



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/013

Geneva, 10 January 2024

CONCERNING:

## International trade in edible orchid species

1. At its 19th meeting (Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 19.246 to 19.248 on *Products containing specimens of Appendix II orchids (Orchidaceae spp.)*, as set out in Annex 1 to the present Notification.
2. In relation to the review of trade in edible orchids (see executive summary [SC77 Sum. 8](#)), the Standing Committee *inter alia*
  - a) emphasized the need for identification manuals and training;
  - b) urged Parties and other donors to support red list assessments for tuberous orchid taxa in international trade;
  - c) urged Parties to improve regulation and enforcement relating to trade in tuberous orchids as is currently required under the Convention; and
  - d) requested the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties inviting them to provide information on:
    - i) trade volumes;
    - ii) manuals and regulations relating to trade in tuberous orchids, including domestic trade;
    - iii) enforcement challenges; and
    - iv) other relevant information related to trade in tuberous orchids, including any capacity-building needs.
3. This Notification is issued in accordance with the recommendations of the Standing Committee. Key taxa of tuberous orchids are the genera *Dactylorhiza* spp., *Disa* spp., *Habenaria* spp., *Ophrys* spp., *Orchis* spp., and *Satyrium* spp. (see information document [CoP19 Inf. 9](#)). The Secretariat will compile all responses to this Notification and make the information available to the Plants Committee at its next meeting to support the implementation of Decisions 19.247 and 19.248.

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- 4 The Secretariat invites Parties and experts to provide information by completing the questionnaire in Annex 2 to the present Notification. Parties and experts are invited to submit the questionnaire by email with the subject line “Notification 2024/013 on Trade in edible orchid species” to [martin.hitziger@cites.org](mailto:martin.hitziger@cites.org) with a copy to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) by **20 February 2024**.

DECISIONS 19.246 TO 19.248 ON  
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SPECIMENS OF APPENDIX II ORCHIDS (ORCHIDACEAE SPP.)

**Directed to the Secretariat**

**19.246** *The Secretariat shall:*

- a) *submit the outcomes of the study on international trade in edible orchids (information document [CoP19 Inf. 9](#)) for the consideration of the Standing Committee together with recommendations on how the Convention can be better implemented for the species concerned;*
- b) *[...], and*
- c) *report to the Plants Committee.*

**Directed to the Plants Committee**

**19.247** *The Plants Committee shall consider the studies as per Decision 19.246 and make recommendations on how to improve CITES implementation for Appendix-II listed orchids to the Standing Committee or to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.*

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

**19.248** *The Standing Committee shall review any recommendations of the Plants Committee, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.*