



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/021

Geneva, 2 March 2023

CONCERNING:

Decisions 18.323 to 18.326 (Rev. CoP19) on  
Annotation of Cape aloe (Aloe ferox)

1. At its 19th meeting (Panama, 2022), the Conference of the Parties revised Decisions 18.323 (Rev. CoP19) to 18.326 (Rev. CoP19) on *Annotation of Cape aloe (Aloe ferox)*, as follows:

**Directed to the Secretariat**

**18.323 (Rev. CoP19)** *The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting the following information:*

- a) *whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has impacted the international trade in Aloe ferox specimens; and*
- b) *whether, and if so how, the amended annotation #4 has affected the population size, distribution, status and harvest of Aloe ferox.*

**18.324 (Rev. CoP19)** *The Secretariat shall compile responses from the Parties as requested under Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19) and provide these responses to the Plants Committee.*

**Directed to the Plants Committee**

**18.325 (Rev. CoP19)** *The Plants Committee shall review the information received as requested under Decision 18.324 (Rev. CoP19) and other relevant information available regarding the status, management, and international trade in Aloe ferox, with a view to assessing whether the exemption of finished products of Aloe ferox packaged and ready for retail trade from CITES regulation have had any impacts on the natural populations of the species. Based on the outcome of this review, the Plants Committee shall formulate recommendations concerning the listing of Aloe ferox for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

**Directed to Parties**

**18.326 (Rev. CoP19)** *Range countries, consumer countries, and other countries involved in the management, propagation, or trade of Aloe ferox are encouraged to*

*provide information regarding the status, management, and trade in this species as requested under Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19).*

2. In line with Decision 18.326 (Rev. CoP19), the Secretariat invites Parties and relevant stakeholders to submit any information relevant to the implementation of Decision 18.323 (Rev. CoP19) by 20 March 2022 at [martin.hitziger@un.org](mailto:martin.hitziger@un.org).
3. In accordance with Decisions 18.324 (Rev. CoP19) and 18.325 (Rev. CoP19), the Secretariat will compile the responses received to the present Notification, with a view to submit a report in time for its consideration by the Plants Committee at its 26th meeting (PC26).