

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

ELEPHANT CONSERVATION, ILLEGAL KILLING AND IVORY TRADE

1. As announced in paragraph 29 of document SC63 Doc. 18 (page 4), the Secretariat is making a number of further recommendations to take into account additional reports that were received and information that was collected prior to the present meeting.
2. Following reminders to the attention of Kenya, Malaysia, the Philippines, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam, explaining that these countries needed to submit written reports to the Secretariat on their implementation of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP15) in time for consideration at the present meeting, the Philippines and Uganda submitted such reports. However, they were received too late for the Secretariat to adequately evaluate these reports as required by the Standing Committee. The reports received from the Philippines and Uganda are presented in Annexes 4 and 5 to this document in the format and language as received. The last four pages of the report from the Philippines (Annex A.1) provided detailed information on ivory seizures, including the names and addresses of persons or companies associated with these seizures. It would not be appropriate to make this information available in the public domain and as a result, the Secretariat is not publishing Annex A.1. The Secretariat takes this opportunity to encourage Parties to include detailed information in their reports, but requests that details of private individuals or companies be provided in separate correspondence to assist with further enforcement work so that the Parties' reports can be published in full.
3. As Kenya, Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam have not reported, the Secretariat cannot evaluate the implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP15) in these countries.
4. As indicated in paragraph 25 of the present document, the Secretariat undertook a second mission to Thailand to further verify compliance with relevant provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP15). The main findings of this second mission are presented in Annex 6 to the present document (in English only).

Recommendations

5. The Secretariat proposes the following recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee, in addition to the recommendation contained in paragraph 28:
 - a) Kenya, Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam need to provide a verbal update to the present meeting on their implementation of the provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) concerning their controls of trade in ivory, including measures to control domestic ivory trade, and explain to the Standing Committee why they did not submit the requested report.
 - b) Kenya, Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam are requested to submit a written report, by the deadline for the submission of documents for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting, on their implementation of the provisions concerning their controls of trade in ivory,

including measures to control domestic ivory trade, as contained in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) or the amended version thereof.

- c) The Secretariat shall evaluate the reports from Kenya, Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam, and convey its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting for its consideration.
- d) Thailand should be requested to develop a step-by-step, time bound action plan, to be shared with the Secretariat immediately following the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, and to submit to the Secretariat a written report on the implementation of this action plan by the deadline for the submission of documents for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting (SC65). The action plan should focus on the measures and issues listed in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 in Annex 6 to the present document, and ensure significant progress by SC65 with the implementation of measures to effectively control the trade in ivory, regulate the domestic ivory market and manage the possession of and trade in live Asian elephants.
- e) The Secretariat shall evaluate the report from Thailand, and convey its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting for its consideration.
- f) The reports submitted by the Philippines and Uganda on their implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP15) should be noted.