



CITES CoP 16

Briefing to the Permanent Missions and NGOs in Geneva

Friday, 15 February 2013, 10:00–12:00
International Environment House II

The 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 3 to 14 March 2013. The Opening coincides with the 40th Anniversary of the Convention.

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing on the matters to be addressed by the 177 Parties to CITES at CoP16. These include: enhanced enforcement measures to tackle the spike in the illegal killing of elephants and rhino and related illegal trade, listing proposals for many species, including sharks and rays, the polar bear, and numerous timber species, whether the GEF should serve as a financial mechanism for CITES, and transparency in voting. The briefing will be held at the International Environment House 2 on Friday 15 February.

DRAFT AGENDA

- 10:00 Coffee & Tea
- 10:15 **Welcome and introduction**
John Scanlon, Secretary-General, CITES Secretariat
- 10:20 **Remarks on CITES CoP 16 by the Host Country**
Natapanu Nopakun, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Thailand
- 10:30 **Preparations for CITES CoP 16**
Senior enforcement, law, outreach and science staff of the CITES Secretariat
- 11:30 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 **13 February 2013** to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org), or online via the website. Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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Note: CITES COP16 information and documents are available on www.cites.org in English, French and Spanish.

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

