

# Collections Seminar Series

A seminar

Thursday 26 May

Flett Events Theatre



## Thoughts on Wildlife Trade, CITES and Museums

15.00-16.30

This talk will provide an introduction to the international wildlife trade, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and how it affects the work of natural history museums. How is it decided which species are protected and what level of protection they receive? The international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants is huge and continues to threaten many species. The convention was created to ensure that international wildlife trade is legal and sustainable, but illegal trade in several species persists, driven by demand and with the involvement of organised crime. Different countries face different problems in this regard, and some have taken measures much stricter than CITES requires, including the European Union Member States. Museums could contribute to the problem, intentionally or not, but can also help improve awareness of wildlife trade, and so support the implementation of CITES. Join us to find out more.

### Open to all

The seminar is open to all museum professionals.

Please email Zoë Hughes ([z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk)) for more information and/or to book a place.

Natural History Museum staff do not need to book.

### Speaker

Jonathan Barzdo, independent consultant on CITES and wildlife trade (formerly Chief of Governing Bodies of the CITES Secretariat and Special Adviser on CITES Implementation)

### Networking opportunity

Tea and coffee will be available in the lobby area at the end of the session.

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