

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee II

Sustainable financing for the conservation of elephants and other wildlife

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by Kenya and incorporates inputs from the United States of America and views from the Secretariat on the basis of document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2 after discussion in the ninth session of Committee II (see summary record CoP19 Com. II Rec. 9).

Draft decisions on Sustainable financing for the conservation of elephants and other wildlife

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 19.AA** a) At its 76th meeting (SC76), the Standing Committee shall establish an intersessional working group to consider options for sustainable financing for the conservation of elephants and other wildlife, as appropriate, and particularly on establishing a Fund for elephant and rhino range States to access upon non-commercial disposal of their ivory and rhino horn stocks taking into consideration those outlined in document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2 and information document CoP 19 Inf. 84 submitted by Kenya and CoP19 Inf. 14 submitted by Secretariat and any other relevant information available to the Group.
- b) The Chair of the Working Group with support of the Secretariat, shall convene the initial meeting of its members as soon as practicable after SC76 with the intent of submitting a report to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC77) on the discussions in the working group.
- c) The Standing Committee at its 77th and 78th meetings shall consider the report of the Working Group regarding the options considered under paragraph a) and the advantages, disadvantages, risks, feasibility and enabling conditions associated with each option.
- d) The Standing Committee shall prepare and submit to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20), as appropriate, for its consideration, recommendations on sustainable financing for elephant and rhino conservation and other wildlife, taking into account paragraphs 17 and 21 of document CoP19 Doc 66.2.2.

Directed to Parties

- 19.BB** Parties are urged to join the intersessional Working Group and share ideas for alternative sustainable financing solutions and mechanisms for conservation of elephants and other wildlife species, as appropriate, whereby funds can be accessed by all elephant and rhino range States on agreement to

terms including non-commercial disposal of ivory or rhino horns and dispersed on the basis of species population growth and criteria unrelated to elephant ivory and rhino horn volumes.

Directed to the Secretariat

19.CC The Secretariat shall support the intersessional working group as requested.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

19.DD Parties, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, and donors are encouraged to support the work of the intersessional working group and sustainable financing for the conservation of elephants and other wildlife, as appropriate, and particularly the establishment of a Fund for elephant and rhino range States to access upon non-commercial disposal of their ivory and rhino horn stocks.

Annex 1 to document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2 revised

WORKING GROUP MANDATE

- a) Consider the proposal discussed in document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2 to establish a fund and other potential sustainable financing solutions and funding mechanisms for the conservation of elephants and other wildlife species, such as those outlined in information documents CoP19 Inf. 84 and CoP19 Inf. 14, for elephant and rhino range States to access upon the non-commercial disposal of their government-controlled ivory and rhino horn stockpiles.
- b) Examine the terms for the fund discussed in paragraph 17 of document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2, consider whether any additional terms are needed, including its application to both ivory and rhino horn stocks and present a set of terms to SC77.
- c) Consider the funding mechanism and options for generating funds discussed in document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2, discuss any further funding options that delink ivory and rhino horn quantities from funds received, and present the options to SC77.
- d) Reflect on the criteria discussed in paragraph 21 of document CoP19 Doc. 66.2.2 for dispersing funds, as well as any additional criteria, and present a set of criteria to SC77.
- e) Following the discussion at SC77, draft a working document for consideration at SC78 for submission to CoP20 to establish the fund.