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INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE  
OF VIOLIN AND BOW MAKERS  
FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES



## ***Mission/Vision***

*The Alliance seeks to actively protect the natural resources used in traditional artistic instrument and bow making through cooperation with national and international regulatory agencies and supporting activities to conserve and regrow these species.*



## ***Who We Are***

Over the past 40 years, violin and bow makers have witnessed the decline of natural resources and adapted to increasing restrictions on the trade of ivory, mother of pearl, tortoiseshell, and pernambuco. Today, ebony and rosewood may be added to this list and, before long, perhaps maple and spruce.

Violin and bow makers as well as musicians have struggled to keep up with announcements about CITES and national rules to protect natural species. As the global population grows and more pressure is put on the environment, policies affecting the musical instrument trade are likely to become more restrictive.

The Alliance was launched in recognition of these challenges and the belief that we all need to change the way we think about the raw materials essential for the violin world.

We believe we must unite to develop strategies that are forward-looking and proactive and to engage with the institutions and organizations promoting species conservation to ensure that the experiences and needs of the violin are understood. We need to sustain our commitment to the protection of resources through conservation education and projects.

## ***Our Goals***

Our aim is to support policies, projects and rules that conserve natural resources for the future, enable their appropriate and sustainable use and reflect the legitimate interests of musicians and instrument and bow makers. Our desire is to uphold the highest standards of artistic instrument and bow making and make it possible for makers, musicians and future generations to benefit from the beauty of our musical traditions.

The Alliance was formed by the Entente Internationale des Luthiers et Archetiers (EILA) in 2018. Alliance members include instrument and bow making organizations, suppliers to our trade, as well as music performance organizations.