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Q12

With reference to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resource (IUCN) and the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. IUCN is an organ of the United Nations and CITES is an international agreement between governments. 2. IUCN runs thousands of field projects around the world to better manage natural environments. 3. CITES is legally binding on the States that have joined it, but this Convention does not take the place of national laws. Select the correct answer using the codes given below (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. IUCN is not a United Nations organ; it is an independent membership Union (governments and NGOs). Statement 1 is false, so 1 only cannot be the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 and 3 only. IUCN runs a large field-project portfolio on conservation. **CITES** (Washington Convention) is legally binding on Parties but does not replace national law; Parties must legislate domestically. Those two statements are correct and form the official key.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3 only. Statement 3 is right, but 1 wrongly makes IUCN a UN organ. The pair fails.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Because 1 is false, the full set is wrong.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. IUCN is not a UN body; **CITES** is a treaty among governments. IUCN does implement thousands of field projects. **CITES** binds its Parties yet still needs national statutes. Statement 1 therefore drops, leaving 2 and 3.

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IUCN HQ

Gland, Switzerland

Red List

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

CITES

1973, Washington; in force 1975

CITES Appendices

I, II and III for trade controls

CITES Secretariat

Administered under UNEP, Geneva

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