



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Directory of law enforcement focal points

1. To facilitate increased collaboration and timely communication between agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement in different countries and regions, a number of national focal points on specific enforcement issues have been identified.
2. On 28 April 2014, Notification to the Parties No. [2014/021](#) was issued concerning the directory of wildlife enforcement network (WEN) focal points. On 15 October 2014, Notification to the Parties No. [2014/047](#) was issued concerning the directory of illegal trade in rhinoceros horn focal points. In addition, a web page for the [National Ivory Action Plans \(NIAPs\)](#) including a directory of NIAP focal points has also been developed.
3. To facilitate access to, and updating of such information, the CITES Secretariat has created a specific web page for easy reference to these focal points and with the latest information as provided to the CITES Secretariat.
4. The directory of enforcement focal points can be accessed on the Secretariat website at:

https://cites.org/eng/resources/enforcement_focal_points
5. Parties are requested to inform the CITES Secretariat of any changes to their nominated focal points and to inform their national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement about the directory of enforcement focal points.
6. Parties are also reminded of the provisions of [Resolution Conf. 11.3 \(Rev. CoP16\)](#) on *Compliance and enforcement*, which under *Regarding communication of information and coordination* paragraph c) recommends that:
 - c) *Parties, as a matter of urgency, inform the Secretariat of contact details of their relevant national law-enforcement agencies responsible for investigating illegal trafficking in wild fauna and flora.*

Parties that have not yet provided such details to the Secretariat are encouraged to do so.

7. This Notification replaces Notifications to the Parties No. 2014/047 of 15 October 2014 and No. 2014/021 of 28 April 2014.