



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2007/032

Geneva, 5 October 2007

CONCERNING:

### Use of the IUCN checklist to assist in making non-detriment findings

1. At its 14th meeting, the Conference of the Parties agreed to an international expert workshop on non-detriment findings. Decision 14.49 encourages the Parties to provide any help and information regarding methodologies, tools, information, expertise and any other resources used to formulate non-detriment findings (NDFs) on specific taxa in order to contribute to the development of the workshop.
2. The current Steering Committee for the international workshop (see Annex) has recognized the need for greater representation of Parties within the Committee, especially exporting Parties, as well as the need for knowledge of the use of what is referred to as the IUCN checklist. The work of the Steering Committee is carried out by email and teleconferences and involves the review and provision of input to the workshop programme and related documents.
3. The full reference for the IUCN checklist is as follows:

Rosser, A. R. and Haywood M. J., (Compilers). 2002. Guidance for CITES Scientific Authorities: Checklist to assist in making non-detriment findings for Appendix II exports. IUCN, Gland, Switzerland and Cambridge, United Kingdom. xi + 146 pp.

<http://www.iucn.org/themes/ssc/publications/CITES/CITES-guidance-prelims.pdf>
4. The Secretariat, on behalf of the Steering Committee, hereby invites exporting Parties to indicate their interest in joining this Committee.
5. Also, on behalf of the Steering Committee, the Secretariat invites Parties to provide answers to the following questions:
  - a) Is the IUCN checklist used or referred to during the process of making a non-detriment finding in your country?
  - b) If no, why?
  - c) If yes, how?

Examples could include:

- The document is used as a reference. For example, the elements that comprise the checklist are considered in the process of making a non-detriment finding in your country.
- The document provides some basis for a non-detriment finding made by your country. For example, the majority or all of the elements that comprise the checklist are included in the process, or certain assessment tools provided in the IUCN checklist are used.
- The document forms the basis for a non-detriment finding made by your country. That is, information is added into the checklist format provided in the document and an overall assessment is made using the tools in the checklist.

d) If yes, have you identified any problems, challenges or difficulties in using the IUCN checklist? Please explain.

e) Has your country applied other general methodologies or procedures (checklists, guidelines, etc.) to formulate non-detriment findings? Please briefly describe the methodology and indicate the main elements or factors that are considered.

6. Parties are invited to express their interest in joining the Steering Committee by **31 October 2007** and to send their response concerning the use of the IUCN checklist or other methodologies by **30 November 2007** to the Chairman of the Steering Committee, the Mexican Scientific Authority  
(contact person: Jorge Alvarez Romero: jalvarez@conabio.gob.mx).

Annex

Current composition of the Steering Committee

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