



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/094

Geneva, 31 July 2023

CONCERNING:

## Changes in staff of the Secretariat

1. Changes in the staff of the CITES Secretariat have taken place and this Notification is provided as an update as of 15 July 2023 for the information of the Parties.
2. The new Secretariat staff, along with staff having a new position or status, are listed as follows:

### Elena Kwitsinskaia-Mayer, Documents Assistant, GS

Ms. Kwitsinskaia-Mayer was selected and appointed on this position with the Governing Bodies Unit following a UN recruitment selection process. She assumed this position on 25 July 2022. Prior to taking up this appointment, Ms. Kwitsinskaia-Mayer was serving as Programme Management Assistant with UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Research Assistant with the Science Unit of the CITES Secretariat (2012-2017). Ms. Kwitsinskaia-Mayer is a national of the Russian Federation.

### Mrigesh Kshatriya, Data Analyst (MIKE), P-3

Mr. Mrigesh Kshatriya separated on mandatory retirement by 30 September 2022 after more than 6 years of service to the UN and CITES Secretariat as Data Analyst with the MIKE team in Nairobi. Mr. Kshatriya is a national of India.

### Milena Sosa Schmidt, Programme Management Officer, P-4

Ms. Sosa Schmidt separated on disability from her position with the Outreach and Projects Unit on 23 November 2022 after more than 18 years of service to the UN and CITES Secretariat as Scientific Officer and Programme Management Officer (2017 – 2022). Ms. Sosa Schmidt is a national of Argentina.

### David Morgan, Chief, Science Unit, P-5

Mr. David Morgan separated on early retirement on 28 February 2023 after 19 years of service to the UN and CITES Secretariat as Chief of the Scientific Unit (2004 – 2014 & 2022 – 2023) and Chief of the Governing Bodies Unit. Mr. Morgan is a national of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Sofie Flensburg, Chief, Governing Bodies Unit, P-5

Ms. Flensburg was selected on this temporary assignment as Chief of the Governing Bodies Unit, following a UN recruitment selection process, while recruitment is ongoing for the long-term appointment. She assumed this position on 1 March 2023. Prior to taking up this assignment, Ms. Flensburg was serving as Officer-in-Charge of the Outreach and Projects Unit (2021 – 2022) and Legal Officer in the Legal Unit (2017 – 2021) of the CITES Secretariat. Ms. Flensburg is a national of Denmark.

Victoria Barnes, Programme Management Assistant (project), GS

Ms. Barnes separated from this temporary project position on 31 March 2023 after one year of service to the CITES Secretariat as Programme Management Assistant. Ms. Barnes is a national of the Philippines.

Thea Carroll, Chief, Science Unit, P-5

Ms. Carroll was selected on this temporary assignment with the Science Unit, while the recruitment is ongoing for the long-term appointment, following a UN recruitment selection process. She assumed this position on 9 April 2023. Prior to taking up this assignment, Ms. Carroll was serving as MIKE Coordinator (2018 – 2021) and Officer-in-Charge of the Governing Bodies Unit (2022 – 2023). Ms. Carroll is a national of South Africa.

Thomas Deleuil, Legal Officer, P-4

Mr. Deleuil was selected on this temporary appointment with the Legal Unit following a UN recruitment selection process. He assumed this position effective 15 June 2023. Prior to taking up this position, Mr. Deleuil worked at UNEP headquarters, Corporate Services Division, in Nairobi. Mr. Deleuil is a national of France.

Noemi Reyes, Finance Assistant, GS

Ms. Noemi Reyes separated on early retirement on 30 June 2023 after nearly 31 years of service to the UN and CITES Secretariat as its Finance Assistant. Ms. Reyes is a national of the Philippines.

3. Several other recruitment processes are ongoing, and the Secretariat will advise Parties of the consequent staff changes in due course.