Notification to the Parties No. 2023/049

Annex 2

**Questionnaire on West African Vultures (Accipitridae spp.)**

**Decisions 19.192 and 19.193**

1. West African range States[[1]](#footnote-1) for *Gyps africanus* (Whitebacked vulture), *Gyps fulvus* (Griffon vulture), *Gyps rueppelli* (Rüppell’s vulture), *Necrosyrtes monachus* (Hooded vulture), *Neophron percnopterus* (Egyptian vulture), *Torgos tracheliotos* (Lappet-faced vulture), and *Trigonoceps occipitalis* (White-headed vulture) are invited to complete the following questionnaire and submit it to the Secretariat at info@cites.org with a copy to thea.carroll@un.org on or before **19 May 2023:**

2. Contact information

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| a) Party, Organization, or Institution: |  | |
| b) Contact: | Name |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |

Measures implemented to address illegal trade:

3. Please provide information relating to the following measures aimed at addressing illegal trade:

| Question | Answer or comments | | |
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| 3.1 Have the illegal vulture trade considerations been integrated into the implementation of the West Africa Strategy on Combatting Wildlife Crime (WASCWC)? | No | Please indicate why this has not been integrated. | |
| Yes | Please provide details relating to how it has been integrated into WASWC: | |
| 3.2 Have the illegal vulture trade considerations been integrated into ongoing enforcement efforts to combat wildlife crime at a national and regional level (in West and Central Africa)? | No | Please indicate why this has not been integrated. | |
| Yes | Please provide details on how it has been integrated into ongoing efforts. | |
| 3.3 Are the species protected in terms of national legislation? | No |  | |
| Yes | Please provide information relating to provisions in legislation or provide a link to the relevant provisions in the legislation: | |
| 3.4 Do the national laws contain penalties for non-compliance sufficient to deter illegal trade? | No |  | |
| Yes | Please provide information relating to provisions in legislation or provide a link to the relevant provisions in the legislation: | |
| 3.5 Are the legal provisions effectively implemented? (Information relating to the number of investigations initiated, prosecution and convictions as well as awareness raising and capacity building of law enforcement officials)? | No |  | |
| Yes | Investigations | Number of investigations: |
| Prosecution | Number of cases initiated: |
| Conviction | Number of convictions: |
| Capacity building - enforcement personnel | Capacity building interventions: |
| Awareness raising about legislative provisions | Awareness raising initiatives: |

Regulation of international trade

4. Please provide information relating to the regulation of international trade:

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| 4.1 Is international trade in vultures allowed / authorized? | No | Has a zero export quota been implemented? | No  Yes |
| Yes | Please provide information relating to trade authorized, including specimens and quotas implemented, if any: | |
| 4.2 Is international trade only authorized in accordance with CITES requirements? | No | Please provide additional information: | |
| Yes |  | |
| 4.3 Are you making any non-detriment findings (NDFs) for globally threatened vulture species prior to authorization of international trade? | No | Please provide further information: | |
| Yes | Please provide further information as appropriate: | |
| **Please provide a copy of the NDF to the Secretariat, which can be posted on the CITES website and shared with the Animal Committee for review.** | |

Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP)

5. Please provide information relating to the trade-related issues in the Vulture MsAP and implementation of these:

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| 5.1 Please identify any trade-related issues associated with the implementation of the Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) 2017-2029 of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) that should be prioritized | Please list the relevant objectives, results and actions: |
| 5.2 Please provide information relating to the activities in the Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) 2017-2029 of CMS that are being implemented or supported | Please list the activities currently implemented / supported: |

Collaboration with organizations and experts

6. Please provide information relating to collaboration with organizations and experts:

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| 6.1 Are you implementing demand reduction strategies for vultures and their parts and derivatives, including for belief-based use and consumption? | No |  | |
| Yes | Please provide information relating to strategies implemented and whether successful strategies will be expanded: | |
| 6.2 Are you implementing wide-scale public awareness campaigns at regional, national and local levels about the impacts of trade in these species, including the importance of vulture species to ecology and human health, the negative impacts of belief-based use of vulture body parts. | No |  | |
| Yes | Please provide information relating to awareness campaigns: | |
| 6.3 Are you gathering scientific knowledge and expertise on West African vultures on the following: | Scale of vulture trade | Information collected through: |  |
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| Market surveys | Please provide further details and share reports with the Secretariat. |
| Identification of trade routes | Please provide further details and share reports with the Secretariat. |
| Poisoning | Links between poisoning and trade | Please provide further details and share reports with the Secretariat. |
| Characteristics of links between poisoning and trade | Please provide further details and share reports with the Secretariat. |
| Contributing to African Wildlife Poison Database | Please provide further details and share reports with the Secretariat. |
| Conservation and population status | Please list the species for which information on conservation and population status are being updated or have been updated in the last 5 years (please share relevant reports with the Secretariat) | |

1. *Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)