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Wildlife Crime Linked to the Internet

Practical Guidelines for Law Enforcement Practitioners



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It is believed that these guidelines will be of great value to member States in scaling up their efforts to address wildlife crime linked to the Internet. Member States are encouraged to in accordance with Decision 18.82 adopted by the Conference of the Parties to CITES at its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), as may be needed, make full use of the guidelines in their investigation of cases of wildlife crime linked to the Internet.

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NOTE:

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¹ CITES member States are known as Parties.