



The International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC)

First global meeting of the wildlife enforcement networks

CONCEPT NOTE

Date: 5 March 2013, 08:30 – 17:30

Venue: Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSCC), meeting room 3, Bangkok, Thailand

Introduction

Illegal trade in wildlife is a growing global phenomenon that involves transnational organized crime. Responses to wildlife crimes have often been poorly structured, uncoordinated and delivered in a sporadic or short-term manner, without having a full understanding of the nature or scope of the problem.

National wildlife law enforcement agencies face many challenges. These include: inadequate legislation; lack of equipment; limited training opportunities; poor governance; and a limited appreciation among prosecutors and the judiciary of the serious nature of transnational organized wildlife crime. These agencies are often ill-prepared to respond to the scale of the threat and lack the means to share information and intelligence effectively at the regional and subregional levels. Powerful tools, such as forensic science support and anti-money laundering legislation, as well as specialized investigation techniques, such as covert operations and controlled deliveries, are often neglected.

In response to the transnational nature of wildlife crime, and in support of a more coordinated enforcement response, Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs) are emerging throughout the world to provide enforcement officials with the means to interact with their counterparts at the national, subregional and regional levels.

In recognition of the critical need for enhanced cooperation and a well-coordinated law enforcement response, the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC), in close cooperation with the Department of State of the United States, is organizing the first global meeting of the existing and proposed WENs.

Objectives of the meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the need for a global system that will improve coordination amongst the WENs and to consider the role that ICCWC, together with different global networks and partners could play in such a system. A declaration capturing the views expressed at the meeting on how such a global system could operate will be drafted.





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Partners

- ICCWC partners: CITES Secretariat, ICPO-INTERPOL, UNODC, World Bank, WCO
- U.S. Department of State

Target participants

Representatives from:

- Association of Southeast Asian Nations Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN)
- Central Africa WEN*/Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC)
- Central America WEN/Red de Observancia y Aplicación de la Normativa Silvestre para Centroamérica y República Dominicana (ROAVIS)
- Central Asia*
- China National Inter-agencies CITES Enforcement Coordination Group
- European Commission Enforcement Working Group
- Horn of Africa WEN*
- Lusaka Agreement Task Force
- North America Wildlife Enforcement Group (NAWEG)
- Pacific**
- South America WEN
- South Asia WEN (SA-WEN)
- West Asia*

Observers (non-funded participants):

- African Development Bank
- Anti-money laundering unit, World Bank
- Asian Development Bank
- Financial Action Task Force
- International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- World Customs Organization (WCO) Regional Intelligence Liaison Office (RILO)
- Non-governmental organizations

* *The representative should be the lead country or agency of the proposed network.*

** *The Oceania/Pacific region is encouraged to participate and consider the need to establish a network in the region.*





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Draft agenda

FIRST GLOBAL MEETING OF THE WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NETWORKS	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening session – open to all participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CITES Secretary-General on behalf of ICCWC - U.S. Department of State (10 minutes) - Government of Thailand (10 minutes)
09:30 – 10:00	Group photo & coffee break
10:00 – 12:00	Plenary session 1: Lessons learnt – open to all participants <i>Moderator: ICCWC partner organization</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All networks to share experiences on their major successes, problems and lessons learnt (10 minutes per network) - Q&A session
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch reception hosted by ICCWC
13:30 – 14:40	Plenary session 2: Supporting the networks – open to all participants <i>Moderator: ICCWC Partner organization – introduction to ICCWC</i> Examples of regional approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - INTERPOL Regional Bureaus (7 minutes) - WCO Global RILO network (7 minutes) - UNEP International Advisory Council for the Advancement of Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability (7 minutes) - World Bank regional projects on wildlife protection (7 minutes) - Regional Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-style bodies (7 minutes) NGO perspective: lessons learned and suggestions for improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TRAFFIC (7 minutes) - Freeland/ARREST (7 minutes)
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 17:00	Plenary session 3: The need for global coordination – <i>closed session</i> (partners and wildlife enforcement networks only) <i>Moderator: U.S. Department of State</i> How to link with other networks and to standardize practices: cross-fertilization, mentoring and skills exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examining the need for global coordination - The role of government, non-governmental and international organizations - Declaration on a system to improve coordination amongst WENs
17:00 – 17:30	Summary of discussions and closure of the meeting

Registration and travel arrangements

Attendance by two or more representatives from each network is encouraged. Funding will be provided to support the attendance of **one representative from each network**. Subject to the availability of funds, the CITES Secretariat will consider supporting the attendance of a second representative. Should funds for a second participant be requested, the network should highlight which representative should get preference and communicate this to the Secretariat following the criteria below for funded participants.





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Participants seeking funding support are kindly requested to complete the attached registration form and to forward it to the CITES Secretariat with a copy of their national passport **by 4 February 2013**. The Secretariat will inform participants whether they are eligible for funding and communicate with them with regard to travel and accommodation arrangements.

All other participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements and are kindly requested to confirm their attendance by completing the attached registration form and returning it to the CITES Secretariat **by 10 February 2013**.

All completed registration forms and necessary information should be forwarded to Ms Penelope-Anne Benn of the CITES Secretariat at penelope.benn@cites.org.

Acknowledgements

The CITES Secretariat, on behalf of ICCWC, would like to thank the Department of State of the United States for the funds generously made available to support this event.





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Global meeting of the wildlife enforcement networks
Registration form for participants seeking funding support

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Kindly complete all sections of this form and submit it with a copy of your national passport to Ms Penelope-Anne Benn (penelope.benn@cites.org) no later than 4 FEBRUARY 2013.

1. Are you a sponsored delegate for the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES? [] Yes [] No

2. if yes, please note you are not eligible for additional funding support. If not, kindly advise if you need support for the following:
Travel [] Yes [] No
Meals/accommodation [] Yes [] No

3. Participant details - All sections must be completed

Network:
Please select: [] Head of delegation [] Member of delegation
Position:
Organization:
First name:
Surname:
Address:
City/Postcode:
Country:
Office telephone: (please include country and area codes)
Mobile (please include country and area codes)
Work email
Personal email:

Please note:

Applications will not be accepted without a copy of the national passport.

The CITES Secretariat encourages all participants who seek support to attend the meeting to submit this registration form to Ms Penelope-Anne Benn (penelope.benn@cites.org) no later 4 February 2013.

The CITES Secretariat will only fund participants who are not being funded by their government or organization. By applying for support, you confirm that your government or organization is not providing funds to support your participation in the event.

Date: Signed:





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1. Participant details All sections must be completed

Organization: _____

Position: _____

- Head of delegation
Member of delegation

Title: _____

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

City/Postcode: _____

Country: _____

Office telephone: _____ (please include country and area codes)

Mobile: _____ (please include country and area codes)

Work email: _____

Personal email: _____

Please note:

Applications received will not be accepted without a copy of the national passport. Passports will be used for security purposes only.

The CITES Secretariat encourages all observers to submit to submit this registration form to Ms Penelope-Anne Benn (penelope.benn@cites.org) no later 10 February 2013.

Separate application forms should be sent for each individual planning to attend the meeting. Participation will be limited to a maximum of two representatives from each organization.

