

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



Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Bangkok (Thailand), 3-14 March 2013

Administrative 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 3, paragraph 5, of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties 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 Rule 2, paragraph 2 b), evidence of the approval of the State in which they are located] to the Secretariat of the Convention at least six weeks prior to the opening of the meeting.

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 2, 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 20 January 2013 of their desire to be represented at the present meeting by observers. At the time of preparation of this document, 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. For these agencies or bodies, the proof is required at the time of registration in Bangkok.
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.