



ASEAN Working Group on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement (AWG-CITES AND WE)

Region and countries of the network

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and the ASEAN Secretariat

Authorities involved

CITES authorities, customs, police, prosecutors, and other relevant national law enforcement agencies.

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network*

Brief description

ASEAN, as a region with Mega-Biodiversity, has made the issue of wildlife enforcement to combat wildlife trafficking an important agenda item. Wildlife enforcement dialogue in ASEAN started in 2006 when the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN) was formally established as part of the ASEAN Cooperation in Forestry under the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF). Since 2017, to enhance the effectiveness of regional cooperation, wildlife issues have been addressed by the ASEAN Working Group on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement (AWG CITES and WE).

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

The network meets annually, chaired by member country rotated annually. The network reports to the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry.

Key activities

In principle, AWG CITES and WE is mandated to establish and implement measures to improve collaboration, cooperation and information exchange between and among law enforcement agencies and CITES management authorities.

Key partners in the region

CITES, UNODC, TRAFFIC South East Asia, SEAFDEC, Interpol, USAID, ACB.

Website and other useful links

Not supplied.

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