



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/095

Geneva, 22 November 2018

CONCERNING:

Proposal to amend Appendix II:
Consultation with range States

1. This Notification is being published at the request of Sri Lanka.
2. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 8.21 (Rev. CoP16) on *Consultation with range States on proposals to amend Appendices I and II*, Sri Lanka wishes to consult range States.
3. Sri Lanka has submitted a proposal, for consideration of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties taking place from 23 May to 3 June 2019, to the Secretariat to include the species *Rhynchobatus australiae* and *Rhynchobatus djiddensis* (both commonly referred to as white-spotted wedgefish) on Appendix II of the Convention under Annex 2a, Criterion A and B, along with all other species of family Rhinidae (wedgefish) under Annex 2b, Criterion A.
4. Accordingly, Sri Lanka request range States to provide any available information on the conservation status (distribution, population size, structure, and trends), and on legal domestic trade and international trade of specimens, parts, and derivatives, as well as information on illegal trade (seizures and confiscations).
5. All range States are invited to submit their responses to this Notification by 30 November 2018, directly to Sri Lanka's CITES Management Authority (not to the Secretariat), by email:

Mr. Ranjan Marasinghe
Email: ranjandwc@gmail.com
6. We also invite all Parties who wish to be a co-proponent on this proposal to send your confirmation to the CITES Secretariat by email and posted as a hard copy, in line with the guidance in Notification to the Parties [No. 2017/072](#) by 24 December 2018, along with an email copy to the Management Authority of Sri Lanka.