



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/011

Geneva, 31 January 2017

CONCERNING:

Discontinuation of the caviar trade database of the  
United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre  
(UNEP-WCMC)

1. At its 17th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted several amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish*. These include the removal of recommendations, with regard to regulating trade in sturgeon products, that "*Parties supply to UNEP-WCMC copies of all export permits and re-export certificates issued to authorize trade in caviar, no longer than one month after they have been issued, for inclusion in the UNEP-WCMC caviar trade database,*" and that "*Parties consult the UNEP-WCMC caviar trade database prior to the issuance of re-export certificates,*".
2. Parties are reminded that they are therefore no longer required to supply export permits and re-export certificates authorizing trade in caviar to UNEP-WCMC, and or to consult the UNEP-WCMC caviar database prior to the issuance of re-export certificates. The UNEP-WCMC caviar database has been discontinued since these amendments came into effect on 2 January 2017, and is no longer accessible.
3. The information contained in the UNEP-WCMC caviar database up to 2 January 2017 has been archived.
4. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2010/034 of 4 November 2010.