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## International Wildlife Crimestoppers Admitted as Member of the IUCN

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**Blairsville, Georgia, February 23, 2017** –International Wildlife Crimestoppers (IWC) has been formally admitted as a new member of the IUCN, the United Nations' International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The admission follows a lengthy and rigorous application process, and position's IWC within one of the world's most influential and respected conservation organizations.

"We are extremely honored to be an official member of this highly respected group," said Lewis Rather, IWC Executive Director. "IWC is dedicated to conservation and education and as an IUCN member we will be even more effective in our mission to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat."

IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse global stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples organizations and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development.

"We very much look forward to becoming actively involved with IUCN endeavors", Rather said, and will fully support the IUCN's mandate to conserve our planet's resources and advocate for sustainable use of wildlife resources."

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