



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### Change in CITES permits and certificates

1. The present Notification to the Parties is published at the request of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
2. The CITES Management Authority of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, that is, Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN), can be contacted at the following address:

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3. The Democratic Republic of the Congo has made a small change in the CITES permits and certificates issued by the CITES Management Authority. The change is the inclusion of a QR CODE on the far right of the security stamp affixed in box 13 of each permit and certificate.
4. Accordingly, as of 1 June 2020, CITES Parties should not accept any permits or certificates issued by the Democratic Republic of the Congo after this date that do not contain the QR CODE referred to in paragraph 3 above.
5. In addition, CITES Parties should continue to accept permits and certificates signed before 1 June 2020 that do not contain the QR CODE, as they are still valid until their expiry date. However, it is possible to verify their validity and authenticity with the CITES Management Authority of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
6. Any Parties who wish to quickly verify the authenticity and validity of permits and certificates issued by the CITES Management Authority (MA) of the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 1 June 2020 onwards can access the web site of the MA: <https://www.citesrdc.org>, click on "PERMIT VERIFY" and enter the number of the CITES permit or certificate.
7. The verification will provide the information included in an authentic permit or certificate, that is, the contact details of the exporter/re-exporter and importer, the scientific name and common name of the specimens and their quantity, the country of destination or of origin, as appropriate, the security stamp number, the expiry date of the permit or certificate and useful information on traceability. A summary of these data will be obtained by scanning the QR CODE included in the permit or certificate with a specific QR CODE application downloaded in a smartphone or any other appropriate scanning device associated with a computer.