



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Integration of the CITES Enforcement Authorities Forum
with WCO's ENVIRONET

1. The CITES Enforcement Authorities Forum (EAF) made available to Parties through the CITES Secretariat website has to date served as the primary means that the Secretariat used to reach out to the law enforcement community. This is where it posted alerts, manuals, handbooks and enforcement-related messages for registered users.
2. The Secretariat has, in recent months, worked closely with the World Customs Organization (WCO), one of its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), to integrate the CITES EAF with the WCO's ENVIRONET.
3. ENVIRONET is a secure global communication tool for information exchange and cooperation, managed and coordinated by the WCO Secretariat. It is accessible to all authorities responsible for wildlife and other environmental law enforcement, including customs, police and wildlife authorities, as well as other enforcement authorities bearing similar responsibilities.
4. The ENVIRONET library contains comprehensive information on CITES and other relevant matters and the Secretariat believes that ENVIRONET offers a more user-friendly, comprehensive and secure platform for the CITES EAF. The integration of the CITES EAF with ENVIRONET will also avoid unnecessary duplication of information on different platforms.
5. Selected folders that will be managed by the CITES Secretariat were developed in the ENVIRONET library. These folders contain copies of CITES Notifications on enforcement matters, alerts issued by the CITES Secretariat, CITES sample permits and certificates and other relevant materials and information.
6. The Secretariat would like to inform Parties that the CITES EAF currently available through its website will be discontinued on 30 June 2015. All current active users of the CITES EAF have already been informed accordingly and have been migrated to ENVIRONET and provided with new login details. ENVIRONET is a restricted forum, accessible to governmental authorities responsible for wildlife law enforcement only. Any new users are invited to contact the CITES Secretariat (info@cites.org) to request access. These requests must include the following details:

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| AUTHORITY/ ORGANIZATION: | |
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* CATEGORY: e.g. customs, police, wildlife or environmental authority

7. Parties can access further information about ENVIRONET at:

<http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/enforcement-and-compliance/instruments-and-tools/~~/media/28A0305B4CC9427E8B07CF72276A60B8.ashx>