



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/081

Geneva, 1 November 2018

CONCERNING:

APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Reissue of a recommendation to suspend trade in African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*)

1. Pursuant to Article XIII of the Convention, the Standing Committee at its 70th meeting (SC70, Sochi, October 2018) agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend trade in specimens of African grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*) from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) pending compliance with the recommendations made at its 69th meeting (SC69). It is recalled that this recommendation was first agreed at its 66th meeting and has been valid since 15 January 2016.
2. For ease of reference, it is recalled that the Standing Committee at SC69 (SC69 SR) recommended that:
 - c) *a non-Party to the Convention for Psittacus erithacus, in accordance with Resolution Conf.4.25 (Rev. CoP14), the DRC treat the species as if it were included in Appendix II for all purposes, including documentation and control, and suspend the issuance of export permits for commercial and non-commercial trade in specimens of Psittacus erithacus of wild origin until it is in a position to make scientifically based non-detriment findings for trade in the species;*
 - d) *the DRC take steps to implement CoP Decision 17.256 on African grey parrots (Psittacus erithacus);*
 - e) *the DRC not establish experimental export quotas as part of scientific surveys of the species in the country;*
 - f) *the Standing Committee notes the moratorium announced by the DRC to suspend trade of Psittacus erithacus and its announcement that it will not implement its reservation on the listing of the species in Appendix I and It invites DRC to adopt a regulatory act to implement the moratorium, and*
 - g) *the Standing Committee also notes the commitment by the DRC to undertake population surveys and develop a management plan for Psittacus erithacus.*
3. At SC70, the Standing Committee further encouraged donors and cooperation agencies to support DRC in the undertaking of population surveys and development of management plans for *Psittacus erithacus*;
4. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under [Documents/Trade suspensions](#). Parties are requested to implement this recommendation and to inform their enforcement and Customs authorities of the trade suspension to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species subject to such a recommendation.
5. The Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2017/063 of 26 September 2017 and Notification 2016/021 of 16 March 2016.