

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

1. According to Article XI, paragraph 7, of the Convention, 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 a meeting of the Conference of the Parties by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:
 2. – international agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and
 3. – national non-governmental agencies or bodies that have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.
4. Rule 2, paragraph (3), of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 10.3) requires that bodies and agencies desiring to be represented at the meeting by observers shall submit the names of these observers [and, in the case of bodies and agencies referred to in paragraph (2) (b) of this Rule, evidence of the approval of the State in which they are located] to the Secretariat of the Convention at least one month prior to the opening of the meeting.
5. These provisions apply to all agencies or bodies other than the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies [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 2, paragraph (1), of the Rules of Procedure].
6. Listed in Annex 1 of the present document are all bodies and agencies that by 9 May 1997 had informed the Secretariat of their desire to be represented at the meeting by observers. At the time of writing, the Secretariat had not received from some of the national non-governmental agencies or bodies the proof that they had been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located. In these cases, the proof is required at the time of registration in Harare.
7. The list in Annex 1 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.

Submission of the names of observers

8. As is stated in paragraph 4. above, Rule 2, paragraph (3), of the Rules of Procedure requires that the **names of observers** of bodies and agencies that wish to be represented at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties be submitted to the Secretariat at least one month before the meeting. This rule has existed since the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
9. Nonetheless, a large number of bodies and agencies have continued to submit to the Secretariat, after the one-month deadline, changes in the names of the observers who will represent them (in the form of additions and amendments). Moreover, a number of Parties have written to the Secretariat requesting it to accept observers after the deadline. In the spirit of understanding and of willingness not to exclude any point of view from the debates, the Secretariat has been flexible in its interpretation of Rule 2, paragraph (3) and has always accepted changes of names after the deadline.
10. This flexibility is now being abused and more and more organizations are seeking to register or to make

changes in the names of their observers or to add names after the deadline. New names or changes are received by the Secretariat almost every day after the deadline; they continue to be sent to the Secretariat offices when all the staff have already left to attend the meeting of the Conference; and they are presented also at the time of registration at the meeting.

11. In view of the extremely heavy work load of the Secretariat during the preparation of meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and the need to complete registration of observers before the meeting, so that a complete list of observers can be presented at the beginning of each meeting, the Secretariat intends no longer to adopt a flexible interpretation of Rule 2, paragraph (3) of the Rules of Procedure. It therefore, hereby, gives notice that this Rule will be rigidly applied for the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
12. The only level of flexibility that the Secretariat proposes to show is to permit a change in the name of an observer for an organization that has registered not more than two observers, and one of them is prevented from attending through *force majeure*. The Secretariat seeks the concurrence of the Conference of the Parties that this is an appropriate approach to the interpretation of Rule 2, paragraph (3). A draft decision along these lines is contained in Annex 2.

Recognition of international agencies or bodies

13. Until now, no formal criteria have been presented to the Conference relating to the decision on whether an organization may be considered as one of the "international agencies or bodies" referred to in Article XI, paragraph 7(a), of the Convention. As is indicated above, such agencies or bodies do not require the approval of the State in which they are located in order to register to participate in meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
14. For the 10th meeting of the Conference, the Secretariat accepted in the international category organizations that had previously participated as international organizations. However, requests for registration in the international category for the first time were accepted only if the organization demonstrated to the Secretariat that, in addition to being "qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora" (Article XI, paragraph 7), it was an organization in its own right, with a legal persona and an international character, remit and programme of activities.
15. The Secretariat seeks the agreement of the Conference that these are appropriate criteria and hereby submits a draft decision of the Conference of the Parties for consideration (Annex 2).
16. If the decision in Annex 2 (or a revised version thereof) is accepted, the Secretariat will apply the criteria to all organizations seeking to participate as international agencies and bodies at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

Observers who are also representatives of Parties

17. The Secretariat has a project (the Delegates' Project) to help ensure that each Party can be represented at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties by at least two delegates. Donors contribute to the project and the Secretariat uses the funds to finance the travel and accommodation of the sponsored delegates.

18. One Party was invited by the Secretariat to name two delegates to be sponsored by the project to attend the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and duly provided the names. Subsequently, a non-governmental organization informed the Secretariat that one of the same persons would represent them at the meeting. The Party concerned was requested to comment on this but did not respond to the Secretariat.
19. It is of course, the right of each Party to decide whether it will permit its delegates also to represent other States or non-governmental organizations.

20. However, the Secretariat believes that, if a representative of a Party also represents a non-governmental organization that person should not be sponsored through the Delegates' Project. The Secretariat seeks the agreement of the Conference to this interpretation. A draft decision along these lines is contained in Annex 2.

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List of Organizations

A. International Organizations/Organizaciones internacionales/Organisations internationales

AFRICAN ELEPHANT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

AFRICAN TIMBER ORGANIZATION/ORGANIZACION AFRICANA DE LA MADERA/ORGANISATION AFRICAINE DU BOIS

AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

ASIAN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE GROUP

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY/COMISION DE LA COMUNIDAD EUROPEA/COMMISSION DE LA COMMUNAUTE EUROPEENNE

CONSERVATION TREATY SUPPORT FUND

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION/CONSEJO DE LA UNION EUROPEA/CONSEIL DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE

CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL/CONSEJO DE COOPERACION ADUANERA/CONSEIL DE COOPERATION DOUANIERE

EUROPEAN BUREAU FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

FISHEAGLE INTERNATIONAL

FONDATION DE BELLERIVE

FONDATION FRANZ WEBER

FONDATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA SAUVEGARDE DU GIBIER

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL

HIGH NORTH ALLIANCE

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL ALLIGATOR/CROCODILE TRADE STUDY

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FALCONRY AND CONSERVATION OF BIRDS OF PREY

INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF FISHERIES ASSOCIATIONS

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS/COMISION INTERNACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO/COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA CONSERVATION DES THONIDES DE L'ATLANTIQUE

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GAME AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

INTERNATIONAL FUR TRADE FEDERATION

INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL PRIMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE COALITION

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CONSORTIUM

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE RECOVERY CENTER

INTERPOL

INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE

IUCN – THE WORLD CONSERVATION UNION/LA UNION MUNDIAL PARA LA NATURALEZA/L'UNION MONDIALE POUR LA NATURE
NATURE 2000 INTERNATIONAL
NORTH ATLANTIC MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION
ORANGUTAN FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL
PET INDUSTRY JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL
RAMSAR CONVENTION BUREAU
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL
SWAN INTERNATIONAL
TRAFFIC NETWORK
WORLD CONSERVATION MONITORING CENTRE
WORLD ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
WORLD PHEASANT ASSOCIATION
WORLD SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS
WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE/FONDO MUNDIAL PARA LA NATURALEZA/FONDS MONDIAL POUR LA NATURE
YUBARTA, INC.B.

B. National Organizations/Organizaciones nacionales/Organisations nationales

ACROPORA, INC. (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
AFRICA RESOURCES TRUST (ZIMBABWE)
AKTIONSGEMEINSCHAFT ARTENSCHUTZ E.V. (GERMANY)
ALLIANCE OF MARINE MAMMAL PARKS AND AQUARIUMS (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR COUNCIL (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF AVICULTURE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
AMERICAN FUR INDUSTRY (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
AMERICAN ZOO AND AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ANEZA FORESTIER (ZAIRE)
ANIMAL EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION OF SURINAME
ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ANIMAL PROTECTION INSTITUTE (CANADA)
ANIMAL RECEPTION CENTRES ASSOCIATION (NETHERLANDS)
ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ASOCIACION NACIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACION DE LA NATURALEZA (PANAMA)
ASOCIACION NATURA (ARGENTINA)
ASOFAUNA (NICARAGUA)
ASSOCIATION FOR PARROT CONSERVATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ASSOCIATION POUR L'AMAZONIE ET LA DEFENSE DE LA NATURE – CARIBBEAN (FRANCE)
ASSOCIATION TECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE DES BOIS TROPICAUX (FRANCE)
ASSOCIAZIONE GROSSISTI PELLI E CUIOIO (ITALY)
AVICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL OF CANADA
BIRD'S NEST ASSOCIATION OF INDONESIA
BODY SHOP INTERNATIONAL PLC (UNITED KINGDOM)
BORN FREE FOUNDATION (UNITED KINGDOM)
CAMPFIRE ASSOCIATION (ZIMBABWE)
CARE FOR THE WILD (UNITED KINGDOM)
CARIBBEAN CONSERVATION CORPORATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
CENTER FOR MARINE CONSERVATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
CENTER FOR WILDLIFE LAW (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
CENTRAL FLORIDA HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

CETACEAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
CITES NGOS' NETWORK OF KYOTO (JAPAN)
COMITE NACIONAL PRO DEFENSA DE LA FAUNA Y FLORA (CODEFF) (CHILE)
COMMITTEE FOR HUMANE LEGISLATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
CONFEDERATION DES METIERS ET DES UTILISATEURS DES RESSOURCES DE LA NATURE (FRANCE)
CONSEJO INTERNACIONAL PARA LA PRESERVACION DE LAS AVES (MEXICO)
CONSEJO NACIONAL DE LA FAUNA (MEXICO)
CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL MEXICO, A.C.
CORALS REEF (INDONESIA)
DALLAS SAFARI CLUB (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
DANISH TIMBER TRADE FEDERATION
DEFEND THE ELEPHANTS SOCIETY (SWEDEN)
DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
DEPARTMENT OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES (CANADA)
DEUTSCHER RAT FÜR VOGELSCHUTZ (GERMANY)
DOCUMENTATION CENTER FOR SPECIES PROTECTION (AUSTRIA)
DOLPHIN CONNECTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
DUTCH SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS (NETHERLANDS)
EARTH ECO-FRIENDS (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)
EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
EARTHTRUST (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ELEPHANT RESEARCH FOUNDATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY (UNITED KINGDOM)
ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
EUROPEAN PET ORGANIZATION (AUSTRIA)
EXOTIC WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
EXPERIMENTAL ANIMAL BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDONESIA
FAUNA AND FLORA INTERNATIONAL (UNITED KINGDOM)
FEDERACION ARGENTINA DE LA COMERCIALIZACION E INDUSTRIALIZACION DE LA FAUNA (ARGENTINA)
FEDERATION OF JAPAN TUNA FISHERIES CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS
FEDERAZIONE NAZIONALE DEI COMMERCianti DEL LEGNO (ITALY)
FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
FOUNDATION FOR NATURE PRESERVATION IN SURINAME (STINASU)
FRANCE NATURE ENVIRONNEMENT
FRIENDS OF ANIMALS, INC. (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
FRIENDS OF CONSERVATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
FRONT FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURE (SOUTH AFRICA)
FUNDACION CUERO Y SALADO (HONDURAS)
FUR INFORMATION COUNCIL OF AMERICA (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CONSERVATION, INC. (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
GLOBAL GUARDIAN TRUST (JAPAN)
GRUPO DE LOS CIEN INTERNACIONAL A.C. (MEXICO)
GUYANA WILDLIFE EXPORTERS & CONSERVATIONISTS
HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC. (AUSTRALIA)
HUMANE SOCIETY OF CANADA (CANADA)
HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES
INDONESIA CROCODILE ASSOCIATION
INDONESIAN FEDERATION OF FLORA FAUNA ASSOCIATIONS
INDONESIAN FORESTRY COMMUNITY

INDONESIAN FOUNDATION OF RHINO FRIENDS/YAYASAN MITRA RHINO
INDONESIAN REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN TRADE ASSOCIATION
INDONESIAN WILDLIFE FUND
INSTITUTE OF CETACEAN RESEARCH (JAPAN)
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LAW PROJECT (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
INTERNATIONAL WOOD PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
INTERZOO ITEE (CANADA)
INUIT TAPIRISAT OF CANADA
INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL (CANADA)
JAPAN BEKKO ASSOCIATIONS
JAPAN FEDERATION OF IVORY ARTS AND CRAFTS ASSOCIATIONS
JAPAN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION
JAPAN GENERAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTERS' ASSOCIATION
JAPAN LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
JAPAN WHALING ASSOCIATION
JAPAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PHILOSOPHY SPECIALISTS GROUP
LAW FACULTY OF GAKUSHUIN UNIVERSITY (JAPAN)
MONITOR (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATIONAL ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATIONAL RESOURCES STUDY CENTER, INC. (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATIONAL TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATIONAL WILD BIRD POACHING COUNTERMEASURE COMMITTEE (JAPAN)
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NATUREWATCH TRUST (UNITED KINGDOM)
NETHERLANDS COMMITTEE FOR IUCN
NORTH AMERICAN FALCONERS ASSOCIATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
NORWEGIAN SMALL-TYPE WHALERS ASSOCIATION
ORNAMENTAL FISH INDUSTRY (UK) LTD
ORNAMENTAL FISH INTERNATIONAL (UNITED KINGDOM)
OVERSEAS FISHERY COOPERATION FOUNDATION (JAPAN)
PANAMUNDO INDUSTRIAL, S.A. (PANAMA)
PEREGRINE FUND (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
PET INDUSTRY JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CANADA
PET TRADE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (UNITED KINGDOM)
POLLY PROGOTY SHONGSTA (BANGLADESH)
PRODAF (FRANCE)
RED INFORMATICA ECOLOGISTA (ARGENTINA)
RICHES OF THE SEA (JAPAN)
RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY COMBINED SHOWS, INC. (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ROBIN DES BOIS (FRANCE)
ROSGOSCIRC (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (UNITED KINGDOM)
ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS (UNITED KINGDOM)
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA/SOUTH PACIFIC CHAPTER) INC. (AUSTRALIA)
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL – SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

SAMUTPRAKAN CROCODILE FARM & ZOO CO., LTD. (THAILAND)
 SCLEROPAGES FORMOSUS ASSOCIATION (INDONESIA)
 SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 SOUTHERN AFRICA WILDLIFE TRUST (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 SUMMERLEE FOUNDATION, THE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 TIGER TRUST (UNITED KINGDOM)
 TROPICAL CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 TROPICAL FOREST FOUNDATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 UNIVERSITY OF LEIDEN (NETHERLANDS)
 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 WILD ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION OF THAILAND
 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 WILDLIFE SOCIETY OF MALAWI
 WINDSTAR FOUNDATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 WWF-USA
 YAYASAN BINA SAINS HAYATI INDONESIA
 ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION OF TOUR AND SAFARI OPERATORS
 ZIMBABWE TRUST
 ZOOCRIADERO "CEFA LIMITADA" (COLOMBIA)
 ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON (UNITED KINGDOM)

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DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Decisions Directed to the Secretariat

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| <p>1. Any body or agency that informs the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties and that wishes to be considered as an international agency or body in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 7(a), should be registered by the Secretariat only if it demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Secretariat that it is:</p> <p>a) qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora: and</p> <p>b) an organization in its own right, with a legal persona and an international character, remit and programme of activities.</p> <p>2. Rule 2, paragraph (3), of the Rules of the Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties should</p> | <p>be interpreted by the Secretariat such that it may not accept any additional names of observers of bodies and agencies (other than the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies) after the one-month deadline, and that it may not accept any changes in the names after this deadline except where a body or agency has registered no more than two observers before the deadline and the Secretariat is satisfied that the person whose name is to be replaced is prevented from attending through <i>force majeure</i>.</p> <p>3. If the representative of a Party at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties is also an observer for a non-governmental organization, the Secretariat shall not provide sponsorship for that person through the Delegates' Project.</p> |
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