



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/033

Geneva, 29 March 2018

CONCERNING:

Request for information on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17)
on *Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'*
and Article III, paragraphs 3 (b) and 5 (b), of the Convention

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 17.178 directed to the Secretariat as follows:

The Secretariat shall, subject to available resources, report to the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee on the history and implementation of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations', and Article III, paragraphs 3(b) and 5(b), regarding findings that recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix-I species are suitably equipped to house and care for them.

2. A revised timeframe was agreed at the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee to implement Decision 17.178, such that the Secretariat will report to the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee and the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee.
3. Pursuant to the production of the report, the Secretariat hereby invites Parties to submit any relevant information to on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) and Article III, paragraphs 3 (b) and 5 (b) of the Convention. Information of relevance could include the following:
 - a) Explanations of how Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) is currently being implemented by the CITES authorities in the State of import. For example:
 - i) how do CITES authorities determine what can be considered an "appropriate and acceptable destination"?
 - ii) whether this is determined on a case-by-case basis, or if CITES authorities have developed or used general guidelines?
 - iii) what sort of guidance would, in your view, be most useful?
 - b) Descriptions of any instances where the provisions of the Resolution have been successfully implemented.
 - c) Descriptions of any cases where the provisions of the Resolution have been found inadequate or abused.
 - d) Descriptions of problems encountered in implementing the Resolution prior to, or after, its revisions at CoP17.
 - e) Assessments of any impact (positive or negative) that the amendments to the Resolution, as agreed at CoP17, may have had.

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- f) An explanation of how Article III paragraphs 3 (b) and 5 (b), of the Convention, are applied by the State of import. For example:
- i) what procedures and/or guidance are used to assess whether recipients of living specimens of CITES Appendix-I species are “suitably equipped to house and care for them”?
 - ii) is this determined on a case-by-case basis, or have the CITES authorities developed or used general guidelines?
 - iii) circumstances or examples where the implementation of the provisions in Article III paragraphs 3 (b) and 5 (b) were problematic, and information on how difficulties were overcome.
 - iii) the sort of guidance that, in your view, would be most useful.
4. In addition to the Parties, organizations and other relevant stakeholders, particularly those involved in either transport of live animals, or housing and caring for live animals, are also invited to submit any relevant information, including documents they may have developed or used to provide guidance on best practice in relation to housing and caring for live Appendix-I listed animals, or of relevance to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17).
5. Parties and other stakeholders are requested to submit the information to info@cites.org by **26 April 2018 at the latest**, so the Secretariat’s report can be made available in time for the 30th meeting of the Animals Committee (Geneva, July 2018).