



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Use of Taxonomic Serial Numbers

Inputs on domestic systems for CITES trade data management using taxonomic serial numbers and their alternatives

1. At its 16th meeting (Bangkok, 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 16.56 on the *Use of taxonomic serial numbers* as follows:

16.56 *Parties, particularly those engaged in the development of Single Window environments, are encouraged to consider the usefulness of incorporating taxonomic serial numbers in their domestic systems for management of data on authorization of trade under CITES, and alternatives to such numbers that they might use or be using, and to provide comments to the Secretariat.*
2. The Secretariat invites Parties to submit comments on the experience and comments on their national experience in incorporating unique identifiers, such as taxonomic serial numbers, in their CITES trade data management.
3. Comments can be submitted to the Secretariat via email at info@cites.org. The Secretariat would appreciate comments by 4 April 2016, in order to compile the information in a timely manner.
4. The Secretariat will compile information voluntarily provided by the Parties in accordance with Decision 16.56, and make this information available to Parties at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.