

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



Seventy-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee  
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Stocks and stockpiles (Elephant ivory)

1. This document has been submitted by Benin\* regarding SC78 Doc. 54 (Rev. 1) Stocks and Stockpiles (Elephant Ivory).

Summary

2. This document responds to [SC78 Doc. 54](#) (Rev. 1) prepared by the Secretariat and proposes: 1) an additional amendment to the text in Annex 1 of SC78 Doc. 54 (Rev. 1) which adds two provisions to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade in Elephant Specimens*; 2) renewal and amendment of Decisions 18.184-185 (Rev. CoP19), which are proposed for deletion; and 3) an amendment to the proposed Standing Committee recommendations in SC78 Doc. 54 (Rev. 1), paragraph 28.

Recommendations

3. The Standing Committee is requested to:
4. **Support the amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.10** (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade in Elephant Specimens* in Annex 1 of SC78 Doc. 54 (Rev. 1) **with the following change** in underline and ~~strike through~~:
  - f) *ensure that adequate funding, capacity building and training are available to ensure ivory stockpiles are inventoried, secured, and when appropriate, disposed of non-commercially properly*;
  8. *DIRECTS the Secretariat to annually publish updated summary data based on the inventories submitted by Parties disaggregated to regional but not country level, including the total ivory stockpiles by weight*;
5. **Renew Decisions 18.184 (Rev. CoP19) paragraph a) and 18.185 (Rev. CoP19)** proposed for deletion; if it is not incorporated into Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19), **renew** Decision 18.184 paragraph b); and **consider an additional paragraph in Decision 18.184**. The renewed Decisions with amendments in underline are as follows:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**18.184 (Rev. CoP2019) The Secretariat shall:**

- a) *identify those Parties that have not provided information on the level of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significant privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are*

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not well secured and report to the ~~81st 77th~~ and ~~82nd 78th~~ meetings of the Standing Committee with recommendations as necessary; and

[b] annually publish updated summary data based on the inventories submitted by Parties, disaggregated to regional but not country level, including the total ivory stockpiles by weight. (\*)]

c) present information in its report to the Standing Committee comparing information provided by Parties on disposal of ivory stockpiles as reported in annual illegal trade reports with seizures reported to ETIS.

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

**18.185 (Rev. CoP19)** At its ~~81st 77th~~ and ~~82nd 78th~~ meetings, the Standing Committee shall consider the report and recommendations of the Secretariat in Decision 18.184 (Rev. CoP19) and determine whether any further actions are necessary in the case of Parties who fail to provide annual inventories of government-held stockpiles of ivory and significant privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory or where stockpiles are not well secured.

\* If Paragraph b) is not incorporated into Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) as proposed, it should be renewed.

6. **Amend the proposed recommendation** directed to the Standing Committee in **paragraph 28** of SC78 Doc. 54 (Rev. 1) as follows:

Paragraph 28 a) encourage Parties, in particular Parties in the NIAP process, Parties where ivory seizures or confiscations were reported to ETIS and African elephant range States to step up their efforts to implement paragraph 7 (e) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on Trade in elephant specimens concerning stockpiles, with a view of submitting the required information to the Secretariat every year;