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NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLAN (NIAP) OF CAMEROON (Revised)

April 2015

At its 65th meeting held in Geneva in July 2014, the CITES Standing Committee requested countries of “secondary concern” (Cameroon, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Mozambique and Nigeria) and those “of importance to watch” (Angola, Cambodia and the Lao People’s Democratic Republic) to draw up national ivory action plans (NIAP) including implementation timeframes, with the aim of combating the illegal ivory trade. These plans were to be based on the six major pillars below, and to be broken down into priority actions.

- A. Legislation
- B. Legal proceedings
- C. Information-gathering and investigation
- D. National and international cooperation on wildlife crime
- E. Enforcement operations
- F. Communication and awareness-raising.

The NIAP drawn up by Cameroon with technical assistance from CITES consultants was submitted and approved by that body in February 2015. However, Cameroon was recommended to organize a technical meeting with all the stakeholders involved in effective implementation (other administrations and conservation partners) in order to secure approval of it at national level.

A workshop was held for this purpose from 13 to 15 April 2015. It resulted, on the one hand, in a recasting of the activities previously set down in the approved NIAP, which had been considered by the CITES consultants placed at our disposal to be achievable in the long term. Then there was a process of breaking down the activities into those considered to be priorities, as having a direct impact on this illegal trade. On the other hand, the various sources of funding were identified, in conjunction with an implementation timetable.

National Ivory Action Plan of Cameroon, revised in accordance with the work and recommendations from the workshop for ownership of the plan, April 2015

Pillar	Priority activities	Short-term priority activities (to be identified)	Tracking indicator	Implementation timetable												Responsible bodies		
				J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D			
LEGISLATION	Incorporation of appropriate penalties as part of the process of revising the law.	Ensuring that the revision of the wildlife legislation currently in progress includes the appropriate penalties with a view to discouraging wildlife crime	The provisions of the laws relating to this in the draft law currently being revised			1											MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ MINATD/ Partners	
		Ensuring the inclusion of the oath of the enforcement bodies in the law	The provisions of the laws relating to this in the draft law currently being revised															MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE
	Revision of decrees 0648/MINFOF of 18 December 2006 setting the list of animals in protection classes A, B and C, and 649/MINFOF setting the geographical limits for killing.	Establishing the ad hoc committee	Minutes of the meeting and draft laws															MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners
		Organizing the national workshop for approval of the draft laws	Draft laws approved													1		MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners

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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	Disseminating the legislative and regulatory instruments relating to wildlife, to the departments charged with enforcement	Organizing workshops for dissemination of the legislative and regulatory instruments relating to wildlife, to the departments charged with enforcement	Number of workshops organized		1	1							1			1	MINFOF and its partners
			Number of individuals made aware														
	(Justice, Customs, Gendarmerie, Police, MINFOF, etc)	Drawing up a list of the instruments and distributing it	List of instruments available		1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	MINFOF and its partners
			Number of copies distributed														
Ongoing training in the major specialized teaching establishments (ENAM, Police College and Gendarmerie College)	Preparing training modules on combating poaching and illegal trade in wildlife products	Training modules prepared			1				1	1						MINFOF and its partners	
		Providing the training modules for Customs and law enforcement personnel	Number of individuals trained										1			MINFOF and its partners	

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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON WILDLIFE CRIME	Setting up platforms for national cooperation	Review the situation and make recommendations on the existing facilities for cooperation at national level	Report on the situation available							1	1	1					MINFOF/Police /MINDEF/ Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners
		Strengthen/create facilities for appropriate bipartite cooperation (between MINFOF and each key administration partner: MINFI/Customs, DGSN, Gendarmerie, MINDEF, MINJUSTICE, etc.) having to do with enforcement of wildlife law	Drafts of the bipartite MoUs with key partners available										1				1
	At least two MoUs signed by 31 December 2015																
	Strengthening and operationalizing the arrangements for tracking the implementation of the NIAP	Designate an NIAP National Focal Point	Focal Point designated	1													
Designate NIAP Regional Focal Points		Focal Points designated						1									MINFOF

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ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS	Securing the administrative ivory stocks	Carrying out an independent audit of the systems for storage and management of the ivory seized	Audit terms of reference	2													MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ DOUANE/ Partners	
			Audit report															
	Enhancing the security of the ivory storage facilities	Number and type of security equipment installed							1									MINFOF
			Collecting and securing all the ivory seized (courts, decentralized departments of MINFOF)	Quantity of pieces of ivory collected		1	1			1								
	Capacity-building in contraband detection	Training the supervisory authorities (Senior Customs and Police officers, head officer at airport or port, etc.)	Number of officers trained per body															MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ DOUANE/ Partners
				Database on the seized ivory	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Acquiring the technical detection equipment	Number of items of equipment acquired per control facility																MINFOF and its partners
			Training report						1									
Enhancement of controls at the country's	Systematic checking of vehicles leaving	Number of seizures	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	MINFOF/ Police/ Gendarmerie/	

		as part of awareness-raising in the legal authorities	individuals made aware																
	Improving the collection of ETIS data	Training MINFOF and Customs field personnel in the collection of data and in completing the ETIS forms	Number of individuals trained			1	2							1	2			MINFOF and its partners	
	Enhancing the tracking of disputes	Updating and disseminating the register of offences	Register updated and disseminated				1					1				1		MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners	
		Organizing missions for follow-up on disputes in the high-pressure zones	Number of cases tracked				1					1				1		MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners	
		Carrying out regular tracking of disputes	Number of court decisions pronounced				1						1				1		MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners
		Tracking the effective enforcement of court decisions	Status of de recovery of damages and interest				1						1				1		MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners

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COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING	Raising stakeholder awareness of the arsenal of legal instruments on combating poaching	Organizing at least one tour per quarter per line of pressure identified	Number of individuals made aware		2					2				1			MINFOF and its partners
		Raising awareness in the public by intermediary media (National communications service and community radio)	Number of broadcasts made						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	MINFOF and its partners
		Involving economic operators from the forest and wildlife sector in the awareness-raising	Number of signs set up in their respective areas of action	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	MINFOF and its partners
	Coordinating with personnel from airlines and those working river and land locations on smuggling of wild species	Setting up communication platforms	Number of actions undertaken jointly	2	2										1		MINFOF and its partners
		Producing communication supports	Number of supports created and distributed											1	1	1	MINFOF and its partners
		Organizing awareness-raising campaigns in airports and travel agencies	Number of campaigns undertaken											1	1		MINFOF and its partners
	Publicizing the activities related to combating wildlife crime	Publicizing the results of the crackdown operations and seizures	Number of media publications issued	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	MINFOF and its partners
		Adopt a multimedia approach, involving the	Number of activities					2	2								MINFOF and its partners

		mobile phone companies	undertaken by the phone companies with the aim of raising awareness of the preservation of elephants																
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Key:

- 1 —> Activities to be undertaken during the first year (2015)
- 2 —> Activities to be undertaken during the second year (2016)

MINFOF : Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune (Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife)

MINJUSTICE : Ministère de la Justice (Ministry of Justice)

MINATD : Ministère de l'Administration Territoriale et de la Décentralisation (Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization)

MINREX : Ministère des Relations Extérieures (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

MINDEF : Ministère de la Défense (Ministry of Defence)

SED : Secrétariat d'Etat à la Défense (Gendarmerie) (State Secretary's Office for Defence (Gendarmerie))

COMIFAC : Commission des Forêts Afrique Centrale (Central African Forest Commission)

RAPAC : Réseau des Aires Protégées d'Afrique Centrale (Central African Network of Protected Areas)