



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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Mobile Wildlife App: An electronic tool for law enforcement

1. The present Notification to the Parties is published at the request of Honduras as Central American Regional Representative to the CITES Standing Committee.
2. The CITES Authorities of Central America and the Dominican Republic, as members of the Central American and Dominican Republic Wildlife Enforcement Network (**CAWEN/ROAVIS**) – <https://www.roavis.net/> – have worked in coordination on the development of a Mobile Wildlife Application (Wildlife App) considered as a tool that contributes to law enforcement and combating wildlife trade.
3. The Wildlife App is designed to be used by a) Government officials (i.e., wildlife inspectors, specialists, police officers and customs officials) who conduct inspection, regulation and control activities, b) Environmental prosecutors and attorneys in charge of enforcing the law, and also to raise public awareness on the importance of ending wildlife trafficking and reducing the purchase of products that are illegally offered for sale in local markets.
4. The Wildlife App includes information sheets on species that are internationally traded, threatened or endangered and protected by national regulations. It also contains a selection of materials on the CITES Convention, identification manuals, technical studies, laws, regulations and national resolutions. https://youtu.be/9ALQI_XijBk.
5. This tool features a notification system that informs users about the inclusion of new species sheets, documents and relevant news about the actions taken by countries to combat wildlife trade.
6. The Parties are invited to download this tool and learn more about it by visiting <https://vidasilvestre.net/>. For more information, please contact jsuazo25@yahoo.es or fatima.vanegas@cooperacion-doi.org.
7. Honduras is grateful for the support provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior's International Technical Assistance Program, which made this effort possible through environmental cooperation with the region and funds from the State Department of the United States.