



Briefing on the 62nd meeting of the CITES Standing Committee to the Permanent Missions

Thursday, 12 July 2012, 10:00 – 12:00
International Environment House II

The 62nd meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Standing Committee will be held in Geneva, from 23 to 27 July, 2012. The CITES Standing Committee is the subsidiary body of the CITES Conference of the Parties. Its 62nd meeting will be the final substantive preparatory meeting of the Committee before the 16th meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP16) to be held in Bangkok from 3-17 March. CoP16 will also coincide with the 40th Anniversary of the adoption of the Convention. Measures to conserve and manage sustainably elephants, rhinoceros, sharks, snakes, big leaf mahogany and other species will be discussed, along with CITES interrelationship with the CBD, FAO, GEF, ICCAT, INTERPOL, UNODC, UNEP, WCO and the World Bank. The Standing Committee will also address the outcomes of Rio+20, South-South cooperation and major compliance, enforcement, financing and science issues.

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing on the main issues and on the relevant items to be discussed at the 62th meeting of the Standing Committee by the Secretary-General. The briefing will be held at the International Environment House II, on Thursday 12 July 2012.

Agenda

10:00 Coffee & Tea

10:10 **Permanent Missions only**

Welcome and introduction

Jan Dusik, Acting Director and Regional Representative, UNEP

10:15 **Preparations for the 62nd meeting of the CITES Standing Committee**

John Scanlon, Secretary-General, CITES Secretariat, together with staff of the CITES Secretariat

11:00 **Open session – Permanent Missions, IGOs and NGOs etc.**

11:05 Briefing on current poaching in and illegal trade of African elephants and rhinoceros

11:15 **Screening of the film 'Rhinos under threat' (28 minutes)**

11:45 Question-and-answer session

12:00 End



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We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **9 July 2012** (gen.secretary@unep.org). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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The 4th basement level of the underground parking at the International Environment House will be available.