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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
Wildlife Division

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Office Memorandum

Sub: Constitution of CITES Cell in the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Fauna and Flora is an International agreement between Governments. India is a signatory to the CITES since 1976. Although the implementation of the provision of the CITES are being managed and carried out by the concerned authorities, certain initiatives expected from India being a signatory to CITES needs to be fulfilled. In order to fulfill such initiatives, the Ministry of Environment & Forests has decided to constitute CITES Cell in the Ministry which will be operated in New Delhi. The Constitution & Terms of Reference of the CITES Cell is as given below:

1.	Addl. Director General of Forests (WL) & CITES Management Authority for India	Chairman
2.	Inspector General of Forests (WL)	Member
3.	Member-Secretary, NTCA/ representative of NTCA	Member
4.	Inspector General of Forests & Director, Project Elephant	Member
5.	Addl. Director, WCCB/representative of WCCB	Member
6.	Regional Deputy Director, WCCB (North), New Delhi	Member
7.	Director, TRAFFIC, WWF, New Delhi	Member
8.	Executive Director, Wildlife Trust of India, Noida (Shri Vivek Menon)	Member
9.	Legal Consultant, Wildlife Division	Member
10.	Joint Director (WL)	Member-Secretary

Terms of Reference:

- i. To assist in the technical administrative and Legal functioning of CITES implementation in India.
- ii. To maintain / update and act on various decisions taken by the CITES parties through the CoP's and other meetings or respond to requests from the CITES secretariat.
- iii. To serve as a link to the non-governmental organization working in the field of control of illegal trade in wildlife and its parts and products, vis-à-vis intended trade in wildlife

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The other conditions with respect to the CITES Cell would be as under:

- (i) The Cell will meet at its headquarters in New Delhi once in a quarter for suggesting policy interventions and actions / goals to be achieved as a signatory State.
 - (ii) The expenditure to be incurred on the CITES Cell would be borne under the existing scheme "Strengthening of Wildlife Division and Consultancies for special tasks" (Plan).
2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.
 3. The IFD has also concurred to the above vide their Dy. No. 1274/ AS&FA dated 6th August 2010.


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6. All Members of CITES Cell.
7. NIC Cell- with a request to kindly upload the above order on the official website of the Ministry.