

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



Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Panama City (Panama), 14 – 25 November 2022

Administrative and financial matters

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Article XI, paragraph 7, of the Convention states that:

Any body or agency technically qualified in the protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at meetings of the Conference of the Parties by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

- a) *international agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and*
- b) *national non-governmental agencies or bodies which have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.*

3. Rule 4, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties requires that:

A body or an agency referred to in paragraph 2 of this Rule desiring to be represented at the meeting by observers shall submit the names of these observers, pay the standard participation charge to the Secretariat at least 60 days prior to the opening of the meeting and provide

- a) *evidence of the approval of the State in which it is located in the case of a national non-governmental body or agency; or*
- b) *evidence that it has a legal persona and an international character, remit and programme of activities in the case of an international non-governmental body or agency*

4. These provisions apply to all agencies or bodies other than the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (which are not subject to the admission procedure of Article XI, paragraph 7, of the Convention, according to paragraph 6 of the same Article, and Rule 4, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure).
5. Listed in the Annex of the present document are all bodies and agencies that had informed the Secretariat by 15 September 2022 of their desire to be represented at the present meeting by observers.
6. The list in the Annex is submitted to the Conference of the Parties for purposes of considering the admission of observers in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 7, of the Convention.

7. The Secretariat wishes to draw the Parties' attention to Rule 4, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure that states that "any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora" (emphasis added) can express its desire to be represented at meetings of the CoP. Management authorities highlighted that some musical instrument organizations and other trade organizations cannot be accurately described as "technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora" while their interest in CITES meetings is understandable due to the impact of CITES regulations on their trade. Keeping in mind Article XI, paragraph 7 of the Convention, the Secretariat will consult the Standing Committee during the next intersessional period in order to obtain some guidance on the interpretation of that Rule and on its amendment, if necessary.

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Decimonovena reunión de la Conferencia de las Partes
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Dix-neuvième session de la Conférence des Parties
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ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS/ ADMISIÓN DE OBSERVADORES/ ADMISSION DES OBSERVATEURS

Non-Party / No-Parte / Non-Partie

South Sudan / Sudán del Sur / Soudan du Sud

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

Convention on Migratory Species

UN Food and Agriculture Organization

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Environment Programme

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

World Bank Group

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

African Union Commission

ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO

Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation

International Tropical Timber Organization

International Union for Conservation of Nature

International Whaling Commission

Lusaka Agreement Task Force

Organización del Tratado de Cooperación Amazónica (OTCA)

Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

World Customs Organization

World Organisation for Animal Health

**National governmental organization / Organización gubernamental nacional /
Organisation gouvernementale nationale**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

International NGO / ONG internacional / ONG internationale

ADM Capital Foundation

Advocates4Earth

African Wildlife Foundation

Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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

Center for International Environmental Law

Cheetah Conservation Fund

Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa (CLN)

Conservation Force

Defenders of Wildlife

Earth League International

Earthtrust International

Elephant Protection Initiative Foundation

Environmental Investigation Agency (UK)

Environmental Investigation Agency (USA)

Eurogroup for Animals

European Association of Zoos and Aquaria

European Pet Organisation

Fondation Brigitte Bardot

Fondation Franz Weber

Four Paws

Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration

Humane Society International

International Association for Wildlife

International Coalition of Fisheries Associations (ICFA)

International Elephant Foundation

International Fund for Animal Welfare

International Iguana Foundation (IIF)

International Primate Protection League

International Professional Hunters Association

International Rhino Foundation

International Wood Products Association

Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada

IWMC-World Conservation Trust

Livelihood International

Marine Watch International

MarViva

Nordic Hunters' Alliance

OCEANA Inc.

Ornamental Fish International

PADI AWARE

Pan African Sanctuary Alliance

Panthera

Pet Advocacy Network

Reptile & Exotic Pet Trade Association

Safari Club International

Safari Club International Foundation

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

Save the Elephants

Shark Advocates International

Sharkproject International

Society for Wildlife And Nature International

Species Survival Network

Species360

The Blue Resources Trust

The European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

The International Fur Federation

The People and Earth Solidarity Law Network

The Shark Trust

TRAFFIC

West Africa Biodiversity and Low Emissions Development Program

WildAid

WildiZe Foundation

Wildlife Conservation Society

Wildlife Management International

World Animal Protection

World Association of Zoos and Aquariums

World Parrot Trust

World Wide Fund for Nature

Zoological Society of London

National NGO / ONG nacional / ONG nationale

Amboseli Ecosystem Trust

Animal Welfare Institute

Asian Elephant Research Center

Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots e.V.

Association of Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Association of Turtle and Soft Shelled Turtle Traders

Balepye Communal Property Association

Born Free USA

Brazilian Institute for Nature Conservation

CATCA Environmental and Wildlife Society

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Environmental Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

Center for Environmental Forensic Science

China Aquatic Products Processing and Marketing Alliance

China Biodiversity Conservation & Green Development Foundation

China Wild Plant Conservation Association

China Wildlife Conservation Association

Community Based Natural Resource Management Forum

Congo Basin Biodiversity Conservation

Conservation Alliance of Kenya

Dallas Safari Club

David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

doTERRA

Endangered Wildlife Trust

Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)

Fauna & Flora International

Fins Attached Marine Research and Conservation

Fundacion Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre (FANJ)

Fundación Cethus

Fundación Restauración de la Naturaleza

Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech - University of Liège

German Society of Herpetology

Global Guardian Trust

Global March for Elephants and Rhinos

Grace Farms Foundation (GFF)

Great Plains Foundation

Instituto Baleira Jubarte

International Pernambuco Conservation Initiative Germany e.V. (I.P.C.I. Germany)

Ivory Education Institute

Japan Federation of Ivory Arts and Crafts Associations

JAPAN NUS Co. Ltd

Japan Tiger and Elephant Fund

Japan Wildlife Conservation Society

Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association

Kids Saving the Rainforest (KSTR)

Law of the Wild

League of American Orchestras

Lewis & Clark – Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment

Ligue Guinéenne de la Nature

Louisiana Alligator Advisory Council

Mandai Nature

MigraMar

NABU International Foundation for Nature

National Association of Music Merchants

Natural Resources Defense Council

Nature Needs More

Ngā Iwi o Taranaki collective

Ngamiland Council of NGOs

Northwest University

Opes Oceani Foundation

Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association Ltd (OATA)

Pan African Wildlife Conservation Network

Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa

Polish Society for Nature Conservation - Salamandra

Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa

ProWildlife

Resource Africa

Robin des Bois

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Sea Save Foundation

Sea Shepherd Legal

Shark Conservation Fund

Shark Research Institute

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI),

South African Taxidermy & Tannery Association

Speak Out for Animals

SUCO-sa (Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa)

Sustainable Users Network

Taronga Conservation Society Australia

The Precious Coral Protection and Development Association

TRACE Wildlife Forensics Network

UNIA CITES Master's Course

University of Sheffield

Wild Sheep Foundation

Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand

Wildlife Justice Commission

Wildlife Trust of India

World Forest ID

World Leaders of Today

Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia

Private sector / Sector privado / Secteur privé

ARB Biodiversity Consultant

Avinash Basker Consultancy

Chambre Syndicale de la Facture Instrumentale (CSFI)

Colorado State University

Confédération des Industries Musicales Européennes (CAFIM)

Earth Ocean Farms

Elasmo Project

Florida International University

ForestBased Solutions, Llc

Indonesian Agarwood Association

Loro Piana

Madinter Trade, S.L.

Maison Bernard

OPES OCEANI

Organization of Professional Aviculturists

Overseas Traders

Sustainable Innovation Initiatives

Taylor Guitars

University of New Mexico
