

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Invitation to webinars on CITES annual illegal trade reporting  
and the CITES illegal trade database

1. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of Parties adopted Decision 19.80, paragraph b), on *Annual illegal trade reports*, as follows:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**19.80** *Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat shall:*

*[...]*

- b) engage in efforts to support improving overall submission rates of annual illegal trade reports by Parties in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on National reports, and to improve the quality of data submitted through better use of the Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade report.*
2. The Secretariat, in follow up to the above, and in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), invites Parties to two webinars on the completion of [CITES annual illegal trade reports](#), using the [Guidelines for the preparation and submission of the CITES annual illegal trade report](#). The webinars will provide guidance and share information about the use of data recorded in the [CITES illegal trade database](#) through its data dissemination platform.

**Target audience**

3. Representatives of CITES Management Authorities, customs, police and any other national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement are encouraged to participate in the webinars. Participation is restricted to representatives from governmental authorities only and registrations will be verified by the CITES Secretariat. As United Nations Member States seek to achieve Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals regarding gender equality, the Secretariat encourages the participation of women representatives in the webinars.

## Organization and registration

4. The first webinar will take place in English with Spanish interpretation on the Zoom platform on the following date and time:

**19 March 2025**

**16:00 to 17:40 CET**

**Register for this webinar [here](#)**

5. The second webinar will take place in English with French interpretation on the Zoom platform on the following date and time:

**25 March 2025**

**10:00 to 11:40 CET**

**Register for this webinar [here](#)**

6. Participants are kindly requested to confirm their participation in the webinar they wish to attend by **17 March 2025**. This should be done by registering using the relevant link provided above.
7. All registered and verified participants will receive a link to the meeting and further information in advance of the webinar.
8. For questions relating to registration, please write to UNODC ([unodc-wildlifecrime@un.org](mailto:unodc-wildlifecrime@un.org)).