



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Guidelines for Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs)

1. The CITES Secretariat would like to bring to the attention of Parties and regional networks the *Guidelines for Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs)* developed under the auspices of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC).
2. The *Guidelines* outline the key considerations in the development of a new WEN and provide a self-assessment tool for existing WENs to evaluate their level of maturity and/or operational performance, as well as identifying areas to be strengthened.
3. The *Guidelines*, available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#) on the new ICWC webpage, provide an important resource to be drawn upon in strengthening WENs and their role in the fight against wildlife crime.
4. The development of the *Guidelines* has been made possible with financial support from the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs of the United States Department of State.
5. Any questions concerning the *Guidelines*, or requests for support from ICWC to implement them, can be sent to the CITES Secretariat (info@cites.org).