

Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking Public Meeting
April 23, 2015 9:00am-1:00pm ET
U.S. Department of the Interior,
South Interior Building Auditorium,
1951 Constitution Avenue NW.,
Washington, DC 20240.
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Brief Summary:

The Council will focus the April 23 meeting on summarizing several high level international wildlife summits, discussing the implementation plan and actions the Task Force has taken recently to further the National Strategy Combatting Wildlife Trafficking, and address the rhino poaching crisis.

-Agenda-

1. Welcome -- Chair Judith McHale -- 5 minutes
2. Update from representatives of the Departments of State, Interior and Justice regarding implementation of the National Strategy and the status of previously identified at-risk species.
 - DOI – Bob Dreher, Associate Director, USFWS
 - DOS – Judy Garber, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Christine Dawson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Environment. USAID (Mary Rowen, Wildlife and Biodiversity Advisor in USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade)
 - DOJ – John Cruden, Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division
3. International Wildlife Summits and Meetings Discussion: (1 hour)
 - Updates, outcomes, and discussion from Kasane, Botswana: Elephant Conference and Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade.
 - Updates and discussion regarding engagement with the transportation sector: USAID & United for Wildlife Transport Task Force.
 - Other international workshops/meetings discussions.

- 10 MINUTE BREAK -

4. Rhino Crisis (Lead: Patrick Bergin) (1 hour)

- Site specific poaching, trafficking, and changes in demand/consumer behavior for rhino horn
- Recommendations: interim solutions to the Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking

5. Presentations: (25 minutes)

- New Jersey Delegation Presentation on NJ Ivory Regulations
- AWI Presentation on Totoaba trafficking

6. Public Comment: (35 minutes)