

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/082

Geneva, 12 July 2024

CONCERNING:

Seeking input on the criteria to be used to identify Parties with a legal domestic ivory market  
(Decision 19.99 on Ivory seizures and domestic ivory markets)

1. At its 77th meeting (November 2023), the Standing Committee invited the Secretariat to issue a Notification to the Parties seeking input on the criteria to be used to identify Parties with a legal domestic ivory market to be included in the analysis called for in [Decision 19.99](#) on *Ivory seizures and domestic ivory markets* (see summary record [SC77 SR](#)). The Secretariat informed the Standing Committee about the concerns raised by the MIKE-ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG) regarding the purpose of the analysis requested in Decision 19.99 (see document [SC77 Doc. 63.1 \(Rev. 2\)](#)). Given the large variability in the understanding of what constitutes legal domestic ivory markets, the MIKE-ETIS TAG determined that clarification would be needed on the criteria to be used to identify countries with a legal domestic ivory market and on the research questions to be addressed.
2. The Secretariat is seeking inputs from Parties on the criteria to be used to identify Parties with a legal domestic ivory market to be included in the analysis. Document [SC77 Doc. 63.1 \(Rev. 2\)](#) and the discussions at SC77 contained in the [summary record](#) should be taken into consideration by Parties in formulating their responses to the Notification. To facilitate the submission of responses the Secretariat prepared a form that can be accessed online through this [link](#). The form is also attached as an Annex to the Notification. Parties are invited to use either the online form or the form in the Annex to submit their responses.
3. Please submit your responses at your earliest convenience and no later than **30 July 2024** to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) with a copy to [karen.gaynor@un.org](mailto:karen.gaynor@un.org), citing in the subject line "Notification No. 2024/082: Criteria – Legal domestic ivory market." Any questions relating to this Notification and the associated form can be addressed to the CITES Secretariat at [karen.gaynor@un.org](mailto:karen.gaynor@un.org).