

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



Thirty-second meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 19 – 23 June 2023

Administrative and financial matters

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In accordance with Rule 4, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Animals 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. 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 Animals Committee in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure.
4. The list of observers that have submitted a request to the Secretariat at least 30 days before the meeting to attend the 32nd meeting of the Animals Committee in accordance to Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure and that have been approved by the Chair can be found below.
5. The Secretariat wishes to draw the Committee's attention to Rule 4, paragraph 1, of its Rules of Procedure that states that "any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora" can express its desire to be represented at meetings of the Committee. Following queries from Management Authorities about which types of organizations are covered, the Secretariat notes that the established practice has been to recommend to the Chairs of the Plants and Animals Committees that they approve the participation of any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora, as well as any body or agency that has a legitimate and direct interest in CITES regulations, including representatives of industries such as fragrance, medicinal plants, cosmetics, timber and musical instrument organizations and other trade organizations.
6. The Committee is invited to take note of the list of observers below and of the current practice of approval of observer organizations in accordance with Rule 4, paragraph 3, of its Rules of Procedure.

**UN and its specialized agencies / ONU y organismos especializados de las Naciones Unidas /
ONU et institutions spécialisées des Nations Unies**

UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)

**Intergovernmental organization / Organización intergubernamental /
Organisation intergouvernementale**

Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center

International NGO / ONG internacional / ONG internationale

ADM Capital Foundation

Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Association of Northeast Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Association of Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Association of Zoos and Aquariums

BirdLife International

Bloom Association

Born Free Foundation

Cheetah Conservation Fund

Conservation Force

Defenders of Wildlife

Earth League International

European Animal Research Association

European Association of Zoos and Aquaria

European Pet Organisation

Fondation Franz Weber

Humane Society International

International Fund for Animal Welfare

IWMC-World Conservation Trust

Marine Watch International

OCEANA Inc.

Ornamental Fish International

Pan African Sanctuary Alliance

Safari Club International

Safari Club International Foundation

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

Save our Seas Foundation

Shark Advocates International

Society for Wildlife And Nature International

Species Survival Network

The Blue Resources Trust

The European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation

The International Fur Federation

The Shark Trust

TRAFFIC

Whale and Dolphin Conservation

Wildlife Conservation Society
World Association of Zoos and Aquariums
World Wide Fund for Nature
Zoological Society of London

National NGO / ONG nacional / ONG nationale

Animal Welfare Institute
Association of Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Born Free USA
Center for Biological Diversity
Conservation Alliance of Kenya
Dallas Safari Club
Fauna & Flora International
Fur Institute of Canada
German Society of Herpetology
Global Guardian Trust
Indonesian Coral, Shell and Ornamental Fish Association (AKKII)
MigraMar
National Association for Biomedical Research
Natural Resources Defense Council
Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa
Pro Vision Reef
Pro Wildlife
South African Taxidermy & Tannery Association
SUCo-SA (Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa)
Sustainable Users Network
Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia
Zoological Association of America

Private sector / Sector privado / Secteur privé

Florida International University
Indonesian Agarwood Association
MEA Strategies
Organization of Professional Aviculturists