CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/030

Geneva, 1 April 2020

CONCERNING:

Information on identification materials

1. At its 18th meeting (Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.135 to 18.139 on Identification materials. Decision 18.136 is directed to the Secretariat as follows:

18.136 The Secretariat shall undertake a review of Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) on Identification Manual. It shall:

   a) collect and compile information on the current state of species identification activities and needs, and assess their relevance for the review of Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16);

   b) consider whether Resolution Conf. 11.19 (Rev. CoP16) would best be revised or replaced with a new resolution on Identification of specimens of CITES-listed species, and prepare a draft text of the revised or new resolution;

   c) propose a revised resolution in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees and the Standing Committee; and

   d) report on the progress and make recommendations at the meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees, and the meeting of the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

2. Pursuant to Decision 18.136, paragraph a), the Secretariat seeks the inputs from Parties and other stakeholders regarding the following information:

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   | Current state of species identification activities | • Taxonomic and geographical scope  
   |                                       | • Target audience                                        
   |                                       | • Format (paper guide, online tool, training, etc.) and language |
   |                                       | • Donor/project                                          
   |                                       | • Attachment or link to the resource if available         |
   | Species identification needs         | • Taxonomic scope                                        |
   |                                       | • Target audience                                        |
   |                                       | • Preferred format and language                           |

3. Parties are welcome to submit the above-mentioned information at their convenience, but the Secretariat will include the inputs submitted on or before 20 April 2020 in its analysis submitted at the joint session of the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee and of the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee.