

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



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DRAFT REVISED PROPOSALS RELATED TO DOCUMENT SC78 DOC. 65.6 ON TRADE IN ASIAN
ELEPHANTS (*ELEPHAS MAXIMUS*)

1. This document has been prepared by India, Kuwait and the United States of America at the request of the Standing Committee on the basis of document SC78 Doc. 65.6.

Amendments suggested to recommendation b) in paragraph 33 of document SC78 Doc.65.6

- b) regarding the *List of key elements to be considered regarding registering, marking and tracing systems for captive Asian elephants* presented in Annex 1 to the present document SC78 Doc. 65.6:
 - i) ~~consider if any additional elements might be needed and~~ endorse the list, ~~once finalized~~ version of the list with amendments agreed by the Committee; and
 - ii) encourage Asian elephant range States where any of the elements in the list are not yet included in their national systems for registering, marking, and tracing captive Asian elephants to include such elements to facilitate strengthened controls and oversight regarding captive elephants, including those in international trade;

Amendments suggested to paragraph 4 of the *List of key elements to be considered regarding registering, marking and tracing systems for captive Asian elephants* presented in Annex 1 to document SC78 Doc. 65.6

4. An elephant identification document should be issued for each registered captive elephant, containing as a minimum, the following information:
 - i) a unique identification number;
 - ii) date of birth;
 - iii) sex;
 - iv) parentage; if parentage of an elephant born in captivity is unknown then the individual is assumed to have been conceived in the wild and is classified as an F1 consistent with the terminology adopted by the Conference of the Parties in Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev CoP19) on *Specimens of animal species bred in captivity*;
 - v) a detailed description of unique physical markings;
 - vi) a detailed description of any unique identifying characteristics, to include fixed morphological traits of tusk and ear types;
 - vii) the weight and size of the elephant at the time of registration;

- viii) photos of the animal, to include photographs of fixed morphological traits of tusks and ears; as well as front, back, right, and left profile photos; and
- ix) full details about the owner of the animal, including name, address and contact details, as well as records of any ownership transfer or translocation.

Amendments suggested to draft decision 20.AA in Annex 2 of document SC78 Doc.65.6

Directed to the Secretariat

20.AA Subject to extrabudgetary resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) work with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and relevant experts to provide training to authorities from Asian elephant range States on the identification of ivory and other elephant specimens, sample taking from ivory seizures and seizures of other elephant specimens for forensic analysis and associated chain of custody procedures; and
- b) develop a fact sheet to facilitate consistent interpretation of what constitutes a ~~“captive-bred”~~ an Asian elephant bred in captivity in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and relevant Resolutions and make the fact sheet available to Parties to draw upon and use as needed.