

International Treaties

Treaties are the most famous aspect of international law, and often carry the most weight. To find out if an international treaty is applicable to your legal research question, you can browse two places. First, you can go to the **UN Treaties Depository** and go through their index to see what topics are covered by treaty.

Second, if the US is a party you want to make sure is involved, you can go to the **US Treaties in Force** guide, hosted by the State Department, to see all bi-lateral and multi-lateral treaties the United States is party to.

As always, keep your mind open! Multiple treaties may apply. For example, if you're researching wildlife conservation, keep in mind related areas like climate change and ecological development!

March 3, 1973 was the day **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora** (CITES) was resolved. It went into effect in 1975 and is the largest international treaty governing conservation and wildlife preservation.

In honor of World Wildlife Day on March 3, we wanted to spotlight the legal research process by focusing on one topic. Take a look at all of the different sources and systems you can use for legal research, then browse our selected secondary sources to get started!