



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/138

Geneva, 5 December 2023

CONCERNING:

ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Vacancy of the alternate representative for Oceania

1. The Secretariat has been informed that the alternate regional representative for Oceania in the Animals Committee, Ms. Sarah McIntyre, has resigned from her position with immediate effect.
2. [Resolution Conf. 18.2 on Establishment of committees](#), Annex 2, paragraph 12 stipulates the procedure to be followed in case of a vacancy arising amongst the Members and alternate Members of the Animals or Plants Committee between the regular meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
3. In accordance with these provisions, the Secretariat has notified the vacancy to the Committee concerned, the Chair of the Standing Committee and the regional Member of the Standing Committee from the Oceania region.
4. Further in accordance with paragraph 12 b), the Secretariat is hereby calling for nominations from Parties from the Oceania region to fill the vacancy of the alternate regional representative of Oceania.
5. Parties from the Oceania region are requested to observe the following guidelines in relation to the candidates they propose:
 - a) Parties proposing candidates should confirm, at the time of nomination, that the candidate will be supported and that they will obtain the necessary means to undertake their activities;
 - b) ideally, the candidates should be associated with a Scientific Authority, have adequate knowledge of CITES and receive sufficient institutional support to carry out their duties. This information should also be included in the *curricula vitae* of the nominated candidates;
 - c) proposed candidates should be persons; a Party should not be accepted as a proposed candidate even if it plans to identify a person at a later time; and
 - d) the names of the proposed candidates, their *curricula vitae*, and a declaration of interest in which the candidates should disclose any current financial interest that might call into question their impartiality, objectivity or independence in carrying out their duties as a member or alternate member of the Committee should be officially submitted to the Secretariat

(info@cites.org) by **15 February 2024** by the Management Authority authorized to communicate with the Secretariat designated under Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Convention.

7. In accordance with paragraph 12 c) of Resolution Conf. 18.2, Annex 2, the Secretariat will provide the names and *curricula vitae* of the candidates for the position as alternate Representative to the Chair of the Standing Committee and to the Regional Member of the Oceania Region (New Zealand) of the Standing Committee. Further, in accordance with subparagraph c), they will decide on the person to fill the vacancy on an interim basis until the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties where the usual procedure for electing Members of the Committee in accordance with Resolution Conf. 18.2 will be followed.