



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Changes in staff of the Secretariat

1. Several changes in the staffing of the CITES Secretariat has taken place and this Notification is provided as an update for the information of the Parties.
2. The new Secretariat staff, along with staff that have new positions, are listed as follows:

– David Morgan, Chief of Governing Bodies and Meeting Services

Mr Morgan was appointed for this post through a lateral move from the post of CITES Secretariat Chief of Scientific Services, effective 1 January 2015 with the approval of the UNEP Executive Director. Prior to joining the Secretariat, he was Senior Coordinator with the European Commission's programme for CITES implementation.

– Tom De Meulenaer, Chief of Scientific Services

Mr De Meulenaer was selected and appointed for this post following the UN selection process and has assumed the position as of 1 January 2015. He was previously the CITES Secretariat Scientific Support Officer for the period 2011-2014 and the MIKE Coordinator for the period 2007-2011. A vacancy announcement will soon be posted for Scientific Support Officer.

– Susanne Bengtsson, Administrative and Fund Management Officer

Ms Bengtsson was selected and appointed for this post following the UN selection process and will assume the position effective 1 April 2015. She served in the same position with the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in Geneva from the period 2007 to the present. Prior to this, she was Officer-in-Charge of the Budget Section with the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) from 2005 to 2007.

– Julian Blanc, MIKES Coordinator

Mr Blanc was acting CITES MIKE Coordinator in Nairobi since 2011 and was appointed for this post following the UN selection process and assumed the position effective November 2014. He was the MIKE Data Analyst prior to this appointment.

– Helene Gandois, Programme and Documentation Officer

Ms Gandois was selected and appointed for this post following the UN selection process and assumed the position effective 16 February 2015. She was serving as an Associate Evaluation Officer at the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) in New York and prior to this, as a Verbatim Reporter for the UN Secretariat in New York.

– Daniel Kachelreiss, Marine Species Officer

Mr Kachelreiss was selected from the Junior Professional Officer programme, sponsored by the Government of Germany, and will assume the position effective 16 March 2015. He is currently an Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations in New York, principally responsible for ocean-related negotiations.

Edward Van Asch, ICCWC Support Officer

Mr Van Asch was selected and appointed for this post following the UN selection process and will assume the position effective 2 March 2015. He was the Support Officer for the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) on a short-term contract in 2013 and prior to that, he was working with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Bangkok.

– Nadia Berny, Meetings and Conference Assistant

Ms Berny was selected and appointed for this post following the UN selection process and assumed the position effective 11 February 2015. She worked previously with the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva as Administrative Assistant since 2012, as Pension Assistant for the period 2003-2012 and as Conference Assistant for the period 1990-2003.

– Sarina van der Ploeg, Projects Assistant

Ms van der Ploeg was selected and appointed for this part-time post following the UN selection process and has assumed the position on 2 February 2015. She was a Communications and Project consultant in Geneva with the Regional Office for Europe of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).