



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/028

Geneva, 31 January 2024

CONCERNING:

Twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

1. The Secretariat brought to the attention of the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, November 2023) that a host or co-hosts were still being sought for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES. The Secretariat also informed the Standing Committee that it would be necessary to identify a host or co-hosts before 31 March 2024 to allow enough time to make arrangements to hold the meeting in Switzerland in 2025.
2. The Secretariat is hereby seeking expressions of interest from Party (or Parties) to host (or co-host) the twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) in the second half of 2025.
3. Following receipt of an expression of interest, the Secretariat will provide the Party concerned with a copy of the *Host Country Agreement* that should be signed by the host country and the Secretariat, and of the provisional *Statement of Requirements*, which is an integral part of the Host Country Agreement. The Secretariat will also be pleased to provide any further information that may be required by a potential host Party.
4. Interested Parties are invited to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible and at the latest by **31 March 2024**.
5. If no offer to host CoP20 has been received by 31 March 2024, the CITES Secretariat will proceed to make arrangements to organize CoP20 in Switzerland in accordance with Resolution Conf. 19.1 on *Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2023-2025*.

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