



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/097

Geneva, 3 September 2024

CONCERNING:

Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)

1. At its 19th meeting (CoP19, Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties *inter alia* adopted Decisions 19.104 and 19.105, paragraph b), on *Illegal trade in cheetahs (Acinonyx jubatus)*, as presented in the Annex to this Notification.
2. In paragraph d) of Decision 19.104, the Conference of the Parties encourages Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs to report to the Secretariat on their implementation of this Decision.
3. To facilitate reporting of the Secretariat to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee in accordance with Decision 19.105, Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs are invited to report on their implementation of Decision 19.104, paragraphs a) to c).
4. Reports should be submitted to the Secretariat by email with subject line "Notification No. 2024/097: Report on "Illegal trade in cheetahs" to info@cites.org and copy maroun.abi-chahine@cites.org by **30 September 2024**.

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DECISIONS 19.104 AND 19.105 ON
ILLEGAL TRADE IN CHEETAHS (ACINONYX JUBATUS)

Directed to Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs.

19.104 Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs are encouraged to:

- a) review their national legislation taking into consideration the provisions of paragraph 6 c), d), f), and g) in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev.CoP19) on *Compliance and enforcement*, and where needed revise such legislation to ensure that it adequately addresses illegal wildlife trade, including illegal trade in cheetahs;
- b) make use of the secure communication channels provided by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization to strengthen information and intelligence exchange, and the resources available through the Cheetahs webpage on the CITES website;
- c) scale up activities to address illegal online trade in cheetah specimens, including by drawing upon the support available through INTERPOL, the Wildlife Crime Linked to the Internet: Practical Guidelines for Law Enforcement Practitioners, and as appropriate, reviewing their implementation of the provisions under “Regarding wildlife crime linked to the Internet”, in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on Compliance and enforcement, and pursue the full implementation of these provisions; and
- d) report to the Secretariat in advance of the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee on the implementation of this Decision.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.105 The Secretariat shall:

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- b) report to the Standing Committee at its 78th meeting on implementation of Decisions 19.104 and 19.105, paragraph a)

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