilitate the data collection for this question, and the gathered information is expected to contribute towards improved understanding about the progress of eCITES implementation among CITES Parties.
4. Parties are therefore requested to respond to the question through the questionnaire attached to this Notification or through this link <https://forms.office.com/e/2suMXbac3D>, preferably **by 31 March 2023**.
5. More information about the Survey is available at: <https://www.unescap.org/our-work/trade-investment-innovation/untf-survey>.
6. Any question regarding this Notification may be directed to Mr. Salehin Khan ([khan.salehin@cites.org](mailto:khan.salehin@cites.org)).

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