



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Contribution of CITES to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform
on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

1. The Secretariat draws the attention of Parties to a call from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) for CITES Parties to take part in the following processes:

- [Call for comments on the draft next work programme of IPBES](#);
- A reminder for the [call for nominations for experts for the assessment of invasive alien species](#);
- The availability of a primer of the global assessment in all six UN languages here: <http://www.ipbes.net/ipbes7-primers>;

At IPBES 7, representatives of IPBES members will be presented, for discussion and possible approval, with a definitive new global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services – the first such report since the landmark Millennium Ecosystem Assessment was published in 2005, and the first ever that is intergovernmental. A primer of this global assessment is made available in all six UN languages here: <http://www.ipbes.net/ipbes7-primers>.

2. Considering the potential relevance of these IPBES deliverables for the work of the Convention and in accordance with Decision 16.13 (Rev. CoP17) that welcomes cooperation with IPBES, the Secretariat would like to encourage Parties to contribute to these processes, with special attention to issues of interest to CITES.