

# Making a Difference for Wildlife

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## SCI Foundation CITES Involvement Worldwide

**E**STABLISHED IN 1975, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is a worldwide, 164-country coalition of governments and non-governmental organizations that ensures international trade in wild species does not threaten their survival. It provides over 30,000 animal and plant species varying protection. CITES is guided by the Conference of Parties, a semiannual meeting of representatives from all CITES member countries, as well as by the Standing Committee, a leadership board made up of representatives from member countries, and by the many committees and working groups overseen by both. Since 1983, the SCI Foundation has been actively involved in CITES, when it sent a delegation to that year's Conference of Parties in Botswana. The SCI Foundation has attended every Conference of Parties and most Animals Committee meetings since then, and now also attends the CITES Standing Committee meetings.

The SCI Foundation has contributed an important perspective to CITES, drawing attention to the benefits that well-managed hunting-conservation programs bring to the survival of wildlife species, and providing policy recommendations on all hunting and conservation issues considered by the body. The SCI Foundation has given financial support to CITES efforts, including hosting CITES officials at workshops and providing funding and technical support for the CITES Identification Manual.

The SCI Foundation provides technical advice to CITES, primarily on effective wildlife management methodologies that utilize sustainable use of wildlife, adaptive management concepts and conservation-hunting programs. The SCI Foundation also has made great strides in educating sportsmen on CITES regulations and requirements to assure the highest degree of voluntary compliance.

The SCI Foundation expects more governments will realize that sustainable use of wildlife, based on adaptive management concepts, is an effective conservation method. The SCI Foundation keeps reminding CITES members that, in continuing matters of wildlife conservation, people are not the enemy. People are the solution.

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