



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/046

Geneva, 13 April 2023

CONCERNING:

Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade:  
Compliance action plan of Mexico on Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*)

1. On 27 March 2023, the Secretariat issued [Notification to the Parties No. 2023/037](#), informing Parties that Mexico did not submit a compliance action plan considered adequate to the Secretariat by 28 February 2023, in accordance with [Recommendations a\) iii\) and iv\) and b\)](#) on Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*), agreed by the Standing Committee at its 75th meeting (SC75, Panama City, 2022). The Secretariat, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of SC75 Recommendation b) i), communicated to Parties a recommendation to suspend all commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Mexico, which would remain in effect until the Secretariat assessed a revised compliance action plan as adequate and issued a new Notification in this regard.
2. A high-level delegation from Mexico subsequently visited Geneva from 27 to 30 March 2023. The Secretariat staff worked closely with the Mexican representatives in revising and further elaborating the compliance action plan on Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*). The Secretariat notes the swift action taken by the Government of Mexico, as well as the commitment and dedication demonstrated by the high-level delegation while working with the Secretariat.
3. The Secretariat is pleased to inform the Parties that a revised and updated compliance action plan was received from Mexico on 7 April 2023. After carefully considering the requirements set by the Standing Committee in the Recommendations on Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*) agreed at SC75 and the related requirements set in paragraph 29.h) of the Annex to Resolution Conf 14.3 (Rev. CoP19), the Secretariat found that the plan submitted includes all the essential elements required and assessed the plan to be adequate.
4. **The Secretariat therefore informs Parties that the recommendation to suspend all commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Mexico is withdrawn with immediate effect.**
5. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2023/037 of 27 March 2023.