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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

I. Ratification by the Lao People's Democratic Republic

On 1 March 2004, the Lao People's Democratic Republic deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of ratification of the CITES.

According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for the Lao People's Democratic Republic 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, i.e. on 30 May 2004.

II. Accession to the CITES, acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone and entering of reservations by the Republic of Palau

On 16 April 2004, the Republic of Palau deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the CITES entering, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2, of the Convention, reservations with respect to the following listing in Appendices of the CITES:

Appendix I:

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| - <i>Pteropus mariannus</i> | Micronesian flying-fox | (chiroptera, pteropodidae) |
| - <i>Pteropus pilosus</i> | Large Palau flying-fox | (chiroptera, pteropodidae) |
| - <i>Physeter catodon</i> | Sperm whale | (cetacea, physeteridae) |
| - <i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i> | Minke whale | (cetacea, balaenopteridae) |
| - <i>Dugong dugong</i> | Dugong | (sirenia, dugongidae) |
| - <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | Peregrine falcon | (falconiformes, falconidae) |
| - <i>Caloenas nicobarica</i> | Nicobar pigeon | (columbiformes, columbidae) |
| - <i>Chelonia mydas</i> | Green turtle | (testudinata, cheloniidae) |
| - <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> | Hawksbill turtle | (testudinata, cheloniidae) |
| - <i>Crocodylus porosus</i> | Saltwater crocodile | (crocodylia, crocodylidae) |

Appendix II:

- <i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	Crab-eating macaque	(primates, cercopithecidae)
- <i>Otus podarginus</i>	Palau owl	(strigiformes, strigidae)
- <i>Varanus indicus</i>	Pacific monitor	(sauria, varanidae)
- <i>Candoia carinata</i>	Tree boa	(serpentes, boidae)
- <i>Rhincodon typus</i>	Whale shark	(orectolobiformes, thincodontidae)
- <i>Hippocampus denise</i>	Seahorse	(syngnathiformes, syngnathidae)
- <i>Hippocampus kuda</i>	Oceanic seahorse	(syngnathiformes, syngnathidae)
- <i>Hippopus hippopus</i>	Bear paw clam	(venerida, tridacnidae)
- <i>Hippopus porcellanus</i>	China clam	(venerida, tridacnidae)
- <i>Tridacna crocea</i>	Crocea clam	(venerida, tridacnidae)
- <i>Tridacna derasa</i>	Southern giant clam	(venerida, tridacnidae)
- <i>Tridacna gigas</i>	Giant clam	(venerida, tridacnidae)
- <i>Tridacna maxima</i>	Small giant clam	(venerida, tridacnidae)
- <i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	Fluted giant clam	(venerida, tridacnidae)
- <i>Cyathea lunulata</i>	Tree fern	(cyatheaceae)
- <i>Cyathea nigricans</i>	Tree fern	(cyatheaceae)
- <i>Nepenthes mirabilis</i>	Pitcher-plant	(nepenthaceae)

Appendix III:

- <i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	Great white shark	(lamniformes, lamnidae)
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According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for the Republic of Palau 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 15 July 2004.

On 16 April 2004, the Republic of Palau declared also its acceptance of the amendment of article XXI of the CITES, adopted at Gaborone on 30 April 1983. This amendment has not entered into force yet.

The present notification is addressed to the Governments of the Signatory and Acceding States in conformity with article XXV, paragraph 2, of the CITES.

Berne, 22 April 2004

