



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CITES Parties and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans under the
Convention on Biological Diversity – A Draft Guide

1. In Notification to the Parties No. 2011/021 of 24 February 2011, the attention of CITES Parties was drawn to the adoption of a *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets* at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, 2010). The CBD Conference also urged CBD Parties to develop national targets in line with the Strategic Plan and to update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), where appropriate.
2. CITES Parties were invited, in Notification to the Parties No. 2011/021, to consider integrating into NBSAPs national and regional CITES activities that contribute to the effective implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the conservation and sustainable use of wild fauna and flora, as appropriate.
3. As foreseen in Notification to the Parties No. 2011/021, a Draft Guide for CITES Parties on *Contributing to the development, review, updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)* has now been developed and is contained in the Annex to this Notification. The Draft Guide is currently available in English only and will soon be translated into French and Spanish.
4. Parties are invited to make use of the Draft Guide and to provide the Secretariat with any comments they might have on its usefulness, content and format. Such feedback will assist in finalization of the Guide and help to ensure that it is a useful implementation tool for all Parties and other interested CITES stakeholders.