



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/113

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CONCERNING:

CANADA

Potential proposal from Canada for CITES CoP20  
regarding the peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

1. This Notification to the Parties is submitted by Canada.
2. In preparation for the 20th regular meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP20), Canada is considering submitting a proposal to transfer *Falco peregrinus* from Appendix I to Appendix II.
3. Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) was assessed again globally by IUCN in 2021 for the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as Least Concern. As a part of that assessment, it was estimated that there are between 100,000 – 499,000 mature individuals globally and that the population trend is increasing or stable. The Europe and Mediterranean populations were also assessed in 2021 as Least Concern and their population trend is also increasing or stable.
4. The Peregrine Falcon has a very large global distribution, one of the widest of any bird species. According to Species+, there are 210 Countries and Territories that are range States of this species. Peregrine Falcons occur in North America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America. The species appears to be absent from the Amazon Basin, Sahara Desert, through the steppes of central and east Asia, New Zealand and Antarctica.
5. Based on the analysis of current information, Canada maintains that this species does not meet the biological criteria for continued inclusion in CITES Appendix I. Further, given the robust processes in place to ensure that trade in Appendix II species is properly implemented under CITES, an Appendix II listing would provide proportionate protections for the species.
6. Recall that at CITES CoP17, in 2016, Canada submitted [CoP17 Prop. 17](#) (to transfer *Falco peregrinus* from Appendix I to Appendix II in accordance with the Precautionary Measures of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) Annex 4.) and [CoP17 Inf. 5](#) (Supplementary information on the Peregrine Falcon). At the time, Parties expressed concerns with a lack of consultation.
7. As such, by this Notification, Canada is broadly consulting with range State Parties to provide information on conservation and management approaches for the Peregrine Falcon as well as on the effectiveness of implementation and enforcement efforts relating to their international trade.

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This information will inform Canada's assessment as to whether the criteria under Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) are met.

8. Accordingly, Canada kindly invites all range State Parties to complete the questionnaire in Annex 1 to the present Notification. Canada would also welcome views from other interested observers.
9. Parties and observers are kindly invited to submit their inputs and comments by email with the subject line "Notification 2024/113 on Peregrine Falcon" to [cites-science@ec.gc.ca](mailto:cites-science@ec.gc.ca) by **30 November 2024**.