



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/054

Geneva, 25 April 2023

CONCERNING:

Membership of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG)  
to the CITES Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) Project

1. The Secretariat hereby publishes the membership of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the CITES Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) project.
2. As described in Annex 2 to document CoP19 Doc. 43.1, the TAG is co-chaired by the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees. It is composed of up to 35 members:
  - a) up to six members/alternates of the AC and six members/alternates of the PC (including the AC and PC Chairs);
  - b) the main donor Party to the NDF project;
  - c) once identified, the Party that will be the host country for the international workshop on NDFs;
  - d) 10 additional Parties that are Members of the Standing Committee, ensuring a balanced representation across CITES regions and between exporting and importing Parties (one Party from North America and one Party from Oceania; two Parties from the four other CITES regions).
  - e) 10 technically competent intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations; and
  - f) as ex-officio member, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as the lead agency for the first stage of the NDF project (supporting the elaboration of draft guidance materials for the consideration of an international expert workshop).
3. At the time of writing, a Party to host the international workshop on NDFs has not yet been identified.
4. For the CoP19-CoP20 intersessional period, the TAG co-Chairs agreed to include the Chair of the Standing Committee as an additional TAG member.
5. Annexes 1 and 2 to this Notification contain the membership of the TAG to the CITES NDF Project for the CoP18-CoP19 intersessional period, and the CoP19-CoP20 intersessional period, respectively, as agreed by the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees. Changes in its

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membership between the two intersessional periods reflect changes in the membership of the Standing, Plants and Animals Committees.

**Membership of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the CITES NDF Project  
(CoP18-CoP19 intersessional period)**

Co-Chairs:

- Mr. Matthias Lörtscher (AC Chair)
- Ms. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo (PC Chair)

Members or Alternates of the Animals and Plants Committees during the CoP18-CoP19 intersessional period:

- Mr. Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (AC Representative for North America)
- Ms. Rosemarie Gnam (PC Representative for North America)
- Ms. Beatrice Khayota (PC Representative for Africa)
- Mr. Ashgar Mobaraki (AC Representative for Asia)
- Ms. Fabiola Rocío Núñez Neyra (PC Representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean)
- Mr. Peter Paul Van Dijk (AC Nomenclature Specialist)
- Mr. Damian Wrigley (PC Representative for Oceania)
- Ms. Yan Zeng (PC Alternate Representative for Asia)

Project donor: Germany

Parties that were Members of the Standing Committee during the CoP18-CoP19 intersessional period:

- Belgium
- China
- Congo
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Indonesia
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- United States of America

Technically competent intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations:

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- People and Plants
- Species Survival Network (SSN)
- TRAFFIC
- World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC)
- Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
- World Resources Institute (WRI)
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Zoological Society of London (ZSL)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (*\*ex officio*)

**Membership of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the CITES NDF Project  
(CoP19-CoP20 intersessional period)**

Co-Chairs:

- Mr. Matthias Lörtscher (AC Chair)
- Ms. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo (PC Chair)

Members or Alternates of the Animals and Plants Committees during the CoP19-CoP20 intersessional period:

- Mr. Chelestino Peter Balama (PC Representative for Africa)
- Mr. Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (AC Representative for North America)
- Mr. Gerald Benyr (AC Alternate Representative for Europe)
- Mr. Ashgar Mobaraki (AC Representative for Asia)
- Ms. Fabiola Rocío Núñez Neyra (PC Representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean)
- Mr. Daniel Ramadori (AC Representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean)
- Mr Peter Paul Van Dijk (AC Nomenclature Specialist)
- Mr. Damian Wrigley (PC Representative for Oceania)
- Ms. Yan Zeng (PC Representative for Asia)

Project donor: Germany

Parties that are Members of the Standing Committee during the CoP19-CoP20 intersessional period:

- Belgium
- Brazil
- China
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Georgia
- Indonesia
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- United Republic of Tanzania
- United States of America

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Chair of the Standing Committee: Ms. Rosemarie Gnam