

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/050

Geneva, 7 April 2025

CONCERNING:

CITES directory of laboratories conducting wildlife forensic testing

1. In accordance with paragraph 30 d) of Resolution [Conf. 11.3 \(Rev. CoP19\)](#) on *Compliance and enforcement*, the Secretariat invites applications from laboratories that wish to be considered for inclusion in the [CITES directory of laboratories that conduct wildlife forensic testing](#). Interested laboratories are invited to complete the questionnaire in the Annex to the present Notification and submit it to the CITES Secretariat. Inclusion in the directory is subject to conforming with the following criteria:
  - i. The laboratory must carry out forensic casework;
  - ii. The laboratory must operate in accordance with a Quality Management System;
  - iii. The laboratory must have passed an external audit of its Quality Management System, conducted by a competent third party, within the past two years;
  - iv. The laboratory must be able and willing to carry out wildlife forensic analyses upon request from other countries; and
  - v. The laboratory must explicitly request to be included in the directory.
2. The CITES directory of laboratories was developed in support of forensic applications being used to the fullest extent possible to combat illegal trade in wildlife. The directory, as well as information concerning the directory is available on the [Wildlife forensics page](#) of the CITES website.
3. The Secretariat invites all Parties to disseminate this Notification and the questionnaire available in the Annex to any forensic facilities that may exist within their territories, inviting these facilities to apply for inclusion in the directory by completing the questionnaire.
4. The completed questionnaire should be submitted by email with the subject line "Notification 2025/050 on the CITES directory of laboratories conducting wildlife forensic testing" to Mr. Maroun Abi-Chahine ([maroun.abi-chahine@cites.org](mailto:maroun.abi-chahine@cites.org)), with a copy to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org) by **15 May 2025**.