



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/031

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CONCERNING:

LIBYA

Recommendation to suspend commercial trade
National legislation

1. The Secretariat informs Parties that, **as of 10 January 2024**, the Standing Committee recommends that Parties suspend trade in all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes with Libya until further notice.
2. Libya has been a Party to the Convention since 28 January 2003. The legislation of Libya is placed in Category 3, as the legislation does not meet the four minimum requirements set out in [Resolution Conf. 8.4 \(Rev. CoP15\)](#) on *National laws for implementation of the Convention*.
3. At its 71st meeting (Geneva, August 2019), the Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to send a second warning letter to those Parties that had still not reported any legislative progress to the Secretariat – including Libya – and agreed to recommend a suspension of trade at its 73rd meeting if no substantive legislative progress had been made at that time (see [SC71 Summary Record](#)). After SC71, Libya engaged with the Secretariat on the development of a new legislation for the implementation of the Convention. Therefore, no recommendation was made for a suspension of trade at SC73. However, no progress on the development of the national legislation of Libya has been reported since then.
4. At its 77th meeting (Geneva, November 2023), the Standing Committee agreed a recommendation to all Parties to suspend trade in all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes with Libya for lack of progress on the development of national legislation (see executive summary [SC77 Sum. 9](#)). The recommendation was to take effect 60 days after it was agreed unless the Party concerned adopts appropriate measures before the expiry of the 60 days or takes significant and substantive steps to do so. At the expiry of the 60-day period, the Secretariat had not received any response from Libya and is therefore informing Parties of the recommendation to suspend trade.
5. Parties are requested to inform their enforcement and customs authorities of this recommendation to suspend trade to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species subject to such a recommendation. Parties that issue import permits for trade in specimens of Appendix-II species are also encouraged to consult the list when processing applications. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the [CITES website](#).

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