



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2015/055

Geneva, 15 September 2015

CONCERNING:

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade

1. In [Notification to the Parties No. 2015/013](#) of 19 March 2015, the Secretariat informed Parties that the Standing Committee had recommended that Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Lao People's Democratic Republic as it had failed to submit an adequate national ivory action plan in accordance with the provisions of the [intersessional recommendations](#) adopted by the Standing Committee on 2 January 2015.
2. On 4 September 2015, the Secretariat received an adequate national ivory action plan from the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The plan has been made available on the Secretariat's national ivory action plan web portal at <http://cites.org/eng/niaps>.
3. The Secretariat therefore informs Parties that the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Lao People's Democratic Republic is withdrawn with immediate effect.