

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/043

Geneva, 25 March 2025

CONCERNING:

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

Withdrawal of recommendation to suspend trade
for non-submission of annual reports

1. In [Notification to the Parties No. 2022/034 of 13 May 2022](#), the Secretariat informed Parties that, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*, the Standing Committee had recommended that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Sao Tome and Principe as it had failed, without having provided adequate justification, to provide annual reports for three consecutive years.
2. The Secretariat has now received the missing annual reports from Sao Tome and Principe.
3. The Secretariat therefore informs Parties that the recommendation to suspend trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Sao Tome and Principe for lack of submission of annual reports is withdrawn with immediate effect.
4. The Secretariat would like to remind Parties that, although the withdrawal of the recommendation to suspend trade in CITES-listed species has now been lifted for annual reports, **a recommendation to suspend trade in all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes with Sao Tome and Principe for lack of progress with regard to the development of its national law for the implementation of the Convention remains in effect** (see [Notification to the Parties 2022/038 of 17 May 2022](#)).
5. Parties are requested to inform their enforcement and customs authorities that the recommendation to suspend trade for commercial purposes as outlined in paragraph 4 of the present Notification remains in place and to exercise due diligence to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of CITES-listed species. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under [Documents / Trade suspensions](#).