

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 bestowed Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards upon individuals and entities in recognition of exemplary actions to protect CITES-listed wildlife species from illicit international trade. The awards — issued in cooperation with the Species Survival Network, an international coalition of over 80 non-governmental organizations, including AWI — are named after a former chief of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Law Enforcement. The Secretary-General of CITES traditionally presents the awards during meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and such a presentation will take place during the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in November/December 2025.
2. Parties and observers are invited to nominate worthy individuals and entities for a Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Award. Nominees may include, but are not limited to, current, retired, or deceased wildlife law enforcement personnel, attorneys, administrators, investigators, departments, agencies, and non-governmental organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to protecting imperiled 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 have questions about the award or the nomination process or experience difficulty using the online form, please contact Mr. D.J. Schubert of AWI at dj@awionline.org.
4. To learn about previous Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Award recipients, see <https://awionline.org/content/clark-r-bavin-wildlife-law-enforcement-awards>
5. The deadline for submissions is **16 May 2025**.
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.

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