



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/053

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CONCERNING:

New digital solution: CITES-LEX

1. In line with Decisions [19.62](#) and [19.130](#), the CITES Secretariat, in collaboration with the Development Law Service of the FAO Legal Office, has developed [CITES-LEX](#), a new information tool that provides catalogues and comprehensive search capabilities of national legislation and policies relevant to the implementation of the Convention.
2. CITES-LEX was [officially launched on 4 March 2024](#), on the occasion of the celebration of World Wildlife Day, which was this year dedicated to "[Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation](#)".
3. Information displayed on CITES-LEX country profiles is retrieved from FAOLEX data, which are updated through FAOLEX automatized tools. This allows for interoperability between the two databases and ensures best possible sustainable maintenance of CITES-LEX. CITES-LEX presents individual country profiles with useful and easily accessible information on the legal and policy framework of States relating to the implementation of CITES.
4. The CITES-LEX country profiles focus on the national legal framework, which generally comprises: the country's Constitution or fundamental law, and a range of different national legislation, including laws (e.g., an act, code, law) and regulations (e.g., decree, order, regulation), all of which were selected as relevant and supporting the implementation of the Convention.

Invitation to review of CITES-LEX country profiles

5. Parties are invited to navigate on the CITES-LEX website, available at <https://citeslex.fao.org> and through the [CITES country profiles](#), and review the information displayed in the respective country profile. Parties are invited to use the guidance and the table contained in the Annex to this Notification, if helpful.
6. Parties are invited to submit comments and additional relevant information on any errors or omissions identified in their CITES-LEX country profile, as well as any other suggestions for the overall improvement of the platform, by email with the subject line "*Notification 2024/053 CITES-LEX*" to info@cites.org by **3 June 2024**.

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