



# WILDLIFE SENTINEL AWARD (WiSe) PHILIPPINES

Now accepting nominations until 30 June 2024.

WiSe commends and honors individuals, units, and inter-agency groups for outstanding commitment to combat illegal wildlife trade (IWT).

Introduced by TRAFFIC under the project *Taking Charge: Strengthening Criminal Justice Response to Wildlife Crime*, that is supported by a grant from the United States Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

WiSe awardees will receive a bespoke medal and certificate eligible for promotional points. Your work will be publicized and inspire other law enforcement agencies in the fight against Illegal Wildlife Trade.

Anyone can submit a nomination and self-nominations are allowed.

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## HOW TO APPLY

### ● STEP 1

Determine nomination type, scan corresponding QR and complete the Nomination Form

Individual nomination:



Unit nomination:



Group nomination:



### ● STEP 2

**Upload** supporting documents in the portal at last page of the Nomination Form or **email** them to [wiseph.traffic@gmail.com](mailto:wiseph.traffic@gmail.com) using the subject: Name\_Nomination type (individual/unit/group)\_Month and day of submission (ex. Dela Cruz\_Individual\_31May)

- Official activity reports
- News articles
- Awards
- Photos
- Videos
- Letter of Endorsement from relevant government entities

### ● STEP 3

Short-listed nominees must undergo Leahy Vetting, a standard procedure for US Government-funded activities. The Secretariat will provide a questionnaire.

### ● STEP 4

Panelists may contact nominees for additional information. Failure to respond can result in disqualification.

### ● STEP 5

Successful awardees will be contacted via the email address provided on the nomination form.

Incomplete submissions, misrepresentation, inability to comply with validation requirements, uncleared vetting and attempts to sway the selection panel will result in disqualification. The decision of the panel is final.

For queries and clarification, please contact the Secretariat:

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## WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

Investigations Unit, Law Enforcement Agencies, and the prosecution service of the Philippines



**Individual**  
(ex. personnel, officer, examiner, investigator, prosecutor, etc.)



**Units**  
(ex. unit, squad, section, division, department, etc.)



**Inter-agency groups**  
(ex. taskforce, committees, advisory groups)

Government employee (permanent, temporary, coterminous, casual, contract of service)

Interim or adhoc units and groups may be considered.

Inter-agency groups with members employed outside the eligible government agencies (i.e. Local Government Units) or belonging to non-government entities may be considered if the majority of the group are eligible.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Achievements from January to December 2023 involving the following themes will be considered. Example achievements are not exhaustive.

### THEMES

#### INNOVATION

Technological, intelligence-led, evidence-based approaches within law enforcement chain resulting in successful IWT investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and convictions

#### COLLABORATION

Effective coordination between multiple actors results in greater impact

#### IMPACT

Interventions result in meaningful and long-term disruption of IWT within the country or transnationally

#### INTEGRITY

Disruption and/or prevention of fraudulent and corrupt practices and pursuance of collusion cases against relevant actors

#### LEADERSHIP

Vision and foresight to lead teams successfully, resulting in paradigm shifts and maximum potential achieved in combatting IWT



Nominees must not have been found guilty of any administrative or criminal offence involving moral turpitude nor have any pending case against them at the time of nomination and deliberation.



Posthumous nominations may be considered

### TIMELINE



### EXAMPLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Use of innovative legal instruments to prosecute wildlife offenders (ex. Cybercrime Prevention Act)

Use of novel investigation techniques to arrest and convict wildlife traffickers (ex. Use of cell phone and digital forensics, risk profiling and targeting systems to prevent and dismantle criminal operations)

Process advancements reduce barriers to enforcement (ex. Digitalizing the process of DENR certification issuance for wildlife-related seizures leading to timely inquest proceeding of the offender)

Collaborations that lead to successful enforcement and conviction with strong penalties issued to wildlife offender (ex. Collaborative investigations between an LEA and the Anti-Money Laundering Council; Transport and logistics sectors' coordination with BOC results in 500% increase in confiscations)

Major disruption of wildlife trafficking operations (ex. Cripple organized crime network by convicting kingpin and freezing financial assets)

Breakthrough in system transformation (ex. Streamline deputization process of Wildlife Enforcement Officers leading to 200% increase in arrests)

Effective implementation of measures that encourage transparency and accountability (ex. Comprehensive and verifiable stockpile management system of seized specimens; independent and verifiable audits of wildlife farms to control illegal practices)

Disruption of corrupt practice (ex. Bringing to justice corrupt actors who use fraud to cover illegal activities)

Setting up new policies or institutionalizing new instruments to increase resources to combat wildlife crime (ex. Memorandum/ Administrative Orders / set-up dedicated unit and allocation of resources to tackle IWT as mandate)

Catalyzing culture shift towards more effective tackling of wildlife crime (ex. Leading the charge on cementing close collaboration with international or regional counterparts to break transnational criminal syndicates)