

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

### Reminder on species currently under trade suspension

1. The Secretariat is currently providing targeted support to Solomon Islands under the CITES Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) to address compliance challenges regarding species that had been subject to Review of Significant Trade and remain for a long period under Standing Committee recommendations to suspend trade.
2. During the preparatory stages of the CAP support, it has come to the attention of the Secretariat that specimens of Appendix-II species that are under trade suspension from Solomon Islands continue to appear in the CITES Trade database as being traded for commercial purposes. Moreover, some of these transactions seem to be accepted and reported by importing Parties.
3. Parties are reminded that the recommendation to suspend trade in the following species from Solomon Islands is currently in effect:

Taxa under trade suspension	Effective date
<i>Corucia zebrata</i>	9 July 2001
<i>Ornithoptera priamus</i> and <i>O. victoriae</i>	20 January 1995
<i>Tridacna derasa</i> , <i>T. crocea</i> , <i>T. gigas</i> , <i>T. maxima</i> , <i>T. squamosa</i> , and <i>T. noae</i>	3 February 2016

4. Parties are also requested to inform their enforcement focal points and customs authorities of the application of CITES compliance measures for these species to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species subject to a trade suspension. Parties that require the issuance of import permits for trade in specimens of Appendix-II species are also encouraged to consult the taxa under trade suspension for Solomon Islands when processing applications.
5. Recommendations made by the Standing Committee under the Review of Significant Trade only concern trade under Article IV of the Convention (i.e., the export, re-export or introduction from the sea of specimens of species included in Appendix II).