



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

E-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species

1. In Decision 14.35, paragraph c), the Conference of the Parties required the Secretariat to:

seek external funding to convene a workshop on wildlife trade via the Internet, to which the following should be invited to participate: CITES Management Authority and enforcement officials from Parties with emerging or existing wildlife trade arranged via the Internet; experts on Internet trade; owners of relevant websites and Internet service providers; ICPO-Interpol and the World Customs Organization; and representatives of other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

2. Assisted by the Government of Canada, the Secretariat convened such a workshop in Vancouver, Canada, from 24 to 26 February 2009.
3. Decision 14.35, paragraph d), requires the Secretariat to:

publish the outcomes of the workshop, including any recommendations, on the CITES website, seeking additional comments.

4. The report of the workshop is attached and the Secretariat invites comments on the outcomes. The Secretariat must report on this subject at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee and, subsequently, requests that any comments be submitted by 10 April 2009.