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The Society for Wildlife Forensic Science standards and guidelines

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1. Scope

This document provides minimum standards and additional guidelines for wildlife forensic analysts in the sub disciplines of DNA (section 4), morphology (section 5), and chemical analysis for timber identification (section 6). This document also covers good laboratory practices, evidence handling, and training, which are central to all forensic laboratories. It also includes critical considerations of phylogeny, taxonomy, and reference collections that are specific to wildlife forensic science.

2. Definitions

Note: These definitions apply to all Standards and Guidelines. Specific definitions, where relevant, will be located in those respective sections.

- **Accuracy** – The ability to obtain a correct result, e.g., the degree of conformity of a measured quantity to its actual (true) value.
- **Administrative Review** – An evaluation of the report and supporting documentation for consistency with laboratory policies and for editorial correctness.
- **Analyst** – An individual who conducts and/or directs the analysis of forensic casework samples, interprets data, reaches conclusions, and/or issues reports concerning conclusions.

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