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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on Monitoring Trade in Ornamental Fish

You are invited to provide comments on a Consultation Paper concerning the mechanisms for monitoring international trade in ornamental fish.

This Consultation Process is being supported by the European Commission and aims to consider the existing mechanisms that gather data concerning the international trade in ornamental fish, assess their ability to provide information appropriate for the monitoring of this trade at the species level, and produce recommendations on the best method of monitoring international trade in ornamental fish.

The Consultation Paper is being circulated to key institutions which may distribute the Paper among its members, and to a number of other interested organisations and individuals.

The Consultation Paper and was produced by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre with input from IUCN Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment Unit, the Marine Aquarium Council, and the Scientific Review Group of the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations.

Line numbers are included in the left margin of the Consultation Paper. When providing feedback, please include the line numbers to which each of your comments refers. You are invited to comment on the body of the current draft of the Consultation Paper. Please note that the editorial team cannot include all contributions verbatim. We will endeavour to summarise all contributions both as accurately and as briefly as possible.

Contributions may be made publicly available. If you do not consent to this, you must clearly request, at the beginning of your response letter, that your response be treated confidentially. Any confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system in e-mail responses will not be treated as such a request. You should also be aware that there may be circumstances in which UNEP-WCMC will be required to communicate information to third parties on request, in order to comply with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send responses to the Consultation Paper by email to: ornamentalfishtrade@unep-wcmc.org

Responses should be received by 20 July, 2008

The consultation process will consist of three consultative rounds. It is important that participants take into account the scope and timeline of each consultative round (see text of the Consultation paper for details).

The following documents may be found on the UNEP-WCMC website:

www.unep-wcmc.org/species/ornamentalfishtrade.aspx

- Consultation covering letter
- Consultation Paper

We will be grateful for your feedback.