

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Fifty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 6-10 July 2009

Administrative matters

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee, any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora wishing to be represented at a meeting of the Committee by observers shall submit a request to the Secretariat at least 30 days before the meeting.
3. By 6 June 2009, which was the deadline for submitting requests to attend the 58th meeting, the Secretariat had received such requests from 5 intergovernmental organizations and 34 non-governmental organizations. On 8 June 2008, the Secretariat sent these requests to the members of the Committee, who provided their comments to the Chair of the Standing Committee or to the Secretariat.
4. The Secretariat received late requests for registration on the first working day after the 6 June deadline from one intergovernmental organization and three non-governmental organizations. One of the latter was refused because the organization concerned had already registered participants to attend the meeting. The Secretariat exceptionally accepted the other requests, subject to the agreement of the Chair and the members of the Standing Committee, to whom they were referred on 12 June 2009.
5. The CITES Management Authority of China objected to the admission of one organization based in China, which had not requested their prior approval. This organization was therefore eliminated from the list of observers for the present meeting.
6. With that exception, no objection was received to the participation of any of the organizations that had requested to participate.
7. In consequence, the Secretariat, on behalf of the Chair of the Standing Committee, sent to the organizations listed in the Annex to the present document an invitation to attend the 58th meeting.
8. The above procedure does not apply to observers representing States not party to the Convention, nor to the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, which are entitled to be represented at meetings of the Standing Committee in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure. The list in the Annex includes the names of the organizations from the UN system that have informed the Secretariat of their wish to attend the present meeting. (It does not include UNEP, which administers the Secretariat.)

United Nations bodies / Organizaciones de Naciones Unidas /  
Institutions des Nations Unies

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations / Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación / Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture
- UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) / PNUMA Centro de Seguimiento de la Conservación Mundial (PNUMA-CMCM) / PNUE Centre de surveillance continue de la conservation mondiale de la nature (PNUE-WCMC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) / Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC) / Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC)

Intergovernmental organizations / Organizaciones intergubernamentales /  
Organisations intergouvernementales

- European Community / Comunidad Europea / Communauté européenne
- Global Tiger Forum / Forum Mundial del Tigre
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) / Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (UICN) / Union internationale pour la conservation de la nature (UICN)
- Southern African Development Community (SADC) / Comunidad para el Desarrollo de África Meridional (SADC) / Communauté du développement de l'Afrique australe (SADC)
- The World Bank / Banco Mundial / Banque mondiale

Non-governmental organizations / Organizaciones no gubernamentales /  
Organisations non gouvernementales

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Conservation Force</li><li>- Conservation International</li><li>- Environmental Investigation Agency</li><li>- FACE – Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU</li><li>- Fondation Franz Weber</li><li>- Humane Society International</li><li>- International Animal Trade Organisation</li><li>- International Caviar Importers Association</li><li>- International Elephant Foundation</li><li>- International Environmental Resources</li><li>- IISD-ENB (Reporting Service)</li><li>- IFAW-International Fund for Animal Welfare</li><li>- IWMC-World Conservation Trust</li><li>- Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council</li><li>- Safari Club International Foundation</li><li>- Species Management Specialists (SMS)</li><li>- Species Survival Network</li><li>- TRAFFIC</li><li>- VC International</li><li>- WWF</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums</li><li>- Animal Exhibitors Alliance</li><li>- Animal Welfare Institute</li><li>- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies</li><li>- Association of Zoos and Aquariums</li><li>- Birds International Inc.</li><li>- Born Free Foundation</li><li>- David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation</li><li>- Defenders of Wildlife</li><li>- International Alligator/Crocodile Trade Study</li><li>- International Environmental Law Project</li><li>- Institute for Ocean Conservancy Science</li><li>- Japan Federation of Ivory Arts and Crafts Association</li><li>- Natural Resources Defense Council</li><li>- Pro Wildlife</li><li>- Singapore Reptile Skin Trade Association</li></ul> |
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