

CITES AS A TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Saving endangered species presents a critical challenge for conservation and sustainability movements, and is also matter of survival and livelihoods for many communities worldwide. In 1973, a global Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was adopted to stem the extinction of many species. In 2015, in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 15) the United Nations called for urgent action to protect endangered species and their natural habitats. This volume focuses on the legal implementation of CITES to achieve the global SDGs. Through interdisciplinary analysis and case studies across jurisdictions, contributors analyse how CITES can promote more sustainable development through international and national law and policy reform. They consider recent innovations and key intervention points along flora and fauna global value chains, advancing recommendations to strengthen CITES implementation, including through endangered species trade controls globally and locally.

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