



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

BAHRAIN

E-permitting

1. This Notification to the Parties is published at the request of Bahrain.
2. The CITES Management Authority of Bahrain has adopted an electronic permitting system for issuing CITES permits (eCITES) since October 2020. The electronic system and database are regularly being developed and currently employ these features:
 - a) An overview of CITES and a direct link for applying for an eCITES permit with instructions, in both English and Arabic, which can be accessed via www.sce.gov.bh/en/;
 - b) All electronic applications are to Bahrain's eCITES database for review and validation. A text message and email is sent to the applicant when the electronic application is either rejected, sent back with queries, or approved;
 - c) The eCITES permit is issued once the applicant pays the permit fees via a link that is directly sent to the applicant. The permit will be printed by the applicant;
 - d) Electronic application of signatures and stamps;
 - e) All issued permits will have a QR code which presents a digital copy of the permit when scanned as a form of verification of the printed permit. For further verification on the validity of the permit, Parties may directly contact the Management Authority at aabbas@sce.gov.bh;
 - f) A soft copy of each permit and record of the application is saved and stored in Bahrain's eCITES database; and
 - g) The permit numbers are automatically generated and may easily be accessed within Bahrain's eCITES database. The search engine in the database allows for the search using the permit number, application number, CR number, species' scientific name, the applicant's ID, and trade type. The database also includes a feature to automatically generate the Annual Trade Report.
3. On this basis, the CITES Management Authority of Bahrain has been, and will continue, to issue eCITES permits for the import, re-export and export of endangered wild fauna and flora.
4. For more information on the electronic permitting system and eCITES database in Bahrain, kindly contact the Bahrain CITES Management Authority on: aabbas@sce.gov.bh.