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**Notification to the Signatory and Acceding States to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), concluded in Washington on 3 March 1973**

***Reservations by Canada, Japan, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Republic of Botswana, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of South Africa, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Zambia***

**I. Reservations with reference to the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention**

The following States entered reservations with reference to the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention, adopted at the eighteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva, 17 – 28 August 2019) and entered into force on 26 November 2019.

- With note received on 6 November 2019, Canada enters a reservation with respect to the amendments to the Appendices I and II of the Convention, due to the necessity to complete its domestic legal requirements for the entry into force of these amendments.
- With note received on 20 November 2019, Japan enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Isurus oxyrinchus*, *Isurus paucus* and *Holothuria fuscogilva* in Appendix II of the Convention. Japan formulated at the same time the following declaration (original English text):  
«1. Japan makes [these reservations] primarily due to the fact that the stock status of those species do not meet the criteria for inclusion thereof in Appendix II, as concluded by the Sixth FAO Expert Advisory Panel for the Assessment of Proposals to Amend Appendices I and II of CITES Concerning Commercially Exploited Aquatic Species.  
2. Nonetheless, Japan is continuously committed to conservation and management of the shark and sea cucumber species on which it has made reservations through domestic regulations and/or cooperation with other countries in relevant regional fisheries management organizations.  
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of Article XV of CITES, upon exporting the above-mentioned shark and sea cucumber species to all countries including those which are not parties to CITES, Japan will voluntarily conduct procedures related to export permits that are required under CITES, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations.»
- With note received on 22 November 2019, the Kingdom of Eswatini enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 22 November 2019, the Republic of Namibia enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.

- With three notes received on 24 November 2019, the Republic of Zimbabwe enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 25 November 2019, the Republic of Botswana enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 25 November 2019, the United Republic of Tanzania enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 25 November 2019, the Republic of Indonesia enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Isurus oxyrinchus*, *Isurus paucus*, *Glaucostegus spp.* and *Rhinidae spp.* in Appendix II of the Convention. The reservation is «valid until 26 May 2021»; therefore it will be considered as withdrawn as from 27 May 2021.
- With note received on 26 November 2019, the Democratic Republic of Congo enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With letter received on 26 November 2019, the Kingdom of Norway enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 26 November 2019, the Republic of South Africa enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 26 November 2019, the Kingdom of Thailand enters a reservation with respect to the transfer of *Geochelone elegans* from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention and to the inclusion of *Gekko gecko* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 26 November 2019, the Republic of Zambia enters a reservation with respect to the inclusion of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus* in Appendix II of the Convention.

## II. Communications with respect to Paragraph 4 of the CITES Notification to the Parties No. 2019/052 of 3 October 2019

On the same dates, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Republic of Botswana, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Zambia communicated their reservation with respect to the update of «the references to the Resolutions mentioned in annotation 2 relating to the populations of *Loxodonta africana* in Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe».

The Republic of Zimbabwe furthermore reserved its right not to be bound by Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18). The Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Botswana, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of South Africa all declared furthermore not to be in a position to implement Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18) for both African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) and Southern White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) populations.

The present notification is addressed to the Governments of the Signatory and Acceding States by the Depositary ([www.fdfa.admin.ch/depositary](http://www.fdfa.admin.ch/depositary)) in conformity with article XXV, paragraph 2, of the CITES.

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