



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards

1. Since 1994, the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a non-governmental organization based in the United States of America, has presented awards to persons who have engaged in one or more exemplary law enforcement actions to protect species of wildlife listed in the Appendices of the Convention. The issuance of these awards has been undertaken in cooperation with the Species Survival Network, an international coalition of over 80 non-governmental organizations, including AWI. The awards, named after a former chief of the law enforcement division of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have traditionally been presented by the Secretary-General of CITES during meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Such a presentation will take place during the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Panama City, Panama in November 2022.
2. Parties and observers are invited to submit nominations for persons deserving recognition for exemplary law enforcement actions to protect CITES-listed species from illicit wildlife trade. Nominees can include, but are not limited to, current, retired, or deceased wildlife law enforcement personnel, attorneys, administrators, and investigators who have demonstrated a commitment to protect this planet's imperilled wildlife through their dedication to implementing and enforcing national and international wildlife protection and trade laws. Private citizens who have contributed significantly to efforts to combat wildlife crime can also be nominated.
3. Nominations should be submitted online or by email. For more information about the award, including access to the online nomination form, please see <https://awionline.org/content/clark-r-bavin-wildlife-law-enforcement-awards>. If you would prefer to submit a nomination via email, please include the name of the nominee, their contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address, if available), a detailed description of their accomplishments, the name of the person submitting the nomination and their contact information (e-mail address, if available) and send it to dj@awionline.org. If you have any questions about the award or the nomination process, please contact Mr. D.J. Schubert of the Animal Welfare Institute at dj@awionline.org.
4. Information regarding previous awards can be obtained at the following web page: <https://awionline.org/content/clark-r-bavin-wildlife-law-enforcement-awards>
5. The deadline for submissions is **12 September 2022**.
6. These awards are not connected with and do not replace the Secretary-General's Certificates of Commendation for exemplary enforcement actions. Nominations for the Clark R. Bavin Wildlife

Law Enforcement Awards should not be sent to the CITES Secretariat, which plays no part in the award administration or selection process.