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MEDIA RELEASE

Rejection of Voting Rights Limits provides Conservation Boost

Bangkok, 6 March 2013 Today's decision by the CITES CoP 16 meeting to reject proposed limits on the use of secret ballots at its meetings provides a welcome boost to international wildlife conservation, according to IWMC World Conservation Trust.

The world's leading advocate for the sustainable use of wildlife believes that international conservation depends on cooperation between nations of all sizes and all levels of economic development. Secret ballots at CITES help to ensure that small and developing nations can make their own sovereign choices about listing proposals without fear of intimidation.

Eugene Lapointe, President of IWMC, said: "By respecting the sovereignty of small and developing nations, CITES has demonstrated that it is serious about leveraging international cooperation to produce the best possible results for wildlife conservation."

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The International Wildlife Management Consortium (IWMC) World Conservation Trust is an international organization that promotes Sustainable Use as a conservation mechanism, for the protection of the sovereign rights of independent nations and for the respect of diverse cultures and traditions.

Eugene Lapointe, President of IWMC World Conservation Trust was Secretary General of CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) from 1982 to 1990.

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