

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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JAPAN'S POSITION TO THE ANNEX OF THE NOTIFICATION NO. 2022/067  
DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 2022 (COP19 PROP.10)

1. This document has been submitted by Japan in relation to proposal CoP19 Prop. 10.\*
2. In the annex of the notification No.2022/067 dated 19 September 2022, China commented on the proposal COP19 Prop.10 submitted by the United States of America. The Chinese comments in the annex of the notification is not acceptable for the Government of Japan for the following reasons.
  - a) There is no doubt that the Senkaku Islands are indisputably an inherent territory of Japan, in light of historical facts and based upon international law.
  - b) Indeed, the Senkaku Islands are under the valid control of Japan. There exists no issue of territorial sovereignty to be resolved concerning the Senkaku Islands.
3. In this regard, the Government of Japan would like to express that the Chinese comments have no place to be discussed at meetings of CITES, including the upcoming COP 19.

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