



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/052

Geneva, 24 August 2021

CONCERNING:

Submission of annual illegal trade reports

1. The purpose of the present Notification is to remind Parties that paragraph 3 in Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on *National reports* urges all Parties to submit an annual illegal trade report to the Secretariat by 31 October each year.
2. Further, at its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 18.76 on *Annual illegal trade reports*, as follows:

18.76 Directed to Parties

Parties are urged, in compliance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on National reports, to submit an annual illegal trade report by 31 October 2020 and 31 October 2021 covering actions in the preceding years and in accordance with the report format distributed by the Secretariat.

3. Parties are reminded to use the updated *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of annual illegal trade reports*, available in [Annex 2](#) to [Notification to the Parties No. 2021/044](#), in preparing their reports. Further information can also be found on the [Annual illegal trade report](#) webpage available on the CITES website.
4. Annual illegal trade reports covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2020 should be submitted to the Secretariat by 31 October 2021, at reporting@cites.org with a copy to info@cites.org.