



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2008/071

Geneva, 19 December 2008

CONCERNING:

GUINEA-BISSAU AND LIBERIA

Withdrawal of recommendation to suspend trade

1. In Notification to the Parties No. 2006/073 of 14 December 2006 (reissuing Notification to the Parties No. 2004/024 of 30 April 2004), the Secretariat advised Parties that, pursuant to Decision 12.81 (continued in Decisions 13.82 and 14.26), the Standing Committee had recommended that all Parties suspend trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Guinea-Bissau and Liberia until further notice.
2. On 10 December 2008, Guinea-Bissau submitted to the Secretariat a CITES Legislation Plan showing the procedures, actions and time-frames proposed to enact adequate legislation for implementation of the Convention. Guinea-Bissau had earlier provided the Secretariat with legislation enacted in 2004 to regulate hunting.
3. On 27 November 2008, Liberia submitted to the Secretariat a draft of the National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management Law of Liberia which provides *inter alia* for the implementation of CITES. Preparation of this comprehensive framework law was mandated under the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006, which contains several CITES-related provisions.
4. Based on the foregoing, the Secretariat has determined that Guinea-Bissau and Liberia have shown good progress in the adoption of legislation for implementing the Convention, thereby satisfying the conditions agreed by the Standing Committee at its 50th meeting (Geneva, March 2004).
5. Accordingly, the recommendation to suspend trade with these two Parties contained in Notification to the Parties No. 2006/073 is withdrawn from the date of the present Notification.
6. Parties should note, however, that the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species to and from Djibouti and Rwanda that is contained in Notification to the Parties No. 2006/073 remains in effect.
7. Parties are also reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under [Resources/References lists](#).