

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



Thirty-first meeting of the Animals Committee
Online, 31 May, 1, 4, 21 and 22 June 2021

AFRICAN LION

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Members: representative for Africa (Mr. Kasoma) (Chair), representative for Asia (Mr. Mobaraki), representative for Europe (Ms. Zikova), representative for North America (Mr. Benitez Diaz);
- Parties: Austria, Botswana, China, Ethiopia, Gabon, Japan, Lesotho, Namibia, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and
- Observers: Convention on Migratory Species, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Born Free Foundation, Center for Biological Diversity, CIC – International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, Conservation Analytics, Conservation Force, Dallas Safari Club, Humane Society International, International Association for Wildlife, Panthera, ProWildlife, Safari Club International Foundation, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wide Fund for Nature, Zoological Society of London.

Mandate

Pursuant to Decision 18.247, the in-session working group on African Lion shall, based on document AC31 Doc. 28 and its Addenda 1 and 2, undertake the following:

- a) agree on a process and way forward for implementing Decision 18.247, paragraph a); and
- b) draft recommendations for consideration by the Animals Committee later in this meeting.

Recommendations

The working group recommends that the Animals Committee agree to the following recommendations:

- a) The CITES Secretariat is invited to convey the comments and suggestions on the *Guidelines for the Conservation of the Lion in Africa* generated by the Animals Committee's intersessional working group on lions to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), and to make the comments and suggestions available in an information document.
- b) IUCN, in collaboration with the CITES and CMS Secretariats, and in consultation with African lion range States, is requested to develop the next version of the *Guidelines for the Conservation of the Lion in Africa* in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Work for the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI), taking into consideration the comments and suggestions referred to in paragraph a) and recent scientific literature pertinent to the conservation of African lion.

- c) The ACI range States are encouraged to consider the revised *Guidelines for the Conservation of the Lion in Africa* referred to in paragraph b) at their next meeting, which is envisaged for 2022.
- d) The African lion range States are encouraged to share experiences and best practice recommendations in using and implementing the *Guidelines for the Conservation of the Lion in Africa* at their ACI range States' meetings and through the Joint CMS/CITES/IUCN web portal on African lions.
- e) The Animals Committee agrees to submit the following draft decisions for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of Parties:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA The Secretariat shall inform the Animals Committee regarding the activities and outputs of the African Carnivore Initiative (ACI) that relate to the Committee's mandate and request advice from the Animals Committee, as appropriate.

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19.BB The Animals Committee shall advise the Secretariat, as appropriate, on information that it provides regarding the activities and outputs of the ACI that are relevant to the Animals Committee's mandate.