



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/105

Geneva, 20 September 2024

CONCERNING:

Registration of scientific institutions

1. According to paragraph 3 e) of [Resolution Conf. 11.15 \(Rev. Cop18\) Non-commercial loan, donation or exchange of museum, herbarium, diagnostic and forensic research specimens](#), the CITES Management Authorities should ensure that only current valid institutions are eligible for scientific research exchange.
2. In accordance with paragraph 3 f) of the Resolution, ***the Secretariat is hereby requesting Parties to review and update their register of scientific institutions and to communicate any changes to the Secretariat.***
3. In doing so, Parties are invited to take into account the standards for registration of scientific institutions contained in paragraph 3 g) vi) and the standards for registration of forensic research institutions in paragraph 3 g) vii). Parties are also invited to note paragraph 3 g) viii) with regard to institutions that would be considered to meet these standards and qualify for registration.
4. Parties are requested to review and update the information contained in the register and communicate any changes. Where this information is not already provided, Parties should communicate the following information for each scientific and forensic research institution included in the register:
 - Name, address, contact details (including, where practicable, email and telephone number) [see paragraph 3 g) ix)] and a webpage of the institution, if possible;
 - Types of services (taxonomic, species conservation research or wildlife forensic research) provided by the institution [see paragraph 3 g) ix)]; and
 - Code for identifying the scientific institution assigned to the institution [see paragraph 3 g) xiv)].
5. The current register of scientific institutions is available on the CITES website at the following address: https://cites.org/eng/common/reg/e_si.html
6. Parties are invited to complete the review and update of the scientific institutions in the register by **31 December 2024**. Any subsequent additional changes and updates can be provided by Parties at any time.

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7. Changes and updates of the information regarding the register should be submitted by email with the subject line “Notification No. 2024/105” to info@cites.org with a copy to pascal.perraud@cites.org.