

# In conversation with CITES:

## Regulating Trade in Wild Animals and Plants Beyond the Vanilla Orchid

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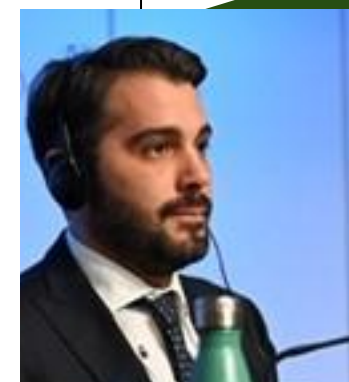
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**Sofie H. Flensburg** is the Chief of the Legal Unit of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Sofie H. Flensburg works at the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) where she is the Chief of the Legal Unit. Throughout her career, Ms Flensburg has focused on aspects related to environmental policy, trade and sustainable development. Her previous positions at CITES include Chief of the Governing Bodies Unit, Officer in Charge of the Outreach and Projects Unit, and Legal Advisor. Before working at CITES, she had positions as Manager for Strategic Partnerships with the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), attaché with the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations and the WTO, and Programme Officer with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva. Her early career also includes positions in the Ministry of Environment in Denmark, in the Division of Legal matters and the Division of Industrial wastes, respectively.

A Danish citizen, Ms Flensburg studied International and European Law at KU Leuven before completing a Master's in Law from the University of Copenhagen with focus on environmental law.



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Stavros Antoniadis is an environmental lawyer and serves as a Programme Management Officer at the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). His work at the CITES Secretariat focuses on providing compliance support to CITES Parties, as well as on implementation of CITES in ocean-related matters. Prior to joining CITES, he worked with the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention, focusing on regional regulatory frameworks for the protection of the marine and coastal environment. He also has experience in national government, the EU, and international NGOs. His expertise spans international environmental law and governance.

A Greek citizen, Mr Antoniadis studied Law at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki before completing a Master's in Environmental Law at the University of Strasbourg.



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**Almira Wissenberg**, LL.M., is a PhD candidate at Bucerius Law School, where she conducts doctoral research focused on international commercial arbitration under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll.

Her academic and professional background includes substantial experience in public international law, including teaching a specialised course within the field at St. Petersburg University.

Prior to commencing her doctoral studies, she practiced as a lawyer at Baker McKenzie, advising on construction, real estate and environmental matters.



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**Selin Özgören** participated in the 29th edition of the Vis Moot and later contributed to the competition as both a coach and an arbitrator.

These experiences significantly deepened her interest in international arbitration, which she further pursued through legal internships at HKIAC and UNCITRAL.

She holds an LL.M. from Bocconi University and an LL.B. from Ankara University. Currently, she is a practicing lawyer in Izmir, Türkiye and acts as Co-Chair of the International Liaisons team of the Moot Alumni Association.