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Q6

Consider the following statements in respect of Trade Related Analysis of Fauna and Flora in Commerce (TRAFFIC): 1. TRAFFIC is a bureau under United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). 2. The mission of TRAFFIC is to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature. Which of the above statements is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. TRAFFIC is not a **UNEP** bureau; it is a joint programme of WWF and IUCN that monitors wildlife trade. Statement 1 is false, so 1 only is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. TRAFFIC's stated mission is to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to conservation. Statement 2 is correct and 1 is not, so this is the official key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. The mission line is right, but the **UNEP**-bureau claim is wrong, so both is not the key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Statement 2 is an accurate mission statement, so neither cannot be the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. TRAFFIC (Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna in Commerce) works to keep wildlife trade from undermining conservation. It is a WWF-IUCN wildlife-trade monitoring network, not a bureau of **UNEP**. **CITES** and **UNEP** are neighbouring institutions, but they do not make TRAFFIC a UN office. Only the mission statement survives.

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TRAFFIC founders

IUCN and WWF (1976)

CITES

1973 convention on wildlife trade

UNEP

UN environment programme, Nairobi

IUCN Red List

Global extinction-risk list

India wildlife trade law

Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

TRAFFIC India

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