



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards

1. For several years, 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 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Johannesburg, South Africa in September 2016.
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 wildlife through their dedication to implementing and enforcing national and international wildlife protection and trade laws. Private citizens who have contributed to or participated in efforts to combat wildlife crime can also be nominated.

Nominations should include, at a minimum, the name of the nominee, his/her contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address if available), a detailed description of his/her accomplishments, the name of the person submitting the nomination and his/her contact information (e-mail address if available). Any questions about the nomination process should be directed to Mr. D.J. Schubert of the Animal Welfare Institute (contact details below). All nominations should be sent directly to the Animal Welfare Institute at the following address:

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3. Information regarding previous awards can be obtained at the following web pages:

<http://www.awionline.org/awi-quarterly/2013-spring/awis-bavin-awards-presented-cites-conference>

<http://www.awionline.org/awi-quarterly/2010-spring/awi-honors-wildlife-protection-heroes>

4. The deadline for submissions is 27 May 2016.
5. 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.