



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

PERU

First Americas Regional Conference on the Illegal Trade in Wildlife

1. This Notification is being published at the request of Peru.
2. Peru wishes to refer to the First Americas Regional Conference on the Illegal Trade in Wildlife, to be held in Lima, Peru, on 3 and 4 October 2019.
3. The Conference will be the first regional meeting of the Americas on the issue of illegal wildlife trade, as a follow-up to the London International Conference held in 2018, and will serve as a platform to establish partnerships with the countries of the region and major transit and destination countries, for the prevention and coordinated control of illegal wildlife trade. It therefore includes emerging issues such as the strengthening and harmonization of legal frameworks and their enforcement; controls and regulations on wildlife trade; use of new technologies to combat illegal wildlife trade; and demand reduction through innovative and efficient communication mechanisms.
4. The Conference is organized by the Government of Peru, in cooperation with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Wildlife Conservation Society.
5. An English and Spanish version of the concept note and the preliminary programme of the Conference are hereby attached.

FIRST AMERICAS REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN WILDLIFE

Lima, 3 and 4 October 2019

CONCEPT NOTE

1. Introduction

During the London Conference on Illegal Wildlife Trade, held on 11-12 October 2018, Peru reaffirmed, along with more than 70 countries, its commitment to combat illegal wildlife trade, and adhered to the London Declaration 2018. The Declaration emphasizes the importance of:

- Work in collective actions, in regional and international collaboration.
- Recognize that this problem impacts not only species and ecosystems, but also indigenous peoples and local populations.
- Recognize and treat the illegal wildlife trade as a serious and organized crime.
- Take measures to reduce demand for wildlife products.

As part of the London Conference, the Meeting of the Americas was held on 10 October 2018, with the participation of representatives from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, as well as the United States and the United Kingdom.

At that meeting, the participating countries recognized that illegal wildlife trade is a serious problem in the Americas and that it must be treated as a serious and organized crime that affects the economy, security, indigenous peoples and the ecosystem of the region. It was also decided to work together to combat illegal trade in flora and fauna, as well as poaching on a regional and international scale. At the end of the meeting, Peru announced that it will host the First Regional Conference of the Americas on Illegal Wildlife Trade, which will be held in the city of Lima on 3 and 4 October 2019, based on the work done in London.

One of the greatest threats to the global conservation of biological diversity is the growing illegal trade in wildlife (wild flora and fauna), which has a direct impact on biodiversity conservation, species survival, the state of ecosystems and the livelihoods of people engaged in legal trade. Its environmental, economic and social consequences may be irreversible in the countries where it occurs. Also, illegal wildlife trade is a latent problem in Peru, whose identified purposes are: (i) intended for private collectors and zoos, (ii) scientific purposes and biomedical industry, (iii) international marketing in pet shops, (iv) leather, skins and fiber industry from the illegal market, and, (v) others such as sport hunting, traditional medicine.

In view of the foregoing, the First Regional Conference of the Americas on Illegal Wildlife Trade would mark a milestone from which efforts in the region can be unified in the region in order to confront this illicit trade. Therefore, the participation of high level delegates (ministerial) is of the utmost importance.

2. Purpose

This conference will be the first regional meeting of the Americas on the issue of illegal wildlife trade, as a follow-up to the London Conference of 2018, and is an opportunity to establish partnerships with the countries of the region and major transit and destination countries, for the prevention and coordinated control of illegal wildlife trade.

It therefore includes emerging issues today such as the strengthening and harmonization of legal frameworks and their enforcement; controls and regulations on wildlife trade; use of new technologies to combat illegal wildlife trade; and demand reduction through innovative and efficient communication mechanisms.

3. Objectives

- Recognize the illegal wildlife trade in the Americas as a serious crime linked to organized crime, which affects biodiversity and environmental as well as human security in the region.
- Prioritise prevention and control actions to combat illegal wildlife trade.
- To exchange experiences of good practices, use of technologies and innovative solutions for the reduction of illegal wildlife trade;
- Highlight the role of civil society and the private sector as key allies in reducing demand and supporting authorities in combating trafficking in illegally sourced wildlife.

4. Expected results

The participating countries:

- Recognize the importance and impact of illegal wildlife trade, and generate commitments and implementation of actions to combat it, through bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements and mechanisms between the countries of the Americas and key transit and destination countries.
- Agree to share and adopt good practices, the use of technologies and innovative solutions for the prevention and control of illegal trade in wild species.
- Carry out actions that encourage the commitment of civil society and the private sector to reduce the demand for illegally sourced wildlife species and support the authorities in combating species trafficking.
- Sign the Lima Declaration for the frontal fight against the illegal wildlife trade as a serious crime that threatens biodiversity and environmental as well as human security.

5. Participants

The Regional Conference will have the participation of the main authorities on the matter of the countries that make up the Americas, including the following invited countries: Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, United Kingdom, Mainland China and Hong Kong.

In addition, the European Union and institutions involved in combating illegal wildlife trade such as the World Customs Organization, the World Bank, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate, as well as the Department of Fish and Wildlife of the United States of America, the Wildlife Enforcement Network of Central America and the Dominican Republic (ROAVIS), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), Defenders of Wildlife, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), among others.

6. Conference format

The conference will take place over two days and will consist of plenaries, side events and high-level meetings (ministerial).

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRAFFIC
Agenda - Day 1

07:30 - 08:20am	Accreditation	
07:30 - 08:30am	Speech by the President of the Republic, Mr. Martín Vizcarra Cornejo	
07:30 - 08:40am	Welcome address by the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Mr. Gustavo Eduardo Mostajo Ocola	
08:40 - 08:50am	Speech by the Minister of the Environment, Ms. Fabiola Muñoz Doderó	
08:50 - 09:00 am	Opening speech by SERFOR Director, Mr. Luis Alberto Gonzales-Zúñiga Guzmán	
09:00 - 09:15 am	Introductory video: Illegal Wildlife Trade in the Americas: A call to action.	
09:15 - 10:45 am	Plenary 1: Strengthening of cooperation alliances in the Americas, transit and destination regions.	
10:45 - 11:15 am	Break	
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Illegal Trade in Amphibians and Reptiles	Illegal Trade Birds
12:00 - 01:30 pm	Plenary 2: Illegal trade of the Jaguar (<i>Panthera onca</i>) in the Americas.	

01:30 - 3:00 pm	Ministerial Lunch - Hotel José Antonio Deluxe (50 people)	General Lunch - Hotel José Antonio Deluxe (150 people)
3:00 - 04:30 pm	Plenary 3: Corruption Linked to illegal wildlife trade	
04:30 - 5:15 pm	Economic crimes and their relationship to illegal wildlife trade	Illegal trade in mammals
5:15 - 05:45 pm	Break	
05:45 - 7:15 pm	Plenary 4: Challenges for monitoring and enforcement of species trade law	
7:15 - 08:45 pm	Welcome Cocktail - Ministers (50 people)	Welcome Cocktail - Attending Public (150 people)

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING		
Agenda - Day 2		
07:00 - 09:30 am	Working breakfast with representatives of states and adherence to the Lima Declaration on illegal wildlife trade (Proposal for temporariness and launching of a call for the next headquarters).	
07:30 - 08:20am	Accreditation	
08:30 – 10:00 am	Plenary 5: Innovative practices and use of technologies for the prevention and control of illegal trade in wild species Objective 5	
10:00 – 10:45 am	Illegal trade in orchids and cacti	Illegal Trade in Aquatic Species
10:45 - 11:15 am	Break	
11:15 - 12:45 pm	Plenary 6: Presentation of the Livelihoods Strategy in the region.	
12:45 - 13:30 pm	Conversation group 1	Conversation group 2
01:30 - 02:30 pm	Ministerial Lunch - Hotel José Antonio Deluxe (50 people)	General Lunch - Hotel José Antonio Deluxe (150 people)
02:30 - 04:00 pm	Conversation group 1	Conversation group 2
04:00 - 04:30 pm	Break	

04:30 - 05:15 pm	Plenary 7: Role of civil society in the fight against illegal wildlife trade: Information and demand reduction Objective 4
05:15 - 05:45 pm	Closing speech by the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Mr. Gustavo Eduardo Mostajo Ocola
05:45 - 06:00 pm	Words from the representative of the country that will be the next headquarters

PRIMERA CONFERENCIA REGIONAL DE LAS AMÉRICAS SOBRE EL COMERCIO ILEGAL DE VIDA SILVESTRE

Lima, 3 y 4 de octubre de 2019

NOTA CONCEPTUAL

1. Introducción

Durante la Conferencia de Londres sobre comercio ilegal de Vida Silvestre , llevada a cabo el 11 y 12 de octubre de 2018, el Perú reafirmó, junto con más de 70 países, su compromiso de combatir el comercio ilegal de vida silvestre, y se adhirió a la Declaración de Londres 2018. Dicha Declaración enfatiza la importancia de:

- Trabajar acciones colectivas, en colaboración regional e internacional.
- Reconocer que este problema impacta no solo a las especies y a los ecosistemas, sino también a los pueblos indígenas y poblaciones locales.
- Reconocer y tratar el comercio ilegal de vida silvestre como un delito grave y organizado.
- Tomar medidas para reducir la demanda de productos de vida silvestre.

Como parte de la Conferencia de Londres, se realizó la Reunión de las Américas, el 10 de octubre de 2018, en la que participaron representantes de Argentina, Belice, Bolivia, Canadá, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Perú, así como de los Estados Unidos y del Reino Unido.

En dicha reunión, los países participantes reconocieron que el comercio ilegal de vida silvestre es un grave problema en las Américas y que debe ser tratado como un crimen grave y organizado que afecta la economía, la seguridad, a los pueblos indígenas y al ecosistema de la región. Asimismo, se decidió trabajar de manera conjunta para combatir el comercio ilegal de flora y fauna, así como la caza furtiva a una escala regional e internacional. Al final de la reunión, el Perú anunció que albergará la Primera Conferencia Regional de las Américas sobre Comercio Ilegal de Vida Silvestre, la cual se realizará en la ciudad de Lima, los días 03 y 04 de octubre de 2019, sobre la base del trabajo realizado en Londres.

Una de las mayores amenazas para la conservación global de la diversidad biológica es el creciente comercio ilícito de vida silvestre (flora y fauna silvestre), la misma que impacta directamente sobre la conservación de la biodiversidad, la supervivencia de las especies, el estado de los ecosistemas y los medios de subsistencia de la población dedicada al comercio legal. Sus consecuencias ambientales, económicas y sociales pueden ser irreversibles en los países donde ocurre. Asimismo, el comercio ilegal de vida silvestre es un problema latente en el Perú, cuyas finalidades identificadas son: (i) ser destinados a coleccionistas particulares y zoológicos, (ii) fines científicos e industria biomédica, (iii) comercialización internacional en tiendas de mascotas, (iv) industria de cuero, pieles y fibra provenientes del mercado ilegal, y, (v) otras como caza deportiva, medicina tradicional.

En mérito a lo expuesto, la Primera Conferencia Regional de las Américas sobre el Comercio Ilegal de Vida Silvestre, marcaría un hito a partir del cual se podrán unificar esfuerzos en la región a fin

	Ministerial - Hotel José Antonio Deluxe (50 personas)	(150personas)
02:30 - 04:00 pm	Grupo de conversación 1	Grupo de conversación 2
04:00 - 04:30 pm	Receso	
04:30 - 05:15 pm	Plenaria 7: Rol de la sociedad civil en la lucha contra el comercio ilegal de vida silvestre: Información y reducción de la demanda Objetivo 4	
05:15 - 05:45 pm	Palabras de clausura a cargo del Ministro de Agricultura y Riego, Sr. Gustavo Eduardo Mostajo Ocola	
05:45 - 06:00 pm	Palabras del representante del país que será la próxima sede	