



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Notice of funding opportunity:  
Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund Round 10

1. The Secretariat would like to inform Parties and stakeholders regarding the launch of the new round of the UK Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund.
2. The IWT Challenge Fund is a UK government grant scheme that provides support to innovative and scalable projects around the world that are tackling illegal wildlife trade. To date, the IWT Challenge Fund has supported 157 projects in over 60 countries to a value of over GBP 51 million.
3. The Fund seeks to develop evidence-based interventions, partnerships, and innovative approaches to protect endangered species of fauna, flora, and fungi impacted by illegal wildlife trade. It invites applications from projects that benefit ODA eligible countries. Please note that governments and their agencies cannot lead on projects, but they can be partners.
4. Parties and stakeholders are advised that the application deadline for stage 1 of the current funding opportunity is **19 June 2023**. For more information on this funding opportunity, Parties and stakeholders are invited to consult the official webpage of the IWT Challenge Fund at <https://iwt.challengefund.org.uk/>.
5. The UK Government will be hosting a Stage 1 webinar for all Parties and stakeholders on 26 May 2023. This workshop will provide an introduction to the Fund, an overview of the application process and key things to consider when submitting a Stage 1 application.
6. Parties and stakeholders are invited to share this Notification with their networks. Queries about project applications, workshops or relating to new and existing projects should be directed to the NIRAS team at [BCF-IWTCTF@niras.com](mailto:BCF-IWTCTF@niras.com).