



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2013/018

Geneva, 17 May 2013

CONCERNING:

AFGHANISTAN

Recommendation to suspend trade for non-submission of annual reports

1. In Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on *National reports*, the Conference of the Parties:

INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee to determine, on the basis of reports presented by the Secretariat, which Parties have failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution;

RECOMMENDS that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with any Party that the Standing Committee has determined has failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution.

2. At the 63rd meeting of the Standing Committee (Bangkok, March 2013), the Secretariat informed the Committee of the Parties that had not submitted their annual reports for three consecutive years, and of the measures taken to try to encourage them to submit their reports.
3. The Committee determined that Afghanistan had failed to provide its annual reports for three consecutive years without adequate justification and agreed that the Secretariat should issue a Notification to the Parties recommending a suspension of trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Afghanistan, unless it submitted its missing annual reports to the Secretariat by 4 May 2013.
4. As the missing reports have not yet been submitted, the Secretariat hereby informs the Parties that, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14), the Conference of the Parties recommends that they not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Afghanistan until further notice.
5. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under [Documents / Trade suspensions](#).