



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/022

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CONCERNING:

Launch of Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management System

1. Pursuant to Decision 17.108 (Rev. CoP18), the Secretariat has launched the [Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management System](#) (RST Management System).

Introducing the RST Management System

2. The Review of Significant Trade (RST) process is a compliance process intended to ensure that trade in Appendix-II species is conducted sustainably and in accordance with Article IV of the Convention, and to identify where remedial action is needed.
3. The RST Management System tracks the progress of species/country combinations that have been selected for review, through the 4 stages of the RST process as outlined in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*. The System provides more transparency in the process and allows Parties, that are subject to review under RST, and other interested users, to track the status of recommendations.
4. The RST Management System includes those species/country combinations that are currently subject to review, including those that are subject to a recommendation to suspend trade under RST. Cases that have been eliminated from review, following satisfactory reports from the range State, since the 76th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC76, Panama City, November 2022) are also included. Subject to additional funding, the Secretariat hopes to further develop the database to include historical RST cases.
5. The RST Management System is currently only available in English. The Secretariat hopes to receive additional funding to provide French and Spanish versions of the RST Management System in due course.

Key features

6. The RST Management System includes a summary of the case details and status of all ongoing RST cases, any recommendations of the Animals or Plants Committee or the Standing Committee directed to the Party concerned, and correspondence between that Party and the Secretariat.
7. Parties with species/country combinations under review in RST will receive login access to the system to track the status of their cases in the RST process, receive alerts on outstanding actions, and to communicate confidentially with the Secretariat on progress in the implementation of

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relevant recommendations. Parties not subject to the RST process, observers and other interested individuals can access the public page of the RST Management System to see publicly available information on ongoing species/country combinations in RST.

Party login access

8. In order to gain login access to the RST Management System, Parties or range States who have species/country combinations currently in RST will be contacted individually by the Secretariat.

Draft User Guide and Feedback

9. A draft user manual for the RST Management System has been developed as an aid to understanding the database and the information it contains and can be found in Annex to this Notification. Parties are invited to provide feedback on the database and the draft user manual by 30 April 2023 to the Secretariat. Please send your feedback to Ms. Dejana Radisavljevic (radisavljevicd@un.org).