

I. Summary.

At its 75th meeting (SC75, Panama City, November 2022), the CITES Standing Committee considered matters related to Parties subject to the NIAP process. The recommendation directed to Angola, which was agreed by the Standing Committee at 75 th meeting (SC75), is as follows:

Angola c) The Standing Committee:

- agreed an overall rating of '**limited progress**', in line with Step 4 paragraph e) of the Guidelines; and
- ii) welcomed the progress made by Angola since SC70 and encourage the Party to build upon this to fully implement its NIAP.

In accordance with Step 4, paragraph a), of the Guidelines to the National Ivory Action Plans Process, contained in Annex 3 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on Trade in elephant specimens. By the Request of Secretariat, Angola to submit the Progress Report to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee

II. PART A:

Synopsis of NIAP implementation submitted to the SC75

Angola submitted its NIAP reporting period 2018-2020, to the CITES Secretariat on 9 May 2022. The Angolan NIAP with Seven (7) Pillars and 47 activities. Based on the information available and the ability of the country to implement this plan, making to allowance for the revised budget for the year 2018.

The Secretariat conducted an informal assessment of the report received, and concluded that Angola has made progress with NIAP implementation since SC70. The Secretariat shared its findings and observations with Angola, as follow in the table below:

% OF NIAP ACTIONS IN EACH CATEGORY						
	Achieved	Substantially achieved	On track	Partial progress	Pending completion of another action	Not commenced
Angola's assessment (SC70)	40% (19 of 47 actions)	0% (0 of 47 actions)	0% (0 of 47 actions)	30% (14 of 47 actions)	21% (10 of 47 actions)	9% (4 of 47 actions)
Angola's assessment (SC75)	81% (38 of 47 actions)	0% (0 of 47 actions)	0% (0 of 47 actions)	17% (8 of 47 actions)	2% (1 of 47 actions)	0% (0 of 47 actions)
Secretariat's assessment (SC75)	77% (36 of 47 actions)	0% (0 of 47 actions)	13% (6 of 47 actions)	8% (4 of 47 actions)	0% (0 of 47 actions)	2% (1 of 47 actions)

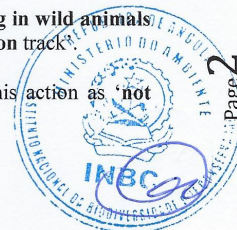
Assessment of the report by the Secretariat

Based on the Assessment, the secretariat rated some actions as A.3, A.5, B.2, F.2 and F3 as 'on track' rather than 'partial progress',

Actions C.1, C.3, and C.5 the Secretariat notes that the information provided by Angola is limited and it encourages the Party to provide further information on the implementation of these actions.

Regarding action C.2, Angola may wish to clarify if the protocol on poaching and trafficking in wild animals and their derivatives has been updated as foreseen by the action, otherwise is considered as on track.

Regarding action C.4, the Secretariat recommend that it might be more appropriate to rate this action as 'not commenced'.



And notes that no information is provided on the identification of priority points for implementation and on the creation of identification capacity in the form of equipment or personal, as foreseen by the milestones of this action and proposed that action E.6 should remain rated as 'partial progress'.



Progress to date

Outlook

The mainstay of effective implementation of NIAP is to be inserted in the Angolan Government conservation policy and be seen as a national strategy document to combat ivory trafficking and not merely a plan to combat ivory trafficking coordinated by the management agency of biodiversity Conservation.

Beside of all achieving 77% of the activities (assessment by the secretariat), Angola still to observe some fragility on control on the poaching products and ivory trafficking in all country as the animal are increasing mostly elephant population in all the country. The lack of human resource, technical, financial, equipment and capacity building are also the one.

Another major challenge for the effective implementation of NIAP 2018-2020 is a commitment that must have every government agency that participates in the implementation of NIAP to take it as a document of its sectorial strategy and not seen as contributing to environmental policy. The inclusion of the defense agency on the implementation of the NIAP is crucial for the stop of poaching and traffic.

One of the main challenges was the Pandemic of COVID 19 and the several changes of Minister of the Ministry that was joined with the Ministries of Culture, Tourism and Environment in 2020 and indicated three (03) Ministers in two years. These challenges are the reason that we couldn't achieve the 99% or 100% of the activities planned. Angola will continue to make its effort on the NIAP, and other activities implementation related to wildlife crime.

Therefore, we request international technical assistance in the training of Angolan technicians in the management and control of natural resources to better helping the regional and international community.

Considering the information given in the present report, **no progress was done by Angola since the COP 19 as some of the papers still in draft and being prepared to be approval in the current year.**



PART B: Clarification of the actions based on the assessment made by the Secretariat and its recommendations.

PILLAR	PROGRESS RATING			
	Action	Clarifications	ON TRACK	Not commenced
A: Legislation and Regulations	A3: Adoption of the Act on Careers and Remuneration of Forest Rangers and Eco guards. A5: Preparation of the Joint Decree, sponsored by MINAMB, MINF, MINTT, MINCO and MINADER on import and export duties covering animals and plants.	The Law of Protected areas approval by the national assembly in 2020 and Published in the Diary of the Republic, Law n°8/20 of the 16 April. Where a Draft of the Act on Careers and Remuneration of Forest Rangers and Eco guards, is elaborated and still to be submitted to the Ministers Counselor for Approvals.. as Presidential degree A Draft of the Joint Decree is being analyzed by others stakeholders and be prepared to be Signed by the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FINANCE.	On Track as recommended by the Secretariat	

PILLAR	PROGRESS RATING			
	ACHIEVED	Clarification	ON TRACK	Not commenced
B: Charges and sentencing	B2: Preparation of the action plan for increasing awareness of the Criminal Code and the legislation on the environment.	Beside of not having been approved yet the draft of action plain, various workshops has being done to increase awareness of criminal code and environmental legislation, in conjunction of all sectors including the support of international NGO (UNODC, TRAFFIC	On track as recommended	

PILLAR	PROGRESS RATING			
	ACTIONS	CLARIFICATION (C1, C4, C5)	ON TRACK (as recommended)	Not commenced (As recommended)
C: Intelligence and Investigatory services	C1: Preparation of an action plan on a way to involve the intelligence services at different levels in the fight against environmental crimes (particularly poaching and trafficking in ivory) in cooperation with the offices of the national intelligence services and other institutions involved in combating money laundering.	Presidential decrees n° 81/15, on the interministerial committee against environmental crime related on the fauna and flora, integrated sectors such as: Environment as coordinator, defense, interior, justice, finance, agriculture and forest, fisheries, petroleum, transport, and social communication. All the sectors has been participating in the join programmers and actions against poaching and ivory trafficking in Angola. workshops and trainings are currently conducted in all over the country	C2: Evaluation of implementation and updating of the protocol agreed among MINAMB, MINAGRI, MININT (Customs) and MINDEN on poaching and trafficking in wild animals and by- products of them.	C4: Consultation with the Ministry of Finance on funding available to investigate environmental crimes under the new Criminal Code
	C3: Training on enforcement of the law and conduct of criminal investigations on wildlife trafficking in cooperation with UNODC, Regional INTERPOL, etc C5: Exchanges of experience with the SADC countries on criminal investigations by the intelligence services into environmental crimes.	Trainings has been conducted coordinate by Ministry of Justice and Human Right with the involvement of ministries of Environment, Fisheries, agriculture and forest, Antony General, Investigation Police, and supported by UNODC. Activities on the experience exchange implemented and based in the SADC strategy on poaching and ivory trafficking. In addition, the use of TWIX.		

PILLAR	PROGRESS RATING			
	ACHIEVED	Pending	Partial progress	UNCLEAR
E: Operationalization of the strengthening of enforcement measures			E6: Strengthening of the capacity for monitoring removals of ivory at the ports, border posts, boats and international train stations.	



PILLAR	PROGRESS RATING			
	ACTIONS	ON TRACK	Clarification	Not commenced
F: Communication and awareness-raising	<p>F2: Workshop with tourism operators, market operators, municipal administrators, and hotels, to disseminate information on the penalties for traffickers or purchasers of ivory</p> <p>F3: Preparation of awareness-raising materials covering the prohibitions on trade, possession, export and import of ivory, for use at airports, ports, stations, Angolan embassies, etc</p>	<p>On track (as recommended by the Secretariat)</p> <p>Partial Progress</p>	<p>The awareness materials are already produced (Banners, publicity materials, to the ports and airports. And a workshop is being prepared and will be conducted soon.</p>	



SUMMARY OF THE CLARIFICATION AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE ACTIONS AS APOINTE.

PILLAR A: Legislation and regulations

ACTION	EVALUATION	ON TRACK	SUMMARY OF THE CLARIFICATION AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE ACTIONS AS APOINTE.
A.3: Adoption of the Act on Careers and Remuneration of Forest Rangers and Protected areas Rangers.	Existing draft	ON TRACK	The Law of Protected areas approval by the national assembly in 2020 and Published in the Diary of the Republic. Law nº8/20 of the 16 April. Where a Draft of the Act on Careers and Remuneration of Forest Rangers and Eco guards. is elaborated and still to be submitted to the Ministers Counselor for Approvals as Presidential degree. The Act expected to be approval by the end of the current year.
A.5: Preparation of the Joint Decree, sponsored by MINAMB, MINF, MINIT, MINCO and MINADER on import and export duties covering animals and plants.	Existing draft	On track	A Draft of the Joint Decree is being analyzed by others stakeholders and be prepared to be Signed by the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FINANCE. The Act expected to be approval by the end of the year 2023.

PART B: Detailed evaluation of actions

ACTION	EVALUATION							SUMMARY OF THE CLARIFICATION AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE ACTIONS AS APPOINTED.
CATEGORY B: Charges and sentencing								
B2. Preparation of the action plan for increasing awareness of the Criminal Code and the legislation on the environment	On track							Beside of not having been approved yet the draft of action plan, various workshops has being done to increase awareness of criminal code and environmental legislation, in conjunction of all sectors including the support of International NGO (UNODC, TRAFFIC



PART C: Detailed evaluation of actions

SUMMARY OF THE CLARIFICATION AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE ACTIONS AS APPOINTED.

CATEGORY C: Intelligence and investigatory services

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<p>C1: Preparation of an action plan on a way to involve the intelligence services at different levels in the fight against environmental crimes (particularly poaching and trafficking in Ivory) in cooperation with the offices of the national intelligence services and other institutions involved in combating money laundering</p>	<p>Partial progress</p>	<p>Presidential decrees n° 81/15, on the interministerial committee against environmental crime related on the fauna and flora, Integrated sectors such as: Environment as coordinator, defense, interior, justice, finance, agriculture and forest, fisheries, petroleum, transport, and social communication. All the sectors has been participating in the join programmers and actions against poaching and Ivory trafficking In Angola. workshops and trainings are currently conducted In all over the country</p>	
<p>C2: Evaluation of implementation and updating of the protocol agreed among MINAMB, MINAGR, MININT (Customs) and MINDEN on poaching and trafficking in wild animals and by- products of them</p>	<p>On track (as per recommendation by the secretariat</p>	<p><i>Created the national commission for the management of environmental crimes, which includes the Ministries of environment, agriculture, tourism, police, finance (Customs) and external exchanges, and MINDEN . . In the basis of this the technical committee are still working normally and they meet once a month.</i></p>	
<p>C3: Training on enforcement of the law and conduct of criminal investigations into trafficking in wild animals in cooperation with UNODC, Regional INTERPOL, etc.</p>	<p>Partial progress</p>	<p>Trainings has been conducted coordinate by Ministry of Justice and Human Right with the involvement of ministers of Environment, Fisheries, agriculture and forest, Antony General, Investigation Police, and supported by UNODC.</p>	
<p>C4: Consultation with the Ministry of Finance on funding available to investigate environmental crimes under the new Criminal Code.</p>	<p>Not commenced</p>	<p><i>Still to depend on the availability of the budget allocated for this activity.</i></p>	
<p>C5: Exchanges of experience with the SADC countries on criminal investigations by the intelligence services into environmental crimes</p>	<p>Partial Progress</p>	<p>Activities on the experience exchange implemented and based in the SADC strategy on poaching and Ivory trafficking. In addition, the use of TWIX.</p>	



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CATEGORY E: Operationalization of the strengthening of enforcement measures			
E6: Strengthening of the capacity for monitoring removals of Ivory at the ports, border posts, boats, and international train stations.	Partial Progress	<i>The technicians from the police investigation, economic police and customs have been monitoring the removal of the Ivory products in the ports, airports in the border posts.</i>	



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CATEGORY F: Communication and awareness-raising					
<p>F2: Workshop with tourism operators, market operators, municipal administrators, and hotels, to disseminate information on the penalties for traffickers or purchasers of ivory.</p>	On track	It is expected to be realized in the current year.			
<p>F3: F3: Preparation of awareness-raising materials covering the prohibitions on trade, possession, export and import of ivory, for use at airports, ports, stations, Angolan embassies, etc</p>	Partial progress		The awareness materials are already produced (Banners, publicity materials, to the ports and airports. In addition, a workshop is being prepared and will be conducted soon.		

Done in Luanda, on 18 August of 2023

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NIAP REPORT

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