

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/037

Geneva, 20 March 2025

CONCERNING:

Request to complete a survey relating to the preliminary CITES NDF guidance

1. As instructed in [Decision 19.32](#) and in collaboration with Parties, observer organizations and individual experts and under the oversight of the Technical Advisory Group, the Secretariat developed the preliminary [Non-detriment finding \(NDF\) guidance](#) available on the CITES website.
2. The Secretariat held four webinars on the NDF guidance to share information relating to the guidance and to create an opportunity for Parties to share their experiences in using the guidance. The Secretariat notes that limited inputs were received relating to Parties' experiences in using the guidance.
3. To obtain further information, the Secretariat invites Parties and observer organizations to complete two surveys attached as Annexes to the present Notification. Annex 1 is a survey on the CITES NDF Guidance Development Process, while Annex 2 is a survey on the use of the NDF Guidance.
4. Parties and observer organizations are invited to submit the completed surveys to the Secretariat by email with subject line "Notification No. 2025/037: NDF Surveys" to info@cites.org and copy thea.carroll@un.org by **15 April 2025**.