

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/055

Geneva, 11 April 2025

CONCERNING:

Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes

1. Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention provides that specimens of Appendix-I animal species bred in captivity for commercial purposes shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix II. In Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), the Conference of the Parties agreed that the exemption of Article VII, paragraph 4, should be implemented through the registration by the Secretariat of operations that breed specimens of Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes. In paragraph 5 of that Resolution, the Conference resolves that:
  - b) *the first and major responsibility for approving captive-breeding operations under Article VII, paragraph 4, shall rest with the Management Authority of each Party, in consultation with the Scientific Authority of that Party;*
  - c) *the Management Authority shall provide the Secretariat with appropriate information to obtain, and to maintain, the registration of each captive-breeding operation as set out in Annex 1.*

The Secretariat's capacity to review registration applications is limited. In order to facilitate a timely review, Parties are requested to ensure that the applications they submit are complete and accurate. The Secretariat's role is primarily to verify that the required information has been provided.

2. The Secretariat has been requested to include the following operation in the *Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*:

Country	Species	See
Mexico	<i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i>	Table below

3. With respect to the evidence that the parental stock has been obtained in accordance with relevant national measures and the provisions of the Convention, the Secretariat recalls the first and major responsibility for approving captive-breeding operations under Article VII, paragraph 4, shall rest with the Management Authority of each Party, in consultation with the Scientific Authority of that Party. The Secretariat has accepted the assurance of the Management Authority of Mexico that the requirements of Annex 1 have been met.

In accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, the operation will be included in the Secretariat's Register 90 days after the date of this Notification, i.e., on **10 July 2025**, unless the Secretariat receives an objection from a Party which is fully documented and includes the supporting evidence that has given rise to concerns. According to paragraph 1 b) of Annex 2, any Party may request the full information (specified in Annex 1) on the operation.



**Mexico**

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**Date of establishment:** 22 June 2009

**Species bred**

*Totoaba macdonaldi*

**Parental breeding stock**

Wild specimens captured with fishing permits for scientific purposes and extractive use between the years 1994 and 2005, born in captivity (F1) and bred in captivity (F2).

**Marking of specimens**

Breeding stock (live organisms, individual marking)	Radiofrequency identification microchip and genetic marking
Batches of offspring (organisms used for fattening)	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and QR code
Eviscerated whole fish (fresh or frozen)	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and QR code
Fillets with/without skin (fresh or frozen)	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and QR code
Slices or trunks of meat with bone (fresh or frozen)	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and QR code
Protein or peptide extracts (freeze-dried or hydrolyzed)	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and QR code
Swim bladder (dry, individually packaged)	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and radiofrequency identification microchip
Meat products with added value	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and QR code
Remains of meat, viscera and bones (fresh or frozen)	Label with identification code in accordance with Mexican regulation NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 and QR code

**Note:** Dynamic QR codes are associated with information that enables the traceability of totoaba specimens throughout the trade chain.