

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



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Species specific matters

Terrestrial species

AFRICAN WILD DOG (*LYCAON PICTUS*)

1. This document has been submitted by Burkina Faso.*
2. Recalling the decision 17.238 and in accordance with Algeria, Benin and Niger, Burkina Faso reaffirm its commitment to implementation of the CITES COP17 decisions on African Wild dogs and will report to the Animal Committee.
3. For the implementation of CITES Decisions 17.236 and 17.237 range and consumer States of African wild dog are encouraged to cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS). At the same time, African wild dog has been nominated for concerted actions under CMS, meaning that prioritised conservation measures are to be identified and implemented by Parties and stakeholders collectively.
4. Burkina Faso, Algeria, Benin and Niger will, thus, submit a proposal for concerted actions jointly for wild dog and cheetah through the CMS Scientific Council (10-13 July 2017, Bonn, Germany) to the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties of CMS (23-28 October 2017, Manila, Philippines), as provided in the Annex to this document for information purposes.
5. These draft decisions integrate the provisions of CITES decision on Wild dogs.
6. Burkina Faso will attend the CITES AC29 and provide an oral update about the comments of the CMS Scientific Council on the decisions.

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DRAFT DECISIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONVENTION
ON MIGRATORY SPECIES AS CONCERTED ACTIONS

**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE
CHEETAH AND AFRICAN WILD DOG**

Directed to the Secretariat

12.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) Subject to external funding and in collaboration with Range States, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other relevant partners:
 - i) Support the implementation of, and regular revision of, existing joint cheetah and African wild dog conservation plans and strategies, both regional and national;
 - ii) Develop and implement strategies to reinforce international cooperation on the management of cheetah and wild dogs, including effective information exchange between Range States;
 - iii) Support capacity development and skill transfer as relevant to cheetah and wild dog conservation and management, with an emphasis on developing the capacity of the local wildlife authorities in this regard;
 - iv) Support the development of relevant databases, including information on populations across their range, sightings, livestock depredation, killing and illegal trade, within cheetah and wild dog range states, taking due consideration of existing inventories collated by the IUCN/Cat Specialist Group and the Zoological Society of London/World Conservation Society and other organisations;
 - v) Assist Parties to share information about trade in the species, including levels and sources of species in trade with Burkina Faso; and
 - vi) Promote fundraising to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for cheetah and African wild dogs;
- b) Encourage those cheetah and African wild dog Range States that are not yet Parties to the Convention to become a Party to the Convention; and
- c) Report to the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings on the implementation of the above decisions.

Directed to Range State Parties

12.BB Parties are requested to:

- a) Collaborate in implementing the decisions contained in paragraph a) 1.-5.;
- b) Develop and implement evidence-based strategies within communities that reduce livestock depredation by cheetah and African wild dog;
- c) Develop and implement evidence-based strategies within communities that reduce disease transmission to African wild dogs;
- d) Promote wildlife-based income generation mechanisms that benefit both people and wildlife;
- e) Provide policy environments that better support sustainable wildlife-based enterprises;

- f) Ensure that legislation that protects cheetah and wild dogs is in place and that penalties for transgression are sufficiently high to act as a deterrent;
- g) Enforce protection within protected areas and maintain buffer zones and connectivity outside, in order to secure the large landscapes necessary for cheetah and African wild dog conservation;
- h) Ensure that all large scale infrastructure development, including fencing and roadbuilding, allows cheetah and African wild dog to pass through safely;
- i) Consider land zoning options to maintain and restore important areas for cheetah and African wild dog conservation outside protected areas;
- j) Investigate opportunities to ensure that cheetah and wild dog conservation are integrated into relevant educational curricula at national and subnational levels, including schools, universities and professional training colleges;
- k) Collaborate and exchange best conservation practices regarding the preservation and restoration of African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*) populations, and cooperate with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other interested organizations in taking actions at the national and regional level, in particular with regard to: habitat conservation; the establishment of ecological corridors to address habitat fragmentation; the management of infectious diseases; the restoration of prey-basis; human-wildlife conflicts; and trade, including trade in captive bred specimens; and
- l) Report to the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings on the progress in implementing the decisions.

Directed to Range and Consumer States for African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*)

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Directed to the Scientific Council

12.CC The Scientific Council shall revise the list of countries exempted from the CMS Appendix 1 listing for cheetah to reflect current conservation status and national policy.

Directed to the Standing Committee

12.DD The Standing Committee shall:

- a) Consider at its 48th and 49th meetings the reports submitted by the Secretariat and the Parties and as appropriate recommend further actions to be taken; and
- b) Report to the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting on the progress in implementing this decision.

Directed to Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities

12.EE Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support the cheetah and African wild dog Range States and the Secretariat in their efforts to conserve and restore these species across their range; and in implementing the decisions contained in Decision 12.AA, paragraphs 1-5 and Decision 12.BB paragraphs b) – i).

CONSERVATION OF LARGE AFRICAN CARNIVORES

Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall establish a Large African Carnivores Task Force to support Range State Parties to implement national conservation plans and regional strategies and to encourage transboundary conservation between Range States, including through harmonising laws, policies and land use practices across international boundaries of shared populations.