Notification to the Parties No. 2018/058
Annex

**Questionnaire for cheetah range States and Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetah specimens**

*For the purposes of this questionnaire, the term ‘specimen’ is defined as in Article I, paragraph b) i) and ii)[[1]](#footnote-1)
of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.*

**A. General information**

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| Country: |  |
| Name, function and contact details of agency completing this questionnaire (e.g. CITES Management Authority, CITES Scientific Authority, Wildlife Authority, Police, Customs): |  |
| Contact person (name, job title, email): |  |
| **A.1** | Is your country a range State of the cheetah? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |

**b. REGARDING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION**

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| **B.1** | Has your country developed and launched national or local public awareness campaigns to reduce illegal offer of, and demand for illegally traded cheetah specimens? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If your answer is “Yes”, please indicate if any of the following were addressed as part of such campaigns by ticking the boxes as applicable:[ ]  Publicizing law enforcement outcomes [ ]  Explaining the conservation impacts of illegal trade [ ]  Mobilizing social media [ ]  Using key occasions such as World Wildlife Day to engage with key influencers. [ ]  Establishing partnerships with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as appropriate[ ]  Other (please elaborate below)For each of the identified campaigns, please provide all relevant information such as date launched, audiences targeted, monitoring and evaluation conducted and results, and attach digital copies of materials if possible. Please elaborate, as appropriate, on the communication tools and approaches used, and why these are considered to be the most effective for use in your country.  |
| **B.2** | If your answer to B.1 above is “No”, please explain why national or local public awareness campaigns were not considered, and any obstacles that may have been experienced. |
| **B.3** | Have any non-governmental stakeholders in your country undertaken work to develop and implement national or local public awareness campaigns to reduce illegal offer of, and demand for illegally traded cheetah specimens? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If “Yes”, please provide relevant details. If such details were already included in the answer to B.1 above, please indicate accordingly here. |

**C. REGARDING enforcement**

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| **C.1** | Has your country taken any steps to further strengthen national or regional enforcement actions concerning the illegal trade in cheetah specimens?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details on the steps taken and the enforcement agencies involved, including if applicable and as appropriate, information on any operations conducted, investigations and prosecutions initiated or concluded. If ‘no’, please explain why such steps are not deemed to be necessary, or if any such steps are foreseen to be taken in future. |
| **C.2** | If you answered yes to question C.1 above, please explain if and how the steps implemented are taken into account in the development of work programmes and law enforcement operations in your country? |
| **C.3** | Has your country in the period from 1 January 2016 to date made use of existing systems provided by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization for the exchange of any information related to illegal trade in cheetah specimens? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details as appropriate; if ‘no’, please describe the reasons why. . |
| **C.4** | Has your country established any mechanisms to ensure regular, timely and effective communication with other countries regarding illegal trade in cheetahs?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details. If ‘no’, please provide information on whether such mechanisms are planned to be established... |
| **C.5** | Did your country communicate any information on poaching and/or illegal trade in cheetahs, including parts and derivatives, to relevant authorities in other source, transit or destination countries for appropriate enforcement actions and follow-up?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details on any outcomes from such information sharing, as appropriate. . |
| **C.6** | Has your country requested support from the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC),[[2]](#footnote-2) any of its partner agencies, or any other entities, to address illegal trade in cheetah specimens, including via e-commerce? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details. If ‘no’, please indicate if this is foreseen in future. |
| **C.7** | If your country is located in Eastern Africa or the Middle East, have your authorities been involved in any joint operations between these two regions, targeting known or suspected smuggling routes used for illegal trade in cheetah specimens?Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details as appropriate. If ‘no’, please describe the reasons and whether any future joint operations are anticipated. |
| **C.8** | Are there any non-governmental stakeholders in your country that have supported governmental efforts to strengthen your national enforcement responses to address illegal trade in cheetahs?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details on how these other stakeholders supported governmental efforts and the activities conducted. |

**D. REGARDING DISPOSAL AND SEIZURES**

In recommendation d) on *Illegal trade in cheetahs*, adopted at its 66th meeting, the Standing Committee encourages range, transit and destination countries affected by illegal trade in live cheetahs, to collaborate on the humane disposal of confiscated live cheetahs through the use of existing and, where required and as appropriate, the establishment of national or regional rescue centres, paying particular attention to maximizing the contribution of the specimens to conservation of the species in the wild.

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| **D.1** | Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 17.8 on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species* contains CITES guidelines for the disposal of confiscated live animals. Has your country since its adoption, applied these guidelines for the disposal of confiscated live cheetahs? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please elaborate on your experiences in using these guidelines, including information on anything that worked particularly well or any challenges experienced.  |
| **D.2** | Concerning Annex 3 of Resolution Conf. 17.8 on *Disposal of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species* regarding *Guidelines to develop an action plan on seized and/or confiscated live specimens*, has your country developed an action plan on confiscated live specimens that includes provisions for the confiscation of live cheetah? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If yes, please provide details, and where possible, a copy of or URL link to the action plan. If ‘no’, please describe the reasons and whether the development of such an action plan is anticipated. |
| **D.3** | Are there facilities in your country for the handling of confiscated live cheetahs?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please list facilities.

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| Facility name | Location | Current number of cheetahs at facility | Total capacity of cheetahs at facility |
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| **D.4** | If ‘yes’ to D.3 above, please indicate if you deem the facilities available to be sufficient.If ‘no’ to D.3 above, has your country taken steps to identify or establish facilities for the disposal of confiscated live cheetahs? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details.If ‘no’, please describe the main obstacles faced by your country in developing appropriate facilities and expertise for disposing of confiscated live cheetah? Please provide as much detail as possible.  |
| **D.5** | Has your country informed the CITES Secretariat of any facilities available for the disposal of confiscated live cheetahs?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘no’, please list here or in a document attached to your response. |
| **D.6** | Is there relevant expertise in your country for the handling of confiscated live cheetahs? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘no’, please describe the needs that exist in your country? |
| **D.7** | Do the relevant enforcement authorities in your country maintain a list of approved experts that can assist in the humane handling and placement of confiscated live cheetahs?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please attach a copy of the list. If no such list has been previously created, please list here any experts competent to perform this role in your country. |
| **D.8** | Are there any non-governmental stakeholders in your country that have expertise in, and supported your authorities with the disposal of confiscated live cheetahs? If ‘yes’, please provide details about the expertise and activities each of these stakeholders. |
| **D.9** | Does your country collaborate with facilities in other countries for the disposal of confiscated live cheetahs? Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide details below.

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| Location | Facility name | Current number of cheetahs at facility | Total capacity of cheetahs at facility |
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| **D.10** | Have any cheetah specimens been seized in your country since 1 January 2015?Yes [ ]  No [ ] If ‘yes’, please provide the following information for each seizure separately, and to the fullest extent possible.

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|  | **Year** | **Description of seized specimen[[3]](#footnote-3)** | **Quantity** | **Date of the seizure** | **Country of origin (if known)** | **Country(ies) of transit (if known)** | **Final intended destination (if known)** |
| A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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In connection with the seizures listed above, please provide, for each case (referring to the same letter as above), the following information:

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|  | **Means of transport** | **Method of concealment** | **Location of incident[[4]](#footnote-4)** | **Detecting agency[[5]](#footnote-5)** |
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In connection with the seizures listed above, please provide also for each case (referring to the same letter), the following information about prosecutions and criminal convictions:

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|  | **Number of persons arrested** | **Number of persons prosecuted** | **Criminal offence (e.g. poaching, illegal possession, attempted illegal export, illegal sale, etc.)** | **Number of persons convicted** | **Penalties** |
| A |  |   |   |   |   |
| B |  |   |   |   |   |
| C |  |   |   |   |   |
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In connection with the seizures listed above, please provide also for each case (referring to the same letter), the following information about disposal.

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|  | **# of live (cubs, adults)** | **Disposal location and ultimate outcome** | **# of dead (cubs, adults)** | **Disposal location** | **# of Parts (skins, bones)** | **Disposal location** |
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| B |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **D.11** | Are there any best practices or challenges in your country with regard to illegal trade in live cheetahs or illegal trade in cheetah parts and derivatives that have not been addressed by the questions above, that you would like to highlight? |

1. *(b) “Specimen” means:*

 *(i) any animal or plant, whether alive or dead;*

 *(ii) in the case of an animal: for species included in Appendices I and II, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof; and for species included in Appendix III, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof specified in Appendix III in relation to the species.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://cites.org/eng/prog/iccwc.php [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. i.e. Live adult; live cub; dead adult; dead cub; skin; trophy; clothing; worked items; etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. e.g. airport, land port, seaport. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. e.g. Police; Customs; Wildlife agency; Other (please specify). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)