

# THE FUTURE OF WILDLIFE IS IN OUR HANDS



## World Wildlife Day Celebration Film Screening & Discussion EXPLORER: WARLORDS OF IVORY

📅 Thursday 3 March 2016 ⌚ 12:15-14:00

📍 Palais des Nations, Room XIV (Cinema)

To mark World Wildlife Day 2016, you are cordially invited to a film screening and discussion, taking place within the framework of the Geneva Environment Network, at the Palais des Nations, on Thursday 3 March 2016.

World Wildlife Day is celebrated this year under the theme "The future of wildlife is in our hands." African and Asian elephants will be main focus of the Day under the theme "The future of elephants is in our hands". The film to be screened, "**Explorer: Warlords of Ivory**", presents investigative journalist Bryan Christy setting out on a groundbreaking mission to expose how the ivory trade funds some of Africa's most notorious militias groups. Working with one of the world's top taxidermists, he conceals a sophisticated GPS tracker inside an incredibly realistic faux ivory tusk and drops it in the heart of ivory poaching country and monitors its movements to track down the kingpins of the ivory trade.

The screening will be followed by a **short panel discussion** on the challenges faced by the world's wildlife and the ongoing fight against illicit trafficking in wildlife, including:

Jan DUSIK, UNEP Regional Representative (Welcome & moderation)

Juan Carlos VASQUEZ, Chief, Legal Affairs & Compliance, CITES Secretariat

Alessandro BADALOTTI, Coordinator, SOS-Save Our Species, Global Species Programme, IUCN

Wendy ELLIOTT, Lead, Global Species Conservation strategy, WWF International

Mathias LÖRTSCHER, Head, CITES Management Authority, Switzerland

Johh HEMINWAY, Writer and Filmmaker, Producer of Warlords of Ivory (TBC)

*On 20 December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) decided to proclaim 3 March, the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants. The UNGA resolution also designated the CITES Secretariat as the facilitator for the global observance of this special day for wildlife on the UN calendar.*

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** <http://www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org/?q=en/wildlifeday-2016>

