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Ben joined CITES in 2011 and served in the South African Police Service for 21 years prior to working for CITES. As CITES Chief of the Enforcement Unit he is responsible for managing and coordinating the implementation of programs and activities on enforcement matters of the CITES Secretariat, to prevent and combat illegal trade in CITES listed specimens and in particular the activities of organized crime groups involved in wildlife crime.

Ben also serves as the Chair of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Senior Experts Group. ICCWC is a consortium comprising the CITES Secretariat, INTERPOL, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Bank and the World Customs Organization. In this role, Ben work in close collaboration with ICCWC partner agencies to develop and implement projects under the auspices of the consortium.