



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/048

Geneva, 15 May 2018

CONCERNING:

REVIEW OF CITES PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE TRADE IN SPECIMENS OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS NOT OF WILD SOURCE

Request for comments from Parties and stakeholders

1. Decision 17.101 directs the Secretariat to:

[...] review ambiguities and inconsistencies in the application of Article VII paragraphs 4 and 5, Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev.) on Specimens of animal species bred in captivity, Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes, Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) on Regulation of trade in plants, Resolution Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15) on Registration of nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix-I plant species for export purposes, Resolution Conf. 5.10 (Rev. CoP15) on Definition of 'primarily commercial purposes' and Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on Permits and certificates as it relates to the use of source codes R, F, D, A and C, including the underlying CITES policy assumptions and differing national interpretations that may have contributed to uneven application of these provisions, as well as the captive breeding issues presented in document SC66 Doc. 17 and legal acquisition issues, including founder stock, as presented in document SC66 Doc. 32.4.

2. The Secretariat presented a provisional draft of this review to the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting (Geneva, November 2017). The Committee made comments on the provisional draft and formed a working group which has provided further advice to the Secretariat.
3. In the Annex to the present Notification, the Secretariat provides the text of its review which it submits to Parties and stakeholders for comment.
4. Parties and stakeholders are requested to provide comments on the ambiguities and inconsistencies presented in the document, and to present other possible interpretations, ambiguities or inconsistencies for consideration, which, if they wish, could include their own country's approach. Such ambiguities and inconsistencies could occur both within each of the provisions for captive breeding and artificial propagation, but also between the relevant provisions. The Secretariat would also particularly appreciate comments on the underlying CITES policy assumptions related to this issue.
5. In accordance with Decision 17.101, all comments received from Parties and stakeholders will be presented to the Standing Committee (in the language in which they were submitted).
6. Parties are requested to send their comments, making reference to the page and line in relation to which each comment is made by **22 June 2018**.