



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Invitation to an introductory webinar on the CITES Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) guidance

1. As announced in document [PC27 Doc. 16/AC33 Doc. 16](#) on *Non-detriment findings*, the Secretariat will organize a series of introductory webinars to familiarize Parties with version 1.0 of the *CITES NDF guidance* available on the CITES [webpage on non-detriment findings](#).
2. The first webinar of the series will take place on the Interactio platform on the following date and time and will have simultaneous interpretation in English and French:

21 August 2024

2pm to 5pm CEST

3. Interested Parties, especially Scientific Authorities of Parties in Africa are encouraged to participate in the webinar. As UN Member States seek to achieve Goal 5 of the SDGs regarding gender equality, the Secretariat encourages the participation of women representatives in the webinar. Please confirm email, Party, first name and last name of all webinar participants by 7 August, 2024 to anton.fournier@un.org, with martin.hitziger@cites.org in cc, and with the subject line "Introductory webinar on the CITES Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) guidance". The Secretariat will provide further information and a meeting link to all registered participants.
4. Subsequent introductory webinars in Spanish or English at times suitable to the regions of Central and South America and the Caribbean and of North America, and in English at times suitable for the regions of Asia and Oceania will be announced separately.
5. All introductory webinars will be recorded and be made available on the CITES website alongside the *NDF Guidance*, to ensure the Parties not able to join the webinars have access to the recordings to independently familiarize themselves with the guidance.
6. All introductory webinars will consist of an introduction to the guidance by the Secretariat, the practical application of the guidance, and an opportunity for in-depth discussion of approaches and templates contained in it. Parties will be encouraged to use the guidance and to elaborate case studies for the consideration of a second series of webinars to be held towards the end of 2024.

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