



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Urgent measures regarding wildlife trade regulation

1. This Notification is being published at the request of China.
2. On 24 February 2020, the China's Standing Committee of the National People's Congress adopted a Decision to eliminate the consumption for food of wild animals to safeguard people's lives and health. This Decision comes into force immediately.
3. The Decision reiterates all prohibited activities concerning wildlife already included in existing relevant laws, *inter alia* Wildlife Conservation Law. Such activities will be given an aggravated punishment beyond the maximum prescribed.
4. The Decision further requires that:
 - a) all terrestrial wildlife, including those of significantly ecological, scientific or social value and those from captive-breeding facilities should be prohibited from being used for food; and
 - b) hunting, trade in, or transporting all terrestrial wildlife from wild be prohibited, were they to be used for food.
5. The Decision also requires that relevant regulations and lists be amended accordingly.
6. China will inform the Parties of any change of policy governing international wildlife trade.