



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/050

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CONCERNING:

Voluntary export quotas of Madagascar for 2019

1. This Notification is published at the request of Madagascar.
2. At the request of Madagascar, the Secretariat has published the country's voluntary national export quotas for species of fauna and flora for the year 2019 (see <https://cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php>) as well as additional export quotas for 2019 (see [here](#)).
3. Madagascar wishes to point out that paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.7 (Rev. CoP15) on *Management of nationally established export quotas* include the following guidelines on quotas not fully utilized in a particular year.

Quotas not fully utilized in a particular year

20. *The level of an export quota reflects the number or quantity of specimens of a species that may be exported in any particular year (the specimens having been removed from the wild, bred in captivity, artificially propagated, etc., in that year). It sometimes happens, however, that, although specimens are obtained for export, it is not possible to ship them in the year in which they were obtained.*
21. *A Party may decide exceptionally to authorize export in one year of specimens that were obtained in a previous year, and under the quota for that previous year. In such cases, the quota for the current year should not be increased in order to include the specimens obtained in the previous year. Rather the number or quantity of such specimens that will be exported should be deducted from the quota of the previous year.*
4. Through this Notification, in accordance with the provisions mentioned above, Madagascar hereby informs the Parties that the period of validity of all its quotas concerning animals and plants for 2019 is extended until 31 July 2020.
5. Madagascar also notes paragraph 11 of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.7 (Rev. CoP15), which reads as follows:
 11. *Export quotas are usually established for specimens of wild source. However, separate quotas may be established for specimens of different sources (e.g. wild-taken, ranches, captive-bred, artificially propagated). An export quota applies to wild-taken specimens unless indicated otherwise. A non-detriment finding that supports the export of specimens of any specific source (e.g. ranching) should not be relied upon to authorize the export of specimens of other sources.*
6. Madagascar will no longer set and inform of any voluntary export quotas for artificially propagated plant species starting from this year 2020.