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## Combating International Wildlife Crime: Enforcement, Implementation and Legal Issues

Friday February 12

1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.

University of Pennsylvania Law School | Gittis 213

Illegal trafficking of wildlife is a major current issue in Asia as flora and fauna in Africa and Asia are under threat. Ten of thousands of African elephants are killed every year because of a burgeoning ivory trade in Asia and precious timbers have been disappearing from Asian forests.

How can we stop flora and fauna in Africa and Asia from being illegally smuggled into Asia, Europe and the United States? How do federal agencies, local and international actors enforce wildlife laws to combat this global scale crime? Are the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Endangered Species Act, the Lacey Act and laws prohibiting smuggling effective tools to control the market?

This year's Symposium will bring together experienced practitioners and scholars to discuss and present the practical and legal challenges in combating international wildlife trafficking.

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### Agenda

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Preliminary Talk</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Jacques de Lisle</b>, <i>Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School</i>  <b>Vincent Dantone</b>, <i>Acting CTAC Chief, United States Customs and Border Protection</i></p>
2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	<p><b>Panel One: The Roles Played by Federal Agencies and International Organizations to Combat International Wildlife Crimes</b></p> <p><b>Robert Dreher</b>, <i>Associate Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i>  <b>John Cruden</b>, <i>Assistant Attorney General, Environment and natural Resources Division, Department of Justice</i>  <b>Charles Di Leva</b>, <i>Chief Counsel, World Bank</i>  <b>Dr. Kunio Mikuriya</b>, <i>Secretary General, World Customs Organization</i></p>
3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:40 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Panel Two: Strengthening the Legal Tools to Tackle International Wildlife Crimes</b></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Prof. Howard Chang</b>, <i>Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Elizabeth Bennett</b>, <i>Vice-President, World Conservation Society</i></p> <p><b>Marcus Asner</b>, <i>Partner, Arnold &amp; Porter LLP</i></p> <p><b>Prof. Annecoos Wiersema</b>, <i>Professor of Law, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law</i></p>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks and Reception</b>