



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/104

Geneva, 23 August 2023

CONCERNING:

CITES Gender Action Plan

1. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 19.51 to 19.53 on *CITES Gender Action Plan*. Decision 19.53 encourages Parties and relevant stakeholders to:
 - a) *support the preparation of the “CITES Gender Action Plan” by sharing knowledge, case studies and other relevant experiences with the Secretariat;*
 - b) *strengthen the evidence base and understanding of the gender-differentiated impacts of sustainable use and international trade in species of wild flora and fauna, and fair and equitable benefit-sharing; and*
 - c) *provide financial support towards the development and implementation of the Gender Action Plan.*
2. In line with Decision 19.53, paragraph a), the Secretariat hereby invites Parties and other stakeholders to provide detailed information on knowledge, case studies, and other relevant experiences that may support the development of the CITES Gender Action Plan. In particular, information on lessons and experiences they have gained on considering gender and how it interacts with other identifying factors in matters related to legal and illegal international trade in wild flora and fauna would be useful, as well as any policy document, guidance materials, or tools developed to address gender and biodiversity, wildlife conservation, or related areas.
3. Offers of financial and in-kind support towards the development and implementation of the Gender Action Plan are also appreciated.
4. Information should be sent to the Secretariat (info@cites.org) quoting the number of this Notification (No. 2023/104) at your earliest convenience and preferably before **1 October 2023**.

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