



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

E-commerce of specimens of CITES-listed species

1. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties, discussed document CoP14 Doc. 28 relating to Internet trade in specimens of CITES-listed species. It was agreed that this subject should be studied further and two Decisions were adopted (Decisions 14.35 and 14.36).
2. The first of these requests that the Secretariat seek information on this subject from the Parties and that such information be analysed to prepare a background document for a workshop at which wildlife trade and the Internet will be discussed. Consequently, the Secretariat invites Management Authorities that wish to do so to submit information relating to the following:
 - a) the scale and nature of wildlife trade conducted via the Internet that apparently involves their country;
 - b) any real or perceived problems relating to such trade, including illicit trade;
 - c) the nature and effectiveness of any measures that Parties have taken to regulate the trade in wildlife via the Internet, including the use of codes of conduct; and
 - d) any changes in trade routes, species in trade and methods of shipment that have been observed as a result of increased use of the Internet to promote trade in wildlife.
3. It is requested that information be submitted by 31 December 2007.
4. The workshop that is to be convened to address this subject will require external funding and any Party or organization that is interested in providing funds for such a purpose is encouraged to contact the Secretariat.