

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



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 5 – 9 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 Plants 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 Plants 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 26th meeting of the Plants 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**

Convention on Biological Diversity

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

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

International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

International NGO / ONG internacional / ONG internationale

ADM Capital Foundation

Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux

Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Defenders of Wildlife

Environmental Investigation Agency USA

International Wood Products Association

Pet Advocacy Network

IWMC-World Conservation Trust

Species Survival Network

TRAFFIC

World Resources Institute

World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

National NGO / ONG nacional / ONG nationale

American Herbal Products Association (AHPA)

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

IPCI France Europe

Japan Musical Instruments Association

League of American Orchestras

National Association of Biomedical Research (NABR)

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia

Private sector / Sector privado / Secteur privé

Chambre Syndicale de la Façture Instrumentale (CSFI)

ForestBased Solutions, Llc

Indonesian Agarwood Association

Industria Derivati Naturali

International Society of Violin and Bow Makers

LUSH Ltd.

Overseas Traders

Taylor Guitars