Illegal wildlife trade and enforcement in the European Union

15th January 2015

**Invitation seminar**

You are cordially invited to participate in the seminar Illegal wildlife trade and enforcement in the European Union. This seminar will take place on January 15, 2015.

Illegal wildlife trade is not a new phenomenon. However, the nature, consequences and scale of illegal wildlife trade has changed considerably over the past years. The illegal wildlife trade includes activities such as trade, smuggling, abduction, capture or collection of (endangered) species.

This seminar will focus on different aspects of regulation and enforcement of the illegal wildlife trade in the European Union. Scientific researchers, representatives of law enforcement and non-governmental organisations will discuss this subject from different perspectives. The emphasis will be in particular on the role of private actors in regulation and enforcement of this growing EU problem.

The event will be chaired by Prof. dr. Dina Siegel, Professor in Criminology at Utrecht University.

**Registration fee:** € 40,00 (employees of Universities are excluded).

**Location:** Raadzaal te Achter Sint Pieter 200, Utrecht.

**RSVP:** Before January 5.

**Registration:** R.Rampersad@uu.nl

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09.30  Reception
10.00  Prof. dr. John Vervaele - Professor in Economic and European criminal law UU - Welcome and introduction
10.10  Drs. Daan van Uhm - Junior Assistant Professor and PhD Candidate Criminology UU - Illegal trade in wildlife and the role of the EU
10.40  Dr. Andrea Keessen - Assistant Professor Institute of Constitutional, Administrative Law and Legal Theory UU - Regulation of CITES markets in the EU
11.10  Coffee/tea
11.30  Drs. Mark van der Wal - International Union for Conservation of Nature - Threatened species and illegal wildlife trade
12.00  Discussion
12.30  Lunch
13.30  Mr John M. Sellar - Former Chief of Enforcement of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) - Combating international wildlife crime
14.30  Drs. Marcel van Nijnatten - CITES Management Authority NL - Enforcement of CITES
15.00  Coffee/tea
15.20  Mr Jaap Reijngoud - TRAFFIC EU-TWIX Support Officer - Detection of illegal wildlife trade in the EU
15.50  Drs. Rikkert Reijnen - International Fund for Animal Welfare - The role of private actors in enforcement of wildlife trade
16.20  Discussion
16.50  Drinks