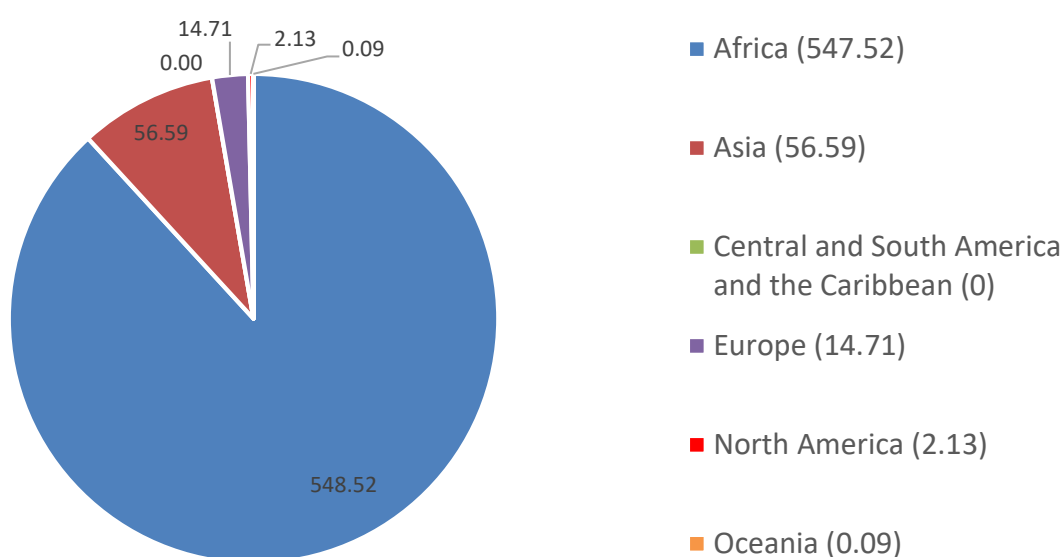


CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORAIntersessional work of the Standing Committee  
2020-2021IVORY STOCKPILES:  
UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In paragraph 7 e) of [Resolution Conf. 10.10 \(Rev. CoP18\)](#) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties “in whose jurisdiction there is an ivory carving industry, a legal domestic trade in ivory, an unregulated market for or illegal trade in ivory, or where ivory stockpiles exist, and Parties designated as ivory importing countries,” [...] to “maintain an inventory of government-held stockpiles of ivory and, where possible, of significant privately held stockpiles of ivory within their territory, and inform the Secretariat of the level of this stock each year before 28 February.”
3. In relation to the declaration of stocks, on 30 December 2019, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties [No. 2019/079](#) reminding them of this recommendation and later sent email reminders directly to Parties that had reported stockpiles in previous years, but not in 2020. In the exercise for 2020, a total of just over 622 tonnes of ivory stocks has been declared by 21 Parties. As required by Decision 18.184, paragraph b) a summary of the submissions will be available on the CITES website. See also below:

2020 ivory stockpiles by region (in tons)



4. In the course of its regular work, the Secretariat has been made aware of one case where ivory from a seizure may have come from an ivory stockpile. The Secretariat is not in a position to assess the security of the ivory stockpiles of all Parties, but draws attention to the work undertaken as part of the National Ivory Action Plans (NIAPs), which include actions to better secure the ivory stockpiles of the Parties concerned (see paragraphs 11 and 12 of document SC2020 Inf. 9 on *National Ivory Action Plans Process: Update on progress to the Standing Committee*).
5. The Secretariat notes that there may be many Parties qualifying under paragraph 7 e) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) who have not submitted the required information about their ivory stockpiles (noting that the case of Burundi has already been addressed at [the 71st meeting of the Standing Committee](#)). At the next meeting of the Standing Committee, in accordance with [Decision 18.184](#), the Secretariat will identify these Parties and make recommendations as necessary to the Standing Committee.